

The latest information and community news from Auckland's port MARCH 2009

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Murray Douglas - Westlake Girls High School

Westlake Girls High students celebrate the arrival of the *Queen Mary 2*.

Queen Mary 2 visits Auckland

The *Queen Mary 2*, the largest ship to ever visit New Zealand, made her second call at Ports of Auckland on 23 February. At 345 metres, the luxury cruise liner is the length of 3.5 rugby

itches! Because of her size, the liner was berthed within the commercial port instead of the cruise terminal at Princes Wharf. The *Queen Mary 2*, which was en route to Sydney, was carrying nearly

4,000 passengers and crew.

The arrival of the *Queen Mary 2* caps off a bumper season for cruise ships at Ports of Auckland, with 25 vessels visiting in February.

Japanese Sister-Port Visit

Delegates from the Port of Hakata in Japan recently visited Ports of Auckland to celebrate the 30th anniversary of our Sister-Port relationship.

A pohutukawa tree was planted next to Tamaki Drive to commemorate the anniversary. The visit was timed over Auckland Anniversary Weekend, with the delegates taking the opportunity to see the sights of the city. A tour of the Royal New Zealand Navy frigate the HMNZS Te Mana was a special highlight.

Ports of Auckland Managing Director Jens

Madsen said the visit was very valuable.

"One of the key benefits of a sister-port relationships is the opportunity to share information and knowledge. Japan is a very important trading partner for New Zealand and our meetings with the Port of Hakata provided a number of new insights into developments there and throughout Asia."

The Port of Hakata is administered by the City of Fukuoka, located in the northern part of Kyushu Island in western Japan. It is the oldest natural port in Japan and is a gateway for economic and cultural exchanges with China.

Golden Bay Cement moving out of Tank Farm



Artist rendering of Golden Bay Cement facility from the south, looking down over Quay Street down towards Plumer Street.

As part of the redevelopment of the Wynyard Quarter tank farm, Golden Bay Cement is moving its operations to a new purpose-built facility at the corner of Tooley and Plumer Streets.

Construction is progressing well with the ship-to-shore pipeline completed and concrete recently being poured for the walls of the new storage facility.

The work, which is scheduled to finish by the end of 2009, is being undertaken by Fletcher Construction. Neighbours with any concerns over noise should contact their site office on 09 304 0003.

Berth deepening

Ports of Auckland is applying for resource consent to deepen one of the existing berths alongside the Fergusson container terminal. The berth deepening is needed to accommodate the larger container ships expected to visit Auckland in future years. For more information see www.poal.co.nz.

New aviation lights

Many thanks to local resident Dennis Knill, who recently advised that the red aviation lights at the top of the cranes at the end of Fergusson Wharf were duller than the three closest to Parnell.

Although all the lights meet aviation standards, as a result of Mr Knill's feedback we will be upgrading the light fittings on two older cranes in April. Thanks!

Community Reference Group

Are you interested in being an important link between the community and Ports of Auckland?

We are establishing a Community Reference Group – a forum for dialogue and discussion about topics like port development, noise, traffic and lighting.

For more information please contact Corporate Affairs on 09 309 1255 or info@poal.co.nz.

Tugs star at Auckland Anniversary Regatta



Photo taken from POAL tug *Waipapa* of the *William C. Daldy*, *Waka Kume* and *Daldy*.

Ports of Auckland's tugs starred on the water over on Auckland's Anniversary Day, with three lucky competition winners hitching a ride on board.

Working tugs the *Waipapa*, *Waka Kume* and *Daldy* all competed in the Regatta's famous tug boat race, which was won by the historic, steam-powered *William C. Daldy*.

At the end of the race the tugs

delighted the crowds at Princes Wharf with a 'dance' and water spraying display.

The eight free public boat tours offered by Ports of Auckland as part of the Anniversary Weekend celebrations booked out in just one week, and received rave reviews. People who missed out are encouraged to take one of our regular weekly tours. For more information call 09 367 9111 or visit www.poal.co.nz.

Ports photos, videos and discussion

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