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Ports of Auckland

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The latest information and community news from Auckland's Port

In brief

Waterfront Masterplan

It is an exciting time for the future of the Auckland Region. Never before has anyone had such an opportunity to make holistic decisions about its future.

As Auckland Council navigates through a process to plan and implement change in our region it is calling for your feedback and participation in this process and we encourage you to take part.

From 20 September–25 October 2011 the Auckland Plan and its associated plans will be open for public consultation.

The draft Waterfront Plan builds on the previous public feedback, plans and strategies for the waterfront, to identify the next tranche of investments and projects to unleash the waterfront's true potential.

To register your interest in attending a feedback session, visit www.waterfrontauckland.co.nz

Westpac awards finalists

Ports of Auckland is sponsoring the "Excellence in Exporting" category in the Westpac Auckland Central Business Awards.

This is the first year the prestigious awards programme has run in the Central Auckland area, with entries sought from businesses located in the old Auckland City boundaries.

The Awards programme, organised by the Auckland Chamber of Commerce, rewards excellence in business and celebrates the value business brings to Auckland.

Congratulations to all the finalists especially Cossiga Ltd, Temperzone Limited, The Professional Bar and Restaurant School and Xlerate Technologies Ltd who were the finalists in the Ports of Auckland Excellence in Exporting category.

Tug Competition winners

Auckland's Opening Night was a once in a lifetime event and Ports of Auckland held a contest to give two Auckland families the chance to ride on board our performing tugs.

We received over 800 entries and Elliot Johnstone and Bryan Lomas were the lucky winners. The winners along with their guests had the ride of their life as the tugs performed donuts and danced on the water as a part of the "All Lit Up" show.

Public Feedback Hotline

Being a city port is a huge responsibility. We welcome feedback from our community. To share your feedback with us, please contact our 24 hour public feedback hotline: +64 9 348 5200 or email feedback@poal.co.nz

Send your comments on Rapport to rapport@poal.co.nz.

Auckland's Opening Night

Image courtesy: Grahame CovFairfax

Last week saw Auckland and the world come together for the event of a lifetime. Ports of Auckland pulled out all the stops in support of Auckland's Opening Night festivities on Friday, 9 September.

The port's tugs, straddles, cranes and a staff haka all featured in the opening ceremony, along with a spectacular lighting and fireworks show that was the largest New Zealand has ever seen. Two lucky Auckland families also received the opportunity to ride on a port tug as it performed during the event.

Ports of Auckland had 60 staff and family members join together to perform a haka under the cranes during the 'All Lit Up' show.

Operations Performance Coach Paul White, who coordinated the staff haka during the show said, "We are Auckland's port and it is fitting that the port was such an integral part of Auckland's Opening Night."

The straddles and tugs performed a synchronised dance and the cranes, equipped with powerful beaming lights, contributed to the festive atmosphere.

"It was a fantastic night and a great opportunity for the team to be part of this special event," said Operations Performance Coach Matt Knight, who coordinated the straddle dance, which incorporated taniwha and figure 8 moves.

POAL also partnered with ATEED to help promote the Opening Night on

the port's Quay St billboards and the KaBoom Box – a stack of containers that was wrapped to promote the fireworks show.

It was a spectacular night and we hope you enjoyed the show.



Free Heritage boat tours of the Port

Ports of Auckland is offering the public free tours of the Waitemata seaport on heritage steam tug boat, the *William C. Daldy*.

The hour-long Saturday tours are running during Auckland Heritage Festival on 17 and 24 September and 1 October at 10am, 12 noon and 2pm.

The family-friendly tours, which leave from Princes Wharf, will cruise through the inner harbour and commercial wharves, providing a close-up view of port operations and the Rugby World Cup 2011 activity on Queens Wharf.



The historic tug, the *William C. Daldy*, prepares for a free harbour tour.

The trip will also include a special stop at the Auckland Harbour Bridge, where the *William C Daldy* proved its

might salvaging a piece of the bridge during its construction in 1958.

Bookings are essential – phone 0800 AK PORT (0800 25 7678).

The tours are free; however, a gold coin donation to the *William C Daldy* Preservation Society is appreciated.

For land-lubbers, you can also follow the Red Fence Heritage Walk in your own time. Brochures can be downloaded from www.poal.co.nz or you can request some being sent to you by emailing info@poal.co.nz

Port announces profit of \$24.9m

Ports of Auckland announced a normalised profit of \$24.9m for the 2010/11 financial year, up on the previous year.

Break bulk (non-containerised) cargo volumes were up 24% to 3.5m tonnes and container volumes up 27,015 or

3.1% to a new record high of 894,383 TEU (twenty-foot equivalent units).

A final dividend of \$7.6m was paid to shareholder Auckland Council Investments Limited, making a total of \$17.9m in dividends returned to the Auckland region for the year.

For more information about Ports of Auckland, visit www.poal.co.nz, email info@poal.co.nz or phone 09 348 5200.