

The latest information and community news from Auckland's Port APRIL 2010

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## Ports of Auckland Round the Bays



Around 72,000 people of all ages and abilities participated in the inaugural Ports of Auckland Round the Bays.

A new record was achieved with some 470 staff and their families joining the Port team.

Ports of Auckland Managing Director, Jens Madsen said, "We are very proud to have the opportunity to support and sponsor this iconic Auckland event for the next three years."

Mr Madsen addressed the crowd alongside Prime Minister John Key and then participated in the event, finishing the 8.4 kilometre run in 39 minutes and 10 seconds.

"The run, which showcases Auckland's waterfront and active lifestyle, starts right on our doorstep," said Mr Madsen. "Round the Bays is a natural fit for us."

Prime Minister John Key fired the starter gun and cheered the athletes on. He then headed to Madills Farm to congratulate the winners of the fun run and visit the Ports of Auckland marquee.

"This really is a magnificent event," Mr Key said. "It has been around a long time supporting great charities."

Proceeds of this year's fun run will be used to support the Waitemata Harbour Clean-Up Trust, Ronald McDonald House and Fairfax First Books.

Since 2002, the Waitemata Harbour Clean-up Trust has collected more than 1.8 million litres of rubbish from Auckland's waterways, often with the help of volunteers.

Mr Madsen said that the Trust was a natural choice as the Port also works hard with the Trust to keep our harbour in top condition.

"The Waitemata Harbour is Auckland's playground. We all need to work together to preserve it for generations to come," he said.

Ports of Auckland is already looking forward to next year's event and we're hoping for a bigger and better turnout.

Watch is space for details of the 2011 Ports of Auckland Round the Bays.

## Wiri Freight Hub rail link launched

Construction of the new rail link between the Port of Auckland and the Wiri Freight Hub is complete. The rail link was officially opened on Thursday 11 March by the Minister of Transport Steven Joyce, with guests including KiwiRail Chairman Jim Bolger.

Ports of Auckland Managing Director Jens Madsen said that the opening of the rail facility was representative of a new era.

"It demonstrates the sustainable view being taken by New Zealand's importers and exporters and supply-chain innovators to lessen their impact on the environment by thinking of smarter more efficient ways of conducting business."

Jointly funded by KiwiRail and Ports of Auckland, the rail link project was managed by Ports of Auckland, with the physical build work being carried out by Brian Perry Civil and KiwiRail.

Ports of Auckland in conjunction with NZL Group has established CONLINXX, a new subsidiary company, to operate the

Wiri Freight Hub. CONLINXX commenced operations on 1 February and has already seen an increase in market uptake attributed to the Wiri rail service.

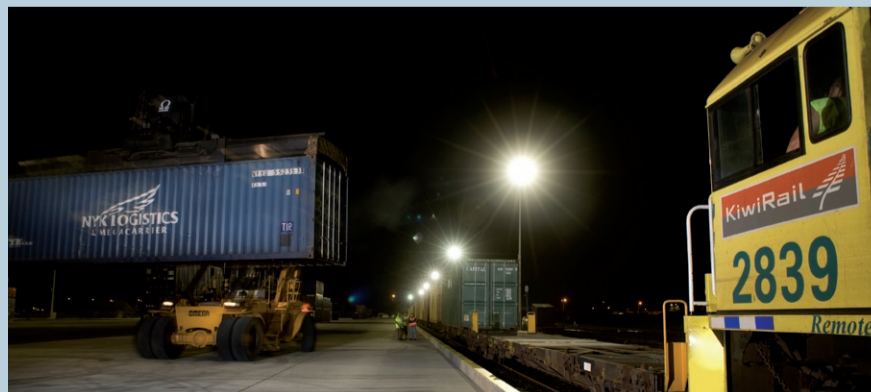
Benefits of the Freight Hub include:

- efficient and sustainable operations
- reduced road congestion
- helps supply chain increase productivity
- offers flexible options for moving goods

- potential to attract businesses into the area.

Mr Madsen stressed that the rail link was only the beginning for the Wiri Freight Hub.

"We have some more land to develop here. In the long term, we plan to establish Wiri as a staging post for cargo between the Waitemata seaport, South Auckland and ultimately linked by rail to the Waikato and further south."



First train at the Wiri Freight Hub.

## Ports of Auckland profits up

Ports of Auckland has announced a net profit after of \$13.9m for the six months ended 31 December 2009 – up on last year's result of \$9.3m.

"The improved result is particularly pleasing because it was achieved during a period of lower trade volumes as a result of the global economic recession," said Managing Director Jens Madsen.

A number of long-term initiatives are beginning to pay off."

2010 has begun promisingly with container terminal, bulk, breakbulk and vehicle volumes improving.

Mr Madsen is however taking a cautious approach to the improved trends. "While the improved performance is pleasing, the company can and must do better," he said.

## Welcome to the Port – Solent Street

At the Ports, we are committed to the safety of our employees and the community. We are constantly reviewing safety guidelines and so have made some changes to our Solent Street entrance.

The give-way rule now applies at the Solent Street entrance and we have taken measures to slow down trucks as they approach.

The speed limit for vehicles transiting to and from the Port's car park is 30kph.

If you are entering the public walkway, please do so from the Mikanos restaurant end. Always stay on the footpaths.

Please remember that this is a working port and as such anyone entering the premises needs to be careful.

## Port boat tours

Ports of Auckland free community boat tours are a popular and fun way to learn more about your port. The hour long boat tour of the Waitemata harbour takes place every Tuesday.

Run by 360 Discovery, the tours depart from Pier 4 and provide live commentary of the Port operations. You can see the cranes and straddles at work at the Fergusson container terminal, get introduced to our tug boats and get up close to the massive container ships that bring goods into Auckland. You will also learn a little of our history and if you're lucky, you can cheer on and watch a bungy jumper jump off the harbour bridge!

For details of the boat tour, visit [www.poal.co.nz](http://www.poal.co.nz)

## Public feedback hotline

Ports of Auckland welcomes feedback. Port neighbours are encouraged to contact our 24-hour public feedback hotline: +64 9 336 4898 or email us on [info@poal.co.nz](mailto:info@poal.co.nz).



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