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Ports of Auckland

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The latest information
and community news
from Auckland's Port



Rugby World Cup 2011 brings cruises galore!

In just a few months, Auckland will come alive with rugby fans from across the world. As the city prepares for the festivities and the visitors, Ports of Auckland is working on the logistics of hosting the cruise ships that will be in port for the tournament.

October will see six cruise ships in Port, three of which – *The Rhapsody of the Seas* (berthing at Princes Wharf), *Pacific Dawn* (berthing at Queens Wharf) and *Volendam* (berthing at Captain Cook Wharf) have been especially chartered for the Rugby World Cup 2011 (RWC 2011).

Special match ticket and cruise

packages are being offered on these charters.

The three RWC 2011 vessels will resume their normal cruise schedules after the tournament.

Kicking off the forthcoming cruise season will be maiden callers *Sea Princess* and *Radiance of the Seas* who are making their first voyages into New Zealand.

"The upcoming summer cruise season is choc-a-bloc with over 11,000 visitors from six vessels coming to Auckland in October alone," says Ports of Auckland General Manager Multi-Cargo & Marine, Wayne Mills.

Ports of Auckland manages all cruise

ship visits to Auckland and provides piloting and towage services as well as setting up a customs-controlled arrival terminal.

"With the RWC 2011 cruise ships making multiple visits to Auckland for the tournament, their presence will contribute significantly to what is forecast to be up to \$267 million in direct economic benefits to the city during RWC 2011," Mr. Mills says.

"The long term benefits will be even greater if we look after our visitors and create a fantastic impression of Auckland as a host city, and that's something we can all play a part in."

Dolphin Construction Underway at Fergusson



Work on the construction of a new mooring dolphin at Ports of Auckland's Fergusson container terminal has begun. When completed, the dolphin – an

independent piled structure – will be located 50m north of the existing outer berth.

Construction of the dolphin is part of a major project to deepen and lengthen the northern of the two berths servicing the terminal.

Ports of Auckland is continuing to intensify and develop operations in the eastern port, from Bledisloe wharf to Fergusson, following the sale of Queens Wharf and the loss of its berth space in 2010.

The deepening of the northern berth will allow for ships with a draught of

up to 13 metres to be berthed here at the lowest of low tides. The southern berth at Fergusson is already capable of handling ships with a draught of up to 12.5 metres.

The company is asking boaties and other harbour users to stay clear of the construction works by at least 250 metres, for safety reasons. A piling barge will also be positioned on the site of the new mooring dolphin 24/7, and will serve as a marker.

The project, which is being undertaken by Heron Construction and Brian Perry Civil Ltd, is scheduled for completion by early 2012.

Keeping New Zealand safe from pests

Protecting New Zealand's clean green image and unique flora and fauna is vital to our country's tourism and export sectors.

As a result of being an island nation, New Zealand is for the most part free of many of the pests and diseases found in other countries.

Mike Tana, Senior Adviser for Biosecurity Operational Standards and Systems at Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF), says "Protecting our environment from unwanted pests and diseases is a collaborative approach. It is most important at the first arrival port for MAF to work proactively with port companies to ensure New Zealand has

the best biosecurity systems in place where it matters most."

Ports of Auckland works closely with MAF and has systems in place to minimise the potential threat of pests and diseases arriving in the country from overseas.

Rat and insect traps are in place across the port, and on-site MAF officials work closely with and train port personnel to check cargo.

An on-wharf decontamination and cleaning facility is also in place to ensure that goods such as imported cars and farm machinery are thoroughly cleaned before they leave the port.

Protecting our environment from



An imported car being cleaned at Ports of Auckland

unwanted pests and diseases is a continuous work in progress and all of us play an important role.

If you suspect you have found an unwanted pest or disease, please call **0800 80 99 66**.

In brief

Ports supports business excellence

Ports of Auckland is sponsoring the "Excellence in Exporting" category in the upcoming 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.

The Awards are open to any company no matter how large or small. Category winners will be automatically entered to compete in the Auckland regional awards.

Award entries close Friday 1 July. The process is simple and businesses can get access to a free Business Facilitator from Advantage Business to help prepare their entry. Business Facilitators offer an outside perspective and help present a Business Awards entry in a way that best reflects the business' strengths.

Visit www.chamber.co.nz for more information on the awards.

Boat Tours

Ports of Auckland's free community boat tours continue to run on selected Tuesdays. The hour long boat tour of the Waitemata harbour takes place at 11 am and is a great way to learn more about Port activities.

Run by 360 Discovery, the tours depart from Pier 4 (near the Ferry Terminal on Quay Street) and provide live commentary of the Port operations. For more details, visit www.poal.co.nz

Did you know?

Every year approximately \$24b worth of trade is handled at Ports of Auckland – about the same as the ports of Whangarei, Tauranga and Lyttelton combined. The kinds of products we handle vary widely – from traditional exports like meat and dairy products to innovative and interesting technology such as wind turbines.

Public Feedback Hotline

Being a city port is a huge responsibility for the Ports. 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 info@poal.co.nz

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

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