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# LPC Update

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## Kōtukumairangi at Te Ana Marina

The Ngāi Tahu waka Kōtukumairangi towed from Okains Bay has been safely moored at Te Ana Marina as part of the Tuia 250 commemorations held in Whakaraupō/Lyttelton Harbour earlier this month.

Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke in partnership with LPC, and with the support of Te Rūnanga o Koukourārata, Christchurch City Council, Ministry for Culture and Heritage and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, hosted Tuia 250 Whakaraupō at Te Ana Marina from 6–7 December.

The national event has marked 250 years since the first encounters between Māori and Europeans and celebrates the voyaging traditions of Aotearoa.

Te Ana Marina Business Manager Matt Blythe helped the waka crew safely moor at

the marina in November and says it was an honour to be involved.

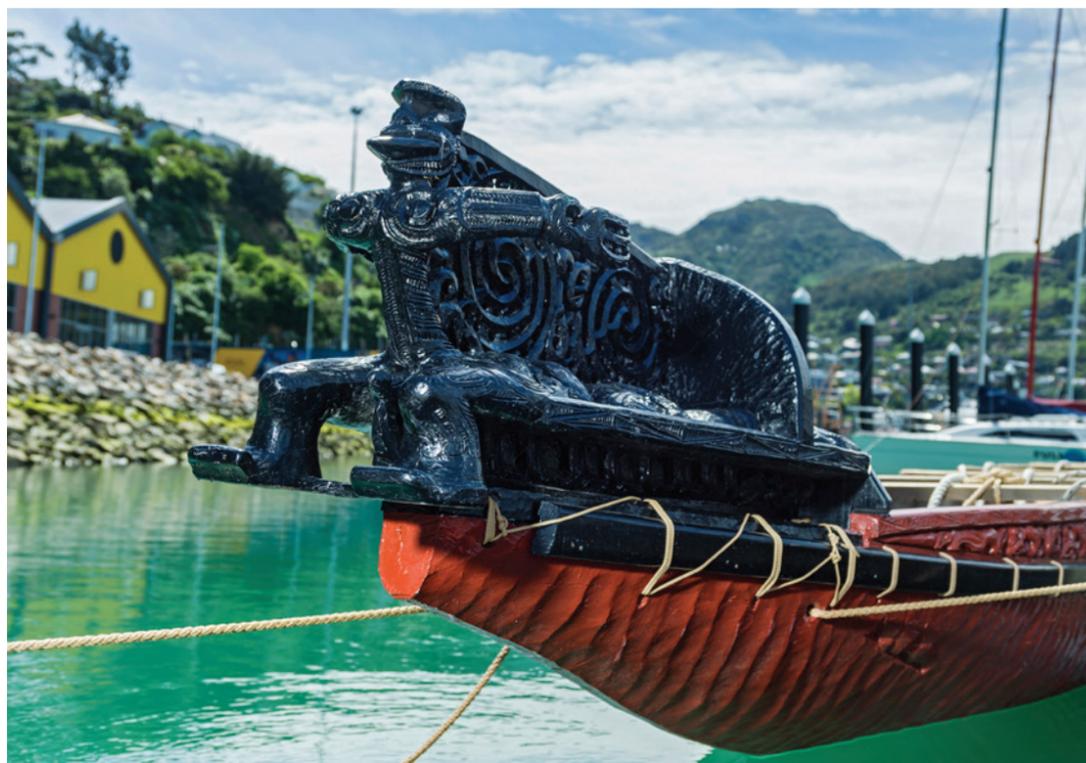
“The waka’s presence was a great lead in to Tuia 250. There are significantly more people at Te Ana Marina taking photos of and looking at Kōtukumairangi. An added bonus has been the increased number of people using the marina facilities while training and preparing for Tuia 250.”

Kōtukumairangi is a traditionally carved waka tangata – a canoe for people of all ages, genders and ethnicities – that normally resides on the banks of the Ōpara River opposite the Okains Bay Māori and Colonial Museum. The museum is situated within the rohe of Te Rūnanga o Koukourārata, who assume responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the waka.

The waka was built with the blessing of Ngāi Tahu kaumātua in the late 1980s and launched at Okains Bay on Waitangi Day 1990. After extensive rebuilding in the 1990s, it was formally gifted to Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu on Waitangi Day 2000 by Murray Thacker, founder of the Okains Bay Māori and Colonial Museum.

It has recently undergone extensive conservation and maintenance work, which includes an innovative modification that allows the taurapa (stern post) to be hinged back in order to clear low bridges.

The paddling of the waka is a highlight of the Waitangi Day commemorations held at the Okains Bay Māori and Colonial Museum every year.



◀ Kōtukumairangi is a traditionally carved waka tangata, berthed at Te Ana Marina as part of the Tuia 250 celebrations held at Te Ana Marina earlier this month.

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◀ LPC Chief Executive Peter Davie is stepping down after 16 years at the helm of the third-largest port in New Zealand.

# Port's Chief Executive retires

December 31 marks the final day at LPC for Peter Davie, who retires after 28 years service to the Port of Lyttelton, 16 of which were as Chief Executive.

“It’s been a fantastic journey, but the time is right for me to move on to new endeavours,” says Peter. “I’m incredibly proud of what the team at the Port have achieved over the last two decades.”

Peter started at the Port as a marketing junior in 1984, and rose to be Marketing Manager before heading off to Australia and becoming Chief Executive of Victoria’s Port of Portland. He returned to New Zealand to take up his current role at LPC in 2003.

Container volumes have tripled in Peter’s time as CE, and Lyttelton is now the largest port by volume in the South Island and the third-largest in New Zealand. However, Peter’s time as CE will be best remembered

for the challenges that were presented by the earthquakes of 2010 and 2011.

“We had to keep the Port operating while emergency repairs were carried out. I’m proud of the fact that we were closed for no more than three days over that period. We were able to keep the Port going, and support the recovery in Christchurch.”

The earthquakes and subsequent rebuild of the Port resulted in the largest series of developments in the Port’s history.

“Lyttelton Port is now incredibly well-positioned for the future. We have new berths, an expanded container terminal thanks to the reclamation programme, and a successful Inland Port at Rolleston,” says Peter.

“We’ve also opened up the inner harbour for the community, with the completion last year of Canterbury’s only walk-on floating marina at Te Ana.

However, Peter said it is the people at LPC that makes it a really special place.

“LPC people are tough, resilient and dedicated. The people of the South Island

should be rightly proud of the work they do to make sure our economy is connected to the world and we can maintain our standard of living.”

Peter and his wife Wendy will be setting off to sail the Pacific in their yacht in May 2020. His current plan is to sail for at least a year, and then think about the next challenge.

Roger Gray, currently Group General Manager Airports at Air New Zealand, has been appointed to replace Peter. He takes up the role of Chief Executive of LPC early in the new year.

“I wish Roger all the best for the job. Lyttelton is the best port in New Zealand, with a fantastic bunch of people working hard to deliver for our region. Roger is going to thoroughly enjoy the challenge, and getting to know the diverse and vibrant community that is Whakaraupō/Lyttelton Harbour,” says Peter.



◀ Roger Gray, currently Group General Manager Airports at Air New Zealand, will take up the role as LPC’s new Chief Executive Officer in the new year.



## Cruise berth features rock bag engineering

Over 2,000 rock bags holding over 8,000 tonnes of stone are being used in the cruise berth project, the first time this effective engineering solution will be used in New Zealand.

LPC Infrastructure Manager Mike Simmers says over 600 rock bags have already been successfully placed underwater to provide scour protection to the seawall slope.

The large cruise vessels that will be calling at Lyttelton have substantial bow thrusters. This means they are extremely maneuverable but they place a significant amount of pressure on the seawall slope beneath the cruise berth.

“Initially it was determined we would need to place a significant amount of rock – and extremely large rock – as the outer layer to maintain the stability of the seawall.”

Mike says this would have been very

technically challenging and require large rock pieces to be transported by truck to the construction site, which is costly and not an environmentally friendly solution.

“Then our designers recommended using rock bags, which have been used in Japan for over 20 years and in many other parts of the world.

Rock bags have been used to provide seawall protection in Chiba, Japan, and also after major typhoon events on the Tokyo coastline.

LPC undertook due diligence on the rock bags, including commissioning scale trials at the University of New South Wales, and Mike says all results were extremely positive.

The rock bags are made from 100% recycled polyester (PET). This is very similar material to geotextile fabric, which is used in most construction and infrastructure projects, and accelerated testing confirms they have a 50-year plus lifespan with 100% of strength remaining.

“Overall, the rock bags are an effective solution for this project and can be maintained by our team long term – we’re really pleased with the results.”

◀ A total of 2,058 recycled rock bags filled with 8,232 tonnes of rock are being used to provide scour protection to the seawall beneath the cruise berth. Pictured here are our rock bags in a live trial at LPC.

## Welcoming the world to Canterbury

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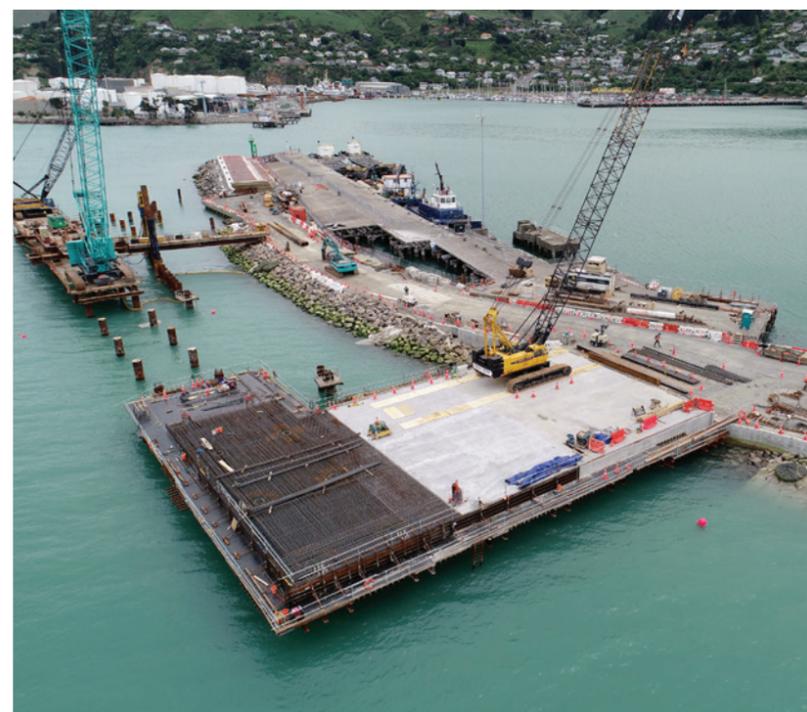
The main wharf piling will be complete by the end of the year, with only three main wharf piles left to drive. A small amount of piling work will continue in early 2020.

LPC Engineering Project Manager Paul Kelly says construction on the main wharf deck is also progressing well, with regular concrete pours going to schedule.

The cruise berth is on track to be completed by November 2020, and over 70 cruise ship bookings are confirmed for this first season.

For regular updates on the cruise berth construction, visit [lpcharbourwatch.co.nz](http://lpcharbourwatch.co.nz) or email [lpccommunications@lpc.co.nz](mailto:lpccommunications@lpc.co.nz)

▼ Construction of the main wharf deck of our purpose-built cruise berth is progressing well.



## Local firefighter turns passion into career



Anita Norris is not afraid of hard work. Born and bred in Governors Bay, the 27-year-old is turning her passion for firefighting into a full-time job by joining the Fire Service team at Christchurch Airport.

While Anita says she's excited about the challenge, she will miss her team at Lyttelton Port. Since the beginning of 2019, Anita has been employed by Heron Construction and C&R Developments (HC&R), the joint venture working on LPC's Te Awaparahi Bay land reclamation project.

"I've learned so much here. While my role has been mainly administration, I've escorted vehicles to the [Gollan's Bay] quarry, been a blast guard, and I've learned the difference between different kinds of heavy machinery like a loader and an excavator," she says with a laugh.

"It's a really good group to work with here – it's the people that make the job."

Anita says health and safety is a significant aspect of the operation, as well as mitigating environmental impacts. And working with a

view of Lyttelton Harbour is pretty hard to beat, she says.

But for the last 8 years, firefighting for the Governors Bay Volunteer Fire Brigade has been Anita's calling.

"It runs in the family. My dad Andrew and brother Alex both work for the fire communication centre and volunteer as firefighters in their spare time. It's pretty awesome, the crew is very family-oriented and it's a positive work environment."

That doesn't mean it has been easy. Anita was one of hundreds of firefighters who helped during the devastating Port Hill fires in February 2017.

Anita has also been involved in many rural scrub fires and medical callouts during her volunteer shifts, travelling all over Banks Peninsula.

Keeping fit is key to being a firefighter, she says, with boot camp-style workouts a regular part of her schedule.

You would think working on a project site and as a firefighter would be challenging, as both industries are male-dominated, but this doesn't bother Anita.

"There are more and more women becoming firefighters, which I think is great to see. My message to young girls thinking about joining any male-dominated industry is that you can do anything you want if you put your mind to it."

◀ Governors Bay local Anita Norris has been employed by Heron Construction and C&R Developments, the joint venture working on our Te Awaparahi Bay land reclamation project. She's about to embark on her next career move as a professional fire fighter.

▼ This second stage of the Te Awaparahi Bay reclamation project, totalling 6 hectares, is expected to be completed by January 2021.

## Moving east: Te Awaparahi Bay reclamation update

Anita has been part of the team working on the Te Awaparahi Bay reclamation project, building new land to extend LPC's container terminal and meet future shipping demands.

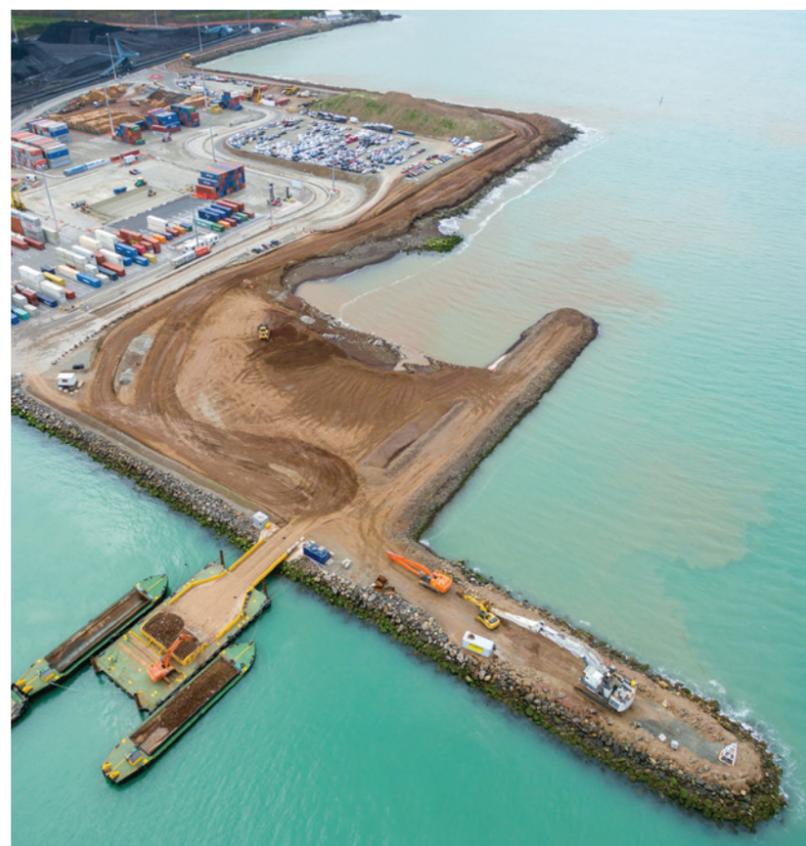
The first 10 hectares of the reclamation is complete, and great progress has been made on this second stage, creating an additional 6 hectares.

Over 645,000 tonnes of fill from our Gollan's Bay quarry has been transported to the reclamation.

LPC Infrastructure Manager Mike Simmers says over 336,000 m<sup>3</sup> of dredged material has been removed, reducing the land settlement time significantly.

This second stage of the reclamation project, totalling 6 hectares, is expected to be completed by January 2021. The land will then need to settle for 2 years before construction can begin on extending the container wharf.

When LPC Update went to print, a resource consent hearing on our two land-use consent applications to Environment Canterbury was scheduled for 28–29 November 2019. These applications are for the phased establishment and operation of a container terminal and other Port activities on this reclaimed land.





◀ LPC Business Improvement Manager Tom Burt with Project Manager Jonathon Deaker at the reefer tower project site. The four new towers will improve the Port's capacity to handle reefer cargo.

## Reefer towers construction under way

Work has begun on four purpose-built reefer towers in the Lyttelton Container Terminal (LCT), improving our capacity to export New Zealand produce to the world and meet future shipping demands.

Four reefer towers are being constructed in the LCT next to our empty container yard, part of our Terminal Development Plan as the best way to improve our capacity to manage refrigerated container (reefer) cargo.

Last year, LPC exported 31,447 twenty-foot equivalent (TEU) reefer containers filled with South Island export produce such as frozen vegetables, frozen meat and fish, chilled dairy and chilled meat.

We also imported 10,927 TEUs containing bananas, frozen dairy products and other chilled goods destined for the South Island market.

LPC Business Improvement Manager Tom Burt says the reefer towers are the best way to improve our capability to manage reefer cargo.

"The current location of the reefers disrupts wharf operations, and the methodology we use is no longer best practice," says Tom.

"The towers also deliver substantial benefits in health and safety by introducing hard-engineered separation between our team working on the reefers and the straddles operating in the container terminal."

The reefer towers will also mean container terminal capacity improves for both reefer and general containers by increasing container stacking height and density, says Tom.

Each reefer tower will stand at 60 metres long and 10 metres high.

"The towers future-proof the container terminal's ability to appropriately serve both Cashin Quay and the future extension of the container terminal at Te Awaparahi Bay."

Brightwater Engineering is the main contractor working on site, and Higgins is subcontracted to Brightwater to complete the civil construction works.

The project is set to be completed by July 2020.

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## Fuelling our love of bananas

Chances are the banana sliced into your breakfast this morning or the banana blitzed for your afternoon smoothie was imported through Lyttelton Port.

MG Marketing is the exclusive importer, distributor and marketer of Dole Fresh Produce.

Every year, the grower-owned co-operative imports 162,000 cartons of snack-sized Bobby Bananas, 139,000 cartons of pineapples and 9,500 cartons of papaya from the Philippines aboard a cargo vessel, which is unloaded in Lyttelton's inner harbour.

Banana clusters, the regular-sized bananas bunches you buy from the supermarket, are also imported from Ecuador through LPC's container terminal.

There's an art to bringing the fruit New Zealanders love to our supermarket and produce shop shelves, and that's where MG Marketing's expert team comes in.

Bananas arrive in New Zealand green and are transported to MG's purpose-built banana ripening facilities in Hornby, Christchurch.

MG Marketing Sales Representative and Banana Ripening Expert Matt House says the bananas undergo strict quarantine testing by the Ministry for Primary Industries before they are stacked in different banana-ripening rooms.

There's a banana-ripening scale from green bananas at 1 right through to 7, which is the sweetest, ripest banana you can get. Matt says most bananas you see are about a 4 or 4.5 in terms of ripeness.

"The bananas take between 5 and 7 days to ripen in our temperature-controlled ripening rooms, and we always stagger the ripening to ensure there are enough bananas to supply market demand."

The bananas that enter Lyttelton Port not only supply the Canterbury market but also the rest of the South Island from Dunedin to Invercargill and right up to Nelson.

Dole produces fruits of the highest

quality and is highly committed to preserving the environment. From the farm all the way to the point of consumption and beyond, Dole is committed to environmentally sustainable practices.

All Dole pineapples from the Philippines and Ecuadorian bananas are Rainforest Alliance Certified™, which means they support a healthy environment, promote the wellbeing of workers and their communities and use efficient farm methods.

Dole bananas that arrive in Christchurch from Ecuador also feature the new seal, earned by farms that meet comprehensive standards for sustainability, while bananas imported from the Philippines are going through the accreditation process.

Asked why New Zealanders love bananas so much, Matt thinks our love of the outdoors has a lot to do with it.

"Bananas are a really healthy food. A lot of sportspeople eat them as a snack on the go, and a lot of different cultures use green bananas and sweet bananas in many different dishes."

Matt says the operation always operates with the environment in mind, with efforts to reduce waste paramount.

"If we do happen to have a small amount of waste, this goes to a local farmer, and the banana boxes are always reused – people love banana boxes for storage and packing."

### Bananas in numbers:

**162,000**

cartons of snack-sized Bobby Bananas imported every year

**1-7**

scale of ripeness

**4-4.5**

the ripeness of bananas on the shelf

**5-7 DAYS**

to ripen in a temperature-controlled ripening room



◀ Banana experts: Pictured (from left) are MG Marketing storemen Opetia Afiue and Patrick Vena with Marketing Representative Matt House.

*“A future where wool serves to enrich lives around the world and reminds us every day that nature reigns supreme.”*

# Bright future for NZ Merino wool



◀ Successful kiwi brands like Allbirds, Icebreaker, Mons Royale and Swannndri are all using New Zealand Merino wool in their products. The New Zealand Merino Company says it is the wool growers who have enabled and sustained the transformation of Merino wool from a commodity product into a high value fibre.

With the success of kiwi brands like Allbirds, Icebreaker, Mons Royale and Swannndri all using ZQ certified Merino wool in their products, the spotlight continues to shine on this high value fibre.

This year, the New Zealand Merino Company (NZM) won the Lyttelton Port Company Champion Medium to Large Exporter Award at the Westpac Champion Business Awards.

NZM's Chief Financial Officer Peter Floris says the LPC-sponsored award recognises their successful strategy, and the hard work and dedication shown by their team.

“Our wider team includes our grower suppliers – we thank them for their support and innovative thinking which continues to motivate us.

“It's the wool growers of New Zealand who have enabled and sustained the transformation of Merino wool from a

commodity product into a high value fibre.”

NZM has seen incredible success over the last 12 months, reporting record contracts, long term sales outstripping supply, great value chain relationships, and record profitability.

This growth has been achieved through increasing the volume and value of wool sold to key existing brand partners as well as the establishment of six new brand partners.

Emerging demand for NZM's ZQ accredited wool is also driving this growth, says Peter, with the launch of Studio ZQ, a new natural fibre 'centre-of-excellence' that embraces a systematic approach to creativity, innovation, and business development.

Asked why ZQ Merino has become such a high value fibre, Peter says consumers are more aware of the environmental and social impacts of their purchasing decisions than ever before.

“It's consumers who are driving the demand for natural fibres like Merino as a solution to growing global issues such as plastics and fossil-fuel based fibres. We're moving from fast fashion to slow fashion.”

In recent years NZM has invested heavily

in further development of their established accreditation brand ZQ which provides the traceability and transparency that consumers are increasingly demanding.

“ZQ provides this in areas such as animal welfare, the environment, sustainability practices and on-farm practice,” says Peter.

NZM want to be part of creating a future where agriculture plays a meaningful role in the environmental, social and economic wellbeing of New Zealand.

“A future where wool serves to enrich lives around the world and reminds us every day that nature reigns supreme,” says Peter.

LPC Chief Executive Peter Davie says the Port is proud to support the Westpac Champion Business Awards.

“As the largest Port in the South Island, we play a significant role in exporting New Zealand's primary industries, including wool, to the world. For us it is important to celebrate businesses who are actively involved in the development and advocacy of our local export community.”

Late last month, the NZM team went on to win the Supreme Award at the 2019 New Zealand International Business Awards.



## A Port for the future

We're proud to have delivered our first sustainability strategy this year, defining clear goals for improving our performance in three key focus areas: Prosperity, People and the Planet.

The task ahead: LPC is the gateway for the goods that keep our region moving. We support thousands of jobs and the creation of billions of dollars of wealth for the Canterbury economy. Our commitment is to continue to do this while growing our strong focus on health and safety, the wellbeing of our workforce, mutual benefits for our communities and importantly, doing our part in addressing the significant global challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss.

We are committed to being net zero carbon by 2050 and zero waste by 2040 and have set an ambitious goal of seeing a net gain in the biodiversity and ecological health of Whakaraupō/Lyttelton Harbour.

**Prosperity:** At the heart of our sustainability strategy is our prosperity commitment, focused on creating and maintaining an efficient, economically viable Port that supports the wider region's economy and community. We will grow connectivity, deliver operational excellence and make sure we remain profitable and financially sustainable.

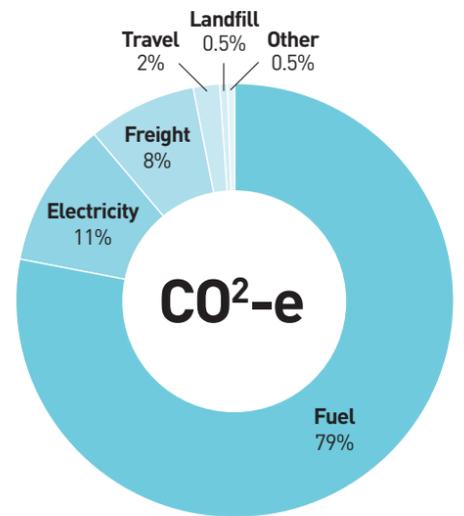
**People:** The importance of our people means we are committed to creating quality employment opportunities, attracting and developing talented people and maintaining the health and wellbeing of everyone in our workplace. As part of the role we play as a citizen of Lyttelton Harbour, we will continue to work hard to be a responsible and supportive part of the community.

**Planet:** We are committed to the protection and enhancement of our natural environment. We have a special responsibility for Whakaraupō/Lyttelton Harbour, and we are very aware of the impact we can have. In this strategy, we've set a goal to make sure our operations have a net positive effect on biodiversity. That means we're working to actively improve biodiversity, rather than maintaining the status quo.

▲ This year we've delivered the Port's first sustainability strategy, focusing on three key areas: Prosperity, People and the Planet.

### Carbon emissions by source

Financial Year 19. Scope 1 and 2.



### Total CO<sup>2</sup> emissions tonnes

Financial Year 19. Scope 1 and 2.



### Zero net carbon emissions target

2050

### Export (value) growth in 2019

\$790M

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# Backing the Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust



◀ LPC has become a mission sponsor of the Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust. Pictured (from left) are Trust Chief Executive Christine Prince, LPC Strategic Engagement Manager Phil de Joux and Westpac Rescue Helicopter Crewman and Intensive Care Paramedic Mike McLintock.

LPC has become a mission sponsor for the Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust, supporting the rescue helicopter crews to carry out operations across both land and sea and ultimately save lives.

Each year, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter in Christchurch completes about 700 missions, responding to callouts including medical emergencies, motor vehicle rescues, locating missing trampers, offshore rescues and work-related incidents.

From their bases in Christchurch and Greymouth, the Trust covers the largest geographical location in New Zealand – from the Waitaki River south of Timaru to the Clarence River north of Kaikōura on the eastern side of the Southern Alps and from Haast to Karamea on the West Coast.

The rescue helicopter also responds to offshore emergencies along the Canterbury and West Coast coastlines.

The Trust's Chief Executive Christine Prince says the service is only partly government funded, so they rely on local communities and companies for support.

“When companies like LPC put their hands up and help by becoming a mission sponsor, this really does help save lives,” says Christine.

During the day, the rescue team responds to an emergency within 10 minutes and at night within 20 minutes, as getting to a patient and starting treatment is key.

“It is great that LPC has come on board to support the rescue helicopter and particularly so as our most complex and risky rescues are those offshore,” she says.

Juliet Fitzpatrick and Brent Williams are both intensive care paramedics with the Westpac Rescue Helicopter, and say offshore rescues on vessels can be extremely challenging.

“When doing an offshore winching rescue, you have to be aware that everything is a moving part, nothing is static,” they say.

Both paramedics have been involved in a number of offshore jobs from very small fishing vessels to cruise ships. Conditions are always challenging for the rescue operations, which is why the best possible training is essential.

“Every year in May, all of the crew attend the boat winch training in Lyttelton Harbour. This year, it was particularly important as we had several new crew members,” says Christine.

The training is done with support from Spark Brothers Limited, which donates the use of a boat and crew. Having suffered a loss at sea, they know how critical this training and service is, says Christine.

The rescue helicopter crews also respond to numerous missions across Banks Peninsula due to the remote nature of the terrain and provide a lifeline in outlying areas, she says.

“As soon as our new H145 helicopter came into service in August, it was dispatched to an accident on board a vessel that was over 60 kilometres off shore.”

The introduction of the new H145 rescue helicopter is a major milestone for the service. The helicopter is the first of its kind to be used for emergency medical services in New Zealand, with increased range, engine power and space.

It also has advanced avionic and auto-pilot features including auto-hovering and auto-levelling on approach, raising the bar in emergency air response for the region.

With the addition of the H145 in service, the Christchurch base now operates two helicopters, with the H145 ZK-IGI on 24/7 standby and the BK117-B2 ZK-HJC on 10/7 standby 365 days a year.

LPC Strategic Engagement Manager Phil de Joux says the Port is proud to back such a vital service for the Canterbury region.

“The Port is committed to supporting the communities in which we operate, and that includes supporting the hundreds of vessels and their crews that call at Lyttelton each year. The Canterbury West Coast air rescue service impacts the lives of so people during emergency situations, so we're proud to lend our support.”



◀ Lyttelton Primary School students and regular youth group-goers Rose (11), Ebony (13) and Lada (13) love the Lyttelton Youth Programme – especially the girls' night on Thursdays.

## Port sponsors Lyttelton Youth Group

Over the past 2 years, the Lyttelton Youth Programme has become a chilled-out, safe space for many local youngsters to hang out after school.

And when you visit the Lyttelton Youth Group, held 3 days a week at Lyttelton Recreation Centre, it is easy to see why.

Smiling teens are playing volleyball, some are shooting hoops on the basketball court and others are catching up over cheese toasties on bean bags.

The Lyttelton Youth Programme coordinated by Project Lyttelton has gone from strength to strength, with more than 50 young people from year 7 and above dropping in to the programme each week.

Monday's session is open to all, Thursday's session is for girls and Friday's session is aimed at high school students. There are also two youth workers who support the programme.

One of the programme's champions, Jill Larking, says the programme is all about connection.

"We really wanted to give Lyttelton kids a space to connect with other young people in their community. Many of our teenagers end up going to different high schools across Christchurch, so this group is a great chance for them to reconnect."

Lyttelton Primary School students and regular youth group-goers Rose (11), Ebony (13) and Lada (13) love the programme – especially the girls' night on Thursdays.

"We've done surfing and skating, there's

always something active to do which is really cool," says Rose.

"If we weren't at the youth group, we'd probably all be on our phones or computers at home," says Ebony.

The youth programme is also a chance for the community to connect with young people, says Jill.

"We've had lots of different people coming in to share knowledge with the kids, which is fantastic. Last week, we had someone who takes circus classes come in and give the kids a taste of what it's like."

LPC has come on board this year to sponsor the programme, which Jill says has gone towards funding Youth Supervisor Chris Haywood.

"Chris is going to be helping with a lot of the administration that goes with something like this. She's got a background in youth work and administration, and we're thrilled to have her on board.

"We're incredibly grateful to LPC for coming on board with the programme – it is fantastic to have local business support."

LPC Strategic Engagement Manager Phil de Joux says the Port has a longstanding commitment to supporting the communities in which we operate.

"We're particularly keen to support youth initiatives like the Lyttelton Youth Programme. Of the over 600 people who work at the Port, many of us have our own families and children, so supporting young people really connects with us."

To find out more about the Lyttelton Youth Programme, check out their Facebook page or visit [www.lyttelton.net.nz](http://www.lyttelton.net.nz)

## Storage sorted at Mt Pleasant farmers' market

The hustle and bustle of the Mt Pleasant farmers' market has become a firm part of the community's Saturday morning routine.

The market sprang into life only a few weeks after the February 2011 earthquake, which not only devastated residents of Mt Pleasant but destroyed the community's War Memorial Community Centre.

With no supermarkets or local shops to buy food, local resident Tom Davies quickly filled the gap by establishing the market on the grounds of the Mt Pleasant War Memorial Community Centre, 3 McCormacks Bay Road.

The market's unique neighbourhood vibe has been a great hit with the locals and visitors ever since.

For the past 8 years, every Saturday morning, the tables, chairs, marquees, supplies and signs are put up by dedicated volunteers for stall holders and market goers in the carpark of the now new state-of-the-art community centre, which opened in 2016.

All of these supplies were stored in the community centre's temporary building, which had limited space and was quite a distance for volunteers to carry heavy equipment.

And that's where the community centre's Derek McCullough contacted LPC in need of a 20-foot container to be placed next to the community centre to store farmers' market equipment and gardening tools.

"When the Port said yes, we were delighted," says Derek.

LPC worked with our MidlandPort team to acquire a container, which was then kindly transported by NZ Express Transport who used a hiab crane truck to lower the container in place.

"It has been a wonderful asset for the association," beams Derek.

"Our next step is to develop our community garden, which will include looking at brightening up the container and making it a feature of the garden space."



▶ Mt Pleasant Community Centre's Derek McCullough (right) was all smiles with the delivery of their new storage container, thanks to NZ Express Transport and LPC.

# 11 LOCAL STORIES



◀ This perfect shot of the Lyttelton Timeball Station was taken by LPC's relieving Marine Pilot John Clarke.

## Just another day

Our staff have breathtaking views of Lyttelton Harbour throughout their work day and love to share their snaps. Here are a few of our favourites!



◀ Outbound: This fantastic shot aboard a vessel was taken by LPC Marine Pilot Chris Coleman.



◀ Evening light. Taken by LPC Reefer Care Officer Keith McMecking from our head office at Waterfront House in Lyttelton.



◀ For over 15 years, LPC has sponsored the Lyttelton Rugby Club, providing each new member of the club with a sports bag, branded shorts, socks, jacket, beanie and mouthguard.

## Lyttelton Rugby Club – a rite of passage

For the last 54 years, young Lyttelton Rugby Club players have ventured to Titahi Bay in Wellington for a tournament remembered by many as a rite of passage of growing up 'in Port'.

And this year, 21 bright-eyed, beaming under-12s players returned home winners of the momentous tournament.

Lyttelton Rugby Club president Clinton Norris says it is the local businesses backing these young players that have made the club, and the tournament, such a success.

For over 15 years, LPC has sponsored the young rugby players, providing each new member of the club with a sports bag, branded shorts, socks, jacket, beanie and mouthguard.

But it is more than providing new players with sports gear, says Clinton.

"It instils a sense of loyalty and belonging to every player. We are one team, and we want all our players to feel welcome and part of the team spirit."

LPC's support also ensures club fees are kept to a minimum and that the club can help families in need pay for their child's fees.

"We wouldn't be able to do what we do without LPC's support – it's that simple," says Clinton.

While winning games is nice, Clinton says the club is all about community and family.

"Each year, we have young players who start the season nervous and shy, but by the end of the season and the Titahi Bay trip, they grow more confident. It is like we're bringing a different kid back from Wellington."

LPC Strategic Engagement Manager Phil de Joux says the Port's long-running support is a testament to Lyttelton Rugby Club's important place in the community.

"Like the Port, Lyttelton Rugby Club plays a significant role in the Lyttelton community. Many of our staff have played or currently play rugby for Lyttelton, so we're proud to be able to lend a hand."

While the Lyttelton Rugby Club is gearing up for another busy 2020 season, Clinton encourages anyone keen to give rugby a go in 2020 or lend a hand to contact Lyttelton Rugby Club on their Facebook page or email [lyttelton.rugby@gmail.com](mailto:lyttelton.rugby@gmail.com).

## Season's greetings

On behalf of LPC, we'd like to wish the community a safe and happy holiday season with family and friends. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



## Port Talk

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