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## Queens Wharf – public access day

Aucklanders will have an opportunity to walk on Auckland's historic Queens Wharf this Sunday 13 September, with the gates opening at 1 pm for a public access day.

In June Ports of Auckland sold Queens Wharf to the Government and the Auckland Regional Council, enabling the redevelopment of the iconic wharf into public space and an international cruise terminal.

The public access day will include a display by Ports of Auckland's twin dancing tugboats, and an opportunity to see the many entries in the "Opening the Red Gates" design competition for the wharf's redevelopment.

"For Ports of Auckland, the sale of Queens Wharf is something we have been working towards for a number of years," says Managing Director Jens Madsen.

"We understand that Aucklanders want more access to their waterfront.

"Since 1996 Ports of Auckland has reduced its waterfront footprint by nearly half. As well as Queens Wharf, the released land includes the Westhaven Marina, the Viaduct, the Wynyard Quarter Tank Farm and Princes Wharf.

While Queens Wharf will transfer out of port ownership in April 2010, Ports of Auckland will continue to service cruise ships from the new passenger terminal to be built on it.

Mr Madsen says the cruise industry provides significant economic benefits to the Auckland region.

For more information:  
[www.queenswharf.org.nz](http://www.queenswharf.org.nz)



The port and the city – a view of Queens Wharf from high above Queen Street.

**What:** Public Access Day  
**Where:** Queens Wharf, next to the Ferry Terminal, Quay Street  
**When:** 1–4 pm, Sunday 13 September

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## Vintage steam tug brings history to life

Ports of Auckland is offering Aucklanders free boat tours aboard the historic steam tugboat, the *William C Daldy*, as part of this year's Auckland Heritage Festival.

The hour-long, family-friendly tours will cruise through the commercial wharves, providing a close-up view of port operations.

The boat tours will be held at 11.00am, 1.00pm and 3.00pm on three Saturdays during the Auckland Heritage Festival, between 19 September to 4 October.

Bookings are essential. To book, phone 0800 AK PORT (0800 25 7678) or see [www.poal.co.nz](http://www.poal.co.nz) for more information.

For land-lubbers, Ports of Auckland is also running Red Fence Heritage Walks throughout the Festival. Walks will be guided from the meeting point outside the NZ National Maritime Museum on Sunday 20, Thursday 24, Sunday 27 September, and Sunday 4 October, at 3pm. Bookings are not required.



## SeePort 09

Friday 9 – Sunday 18 October

This October, Ports of Auckland invites friends and family to jump aboard a double decker bus and enjoy a FREE guided port tour.

SeePort 09 also gives you the opportunity to learn more about the port through informative and interactive displays at Captain Cook Wharf. The weekend bus tours are child-friendly, so there will be fun for the kids too!

Bus tour bookings are essential, bookings taken from Monday 21 September, call 0800 AK PORT (0800 257 678). For more information see [www.poal.co.nz](http://www.poal.co.nz).



## New fuel tanker arrives

Fuel supplies for visiting ships are now assured following the arrival and commissioning of a new fuel tanker based at Ports of Auckland.

The tanker was christened the *Awanuia* at an 8 September naming ceremony by the vessel's "Godmother", Ngati Whatua's Moana Tamaariki-Pohe.

The tanker is owned by Seafuels, a joint venture company between Ports of Auckland and Pacific Basin Shipping. She will refuel at Marsden Point refinery in Northland.



Twin tugs *Waka Kume* and *Waipapa* help guide *Awanuia* safely into port.

## Less port traffic on local roads

There is less port-related traffic on local roads today than five years ago, according to new research undertaken by leading engineering consultancy BECA.

BECA credit the Grafton Gully and Central Motorway Junction developments with reducing the percentage of trucks using local roads in the eastern suburbs to reach the port, from 17% in 2004 to 7%.

The number of trucks on Kapa Road, a well-known shortcut, has reduced by 120 trucks per day.

The research also set to rest a myth that congestion on Auckland's road network will constrain long-term growth at Ports of Auckland.

BECA's traffic modelling showed that by 2021, assuming that key Auckland road projects proceed, congestion on key freight routes servicing the port will not be significantly worse than today.

Construction of a rail exchange at the Wiri Inland Port, which is on schedule for completion by the end of 2009, is also expected to reduce central city truck trips by as many as 100,000 over the next few years.

## Ports boat tours

Ports of Auckland provides free public boat tours of the Waitemata seaport and harbour.

The fun and educational tours run on alternate Wednesdays at 11.00 am until 1 October when they will change to Tuesdays at 11.00 am.

Bookings are essential.

To book a place go to [www.360discovery.co.nz](http://www.360discovery.co.nz) or phone 0800 360 3472. Tours leave from the 360 Discovery Kiosk, Pier 3, Quay Street.

## Feedback welcomed

Ports of Auckland welcomes feedback and complaints.

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