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 Ports of Auckland

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The latest information and community news from Auckland's Port

In brief

Celebrate Auckland's Heritage with Ports of Auckland's Time Travelling Tug Tours

Come and celebrate Auckland's heritage with a free boat tour of the port and harbour during Auckland Heritage Festival, courtesy of Ports of Auckland.

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 tours are running on Saturdays and Sundays during Auckland Heritage Festival – 28 September, 29 September, 5 October, 6 October, 12 October and 13 October. There will be four tours per day held at 9:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm and 3:30pm. The family-friendly tours, which leave from Hobson Wharf West, will cruise through the inner harbour and commercial wharves, providing a close-up view of port operations.

These tours are always popular, so bookings are essential.

To book, phone 0800 25 7678 (0800 AK PORT).



Congratulations to the Finalists

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

This is the third year the prestigious awards programme organised by the Auckland Chamber of Commerce has run in the Central Auckland area.

The Awards programme rewards excellence in business and celebrates the value business brings to Auckland.

Congratulations to all the finalists especially ClearPoint Ltd., Manuka Doctor, SmallWorlds (Outsmart 2005 Ltd.) and Vend who are the finalists in the Ports of Auckland Excellence in Exporting category.

Ports of Auckland Bounces Back

Ports of Auckland (POAL) finished the 2012/13 financial year in much better shape than it started, delivering improved results for the year to 30 June 2013, reflecting increases in both labour productivity and volumes across all port operations.

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Looking at the numbers revenue was up 5% to \$186.6m and trading profit before income tax was up 22.8% to \$44.4m. POAL declared a \$29.5 million dividend to Auckland Council Investments Limited, for the

benefit of Auckland ratepayers. This is almost 50% up on the year before, despite just 1.3% growth in container volumes.

It was a tough year, as the port rebuilt following the industrial dispute the year before, which resulted in lost business and lower revenue. The company has restructured its organisation and is now more streamlined and customer focussed. A move to more efficient working practices, plus a majority of stevedores on a new shift pattern has significantly boosted productivity.

As a result POAL was able to attract back business lost during the 2011/12 strikes, notably the Maersk 'Southern Star' service, and two other new services which started this month. Two years ago POAL management

set out a clear strategy to put the company on a firm footing: redesign the organisation; start improving labour flexibility and productivity; increase revenue and defer capital expenditure. Most of those aims have been achieved.

There is more to do but it is encouraging to see the results starting to come through.

Looking to the future, POAL is investing in new terminal operating technology which will further improve customer service and productivity.

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The project to deepen the berths at Fergusson Container Terminal was completed, and the terminal can now handle two large ships at once. The port is ready to handle the 5000-6000 TEU ships expected to call at New Zealand in the future.

A new port master plan has been developed to further improve productivity. Better productivity means we can operate more intensively, enabling us to plan for a compact, efficient and green port, able to handle Auckland's growing freight demand with minimal reclamation.

The future of Auckland's port is looking brighter than it has for many years.

The potential to increase dividends, shareholder value and service levels has never been better.

We have a plan to deliver more for the people of Auckland, for the customers we serve, and for the importers and exporters who rely on us.

We are Auckland's port, working for Auckland, and we are determined to succeed.

Some of the cargo handled by Ports of Auckland in 2012/13

