

# rapport



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The latest information and community news from Auckland's Port



## Thousands pound the pavement for iconic fun run

### In brief

#### Supporting Barfoot and Thompson World Triathlon Auckland

Ports of Auckland will once again be an official supporter of the Barfoot and Thompson World Triathlon Auckland to be held from 6-7 April 2013.

The port will make space available on the breastwork between Queens and Captain Cook wharves for the event.

While the last two Triathlons in 2011 and 2012 have been focussed on the professionals, this time there are also a number of mass-participation races on offer.

Should you like to participate or just join the fun as a spectator, please visit <http://www.triauckland.co.nz/> for details.

#### Community Reference Group

Ports of Auckland's Community Reference Group provides a forum for dialogue and discussion with neighbours and community representatives.

The group meets once a quarter to discuss topics like port development, noise, traffic and lighting.

Should you like to be a part of the group or for more information please email [info@poal.co.nz](mailto:info@poal.co.nz).

#### Social Media

Wonder what's new at the Ports? Want to view images of events and interesting cargo? Join our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/AKLPort](http://www.facebook.com/AKLPort) and follow us on twitter: [www.twitter.com/AucklandsPort](http://www.twitter.com/AucklandsPort).

We hope to see you there!

#### Public Feedback Hotline

Being a city port is a huge responsibility. We welcome feedback from our neighbours. To share your feedback with us, please contact our 24 hour public feedback hotline: +64 9 348 5274 or email [feedback@poal.co.nz](mailto:feedback@poal.co.nz)

#### Ports of Auckland Public Boat tours

Ports of Auckland's free community boat tours will continue to run on selected Tuesdays. The hour long boat tour of the Waitemata harbour takes place at 11am and is a great way to learn more about Port activities.

Run by 360 Discovery, the tours depart from Pier 4 (near the Ferry Terminal) and provide live commentary of the Port operations. For details of the boat tour, visit [www.poal.co.nz](http://www.poal.co.nz)

Send your comments on Rapport to [rapport@poal.co.nz](mailto:rapport@poal.co.nz).



After-run celebrations – around 600 POAL staff and families joined the fun run

Perfect weather and over 70,000 Aucklanders made for a fantastic 41st Ports of Auckland Round the Bays fun run on Sunday 10 March 2013.

Auckland's waterfront was filled with

employees and families, and the spirit along the course was wonderful.

Everyone had fun whether they were serious runners, speedy walkers or taking it at a more leisurely pace."

event enthusiasts who turned up to show their support for some fantastic charities while having a great day out.

Tony Gibson, CEO of Ports of Auckland, completed the 8.4 kilometres along with fellow team members.

"We had a large, enthusiastic team of nearly 600 including Ports of Auckland

"This is an important day on our company calendar – getting out and enjoying our stunning waterfront with thousands of fellow Aucklanders. It's a privilege to support such an iconic event," says Mr Gibson.

Proceeds from the 2013 event will go to support projects by YMCA Auckland, Auckland Cystic Fibrosis, Choice Foundation's Stand Tall Programme, Variety – The Children's Charity, Make-A-Wish New Zealand and Fairfax First Books.

Finish times for all registered participants are available at [www.roundthebays.co.nz](http://www.roundthebays.co.nz).

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the fun run and made the day the success it was. Visit [www.facebook.com/AKLPort](http://www.facebook.com/AKLPort) for pictures.

### Queen Mary 2 makes fourth call to Auckland



2013 saw the *Queen Mary 2* visit Ports of Auckland for the fourth time, and this year Aucklanders were offered a unique opportunity to see her up close.

At 345 metres long – about 50 metres longer than the berths at Princes or Queens Wharves – the *Queen Mary 2* must berth within the commercial port. As a special treat, Ports of Auckland put on two free boat tours of the port and harbour so Aucklanders could get a close up view of their port and the luxury transatlantic liner.

Over 400 Aucklanders went on the tours and more lined the shore to watch the majestic vessel arrive and depart on what proved to be a stunning day.

### Ironman 70.3 Auckland – Better...Stronger...Faster

Ports of Auckland was a proud sponsor of the inaugural Ironman 70.3 Auckland that was held along the waterfront earlier this year.

The launch of Ironman 70.3 Auckland saw Auckland announced as the new home of the Asia-Pacific 70.3 Championship.

"With a large part of our workforce working shifts, staying fit is important.

Ironman 70.3 Auckland promotes a healthy and active lifestyle and we are proud to be associated with it," says Ports of Auckland Chief Executive Tony Gibson.

"It is great to be able to support events like Ironman 70.3 Auckland and the Ports of Auckland Round the Bays, which draw the crowds along to our fantastic waterfront."



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