

# LPC Update

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PORT NEWS

## COVID-19 vaccine for border workers

Over 230 frontline workers at LPC have now had their first dose of the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine.

LPC border workers including cargo handlers, marine pilots, security and other members of the team are some of the first essential workers in New Zealand to get vaccinated in the fight against COVID-19.

The vaccine provides another layer of protection for our border workers, who remain focused on physical distancing, using PPE and masks and having increased hygiene and cleaning measures.

Our border-facing staff are also continuing to undergo weekly and fortnightly COVID-19 testing, depending on their role.



LPC foreman Robbie Winder, who had his vaccination in the first week of clinics, says he's excited to be one of the first.

"I'm happy to play my part to keep COVID-19 out of the country. Getting the vaccine is really to support the wellbeing of New Zealand."

As part of Robbie's role as a foreman, he is a main point of contact for foreign crew on vessels that visit the Port.

"Every time there is a vessel in Port, there is a foreman on the ship, so I deal a lot with crew."

"It's great to have the vaccine to know that we are as safe as we can be out there and we can get on with our job."

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As more doses are made available, household contacts will also be eligible to get the vaccine.

"I can't wait for my whole family to get it. It's a big step towards relieving the impact of COVID-19."

The vaccine clinics are held on site and run by Canterbury District Health Board who work with Pegasus Health to provide vaccination and testing clinics.

With a second dose required three weeks after the initial shot, clinics will continue to be held in the coming months to cover LPC's border-facing workforce.

OUR PEOPLE

## Essential, proud, respected

Here at LPC, we have a workforce of over 600 good sorts carrying out essential work for the Canterbury community, ensuring the goods you need keep moving. We chatted to skilled general hand Eamon O'Toole to find out more about why he enjoys working at LPC.

**What does your job involve?**

As a skilled general hand, we are involved in a wide range of jobs at LPC. I operate plant including the sweeper truck and mobile cranes. I am also a certified diver, so I work at the Dry Dock when they are switching vessels as well as around the wharves in the inner harbour. We also relieve in Marine when they are short staffed as a deckhand for the launch vessels. There isn't much we can't do!

**What's the most unique part of your role?**

The variety of work is great. One day, I'll be working on a digger in the morning, in a crane by lunchtime and in a punt in the afternoon. It keeps the job exciting.

**What challenges do you enjoy in your job?**

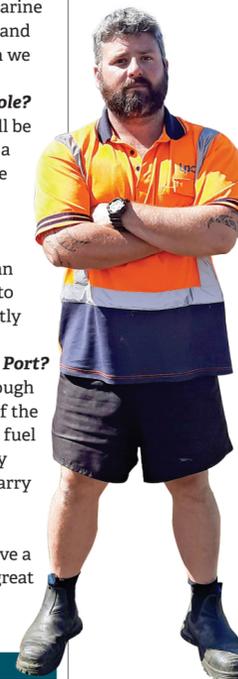
Things can change just like that. You can get asked to drop your work and head to a completely new job that needs urgently doing.

**What makes you proud to work at the Port?**

You don't realise how much comes through the Port and how, without it, the rest of the city wouldn't be able to function. From fuel to supplies, our job means that so many other people around Canterbury can carry on with theirs.

**Who or what inspires you?**

I am inspired by my workmates. We have a good team here, and they make this a great place to work.



OUR PEOPLE

## Port scholarship supports next step

The winner of LPC's Director scholarship, Charlotte Holt, is excited about the new opportunities that university will bring.

The annual scholarship is awarded to the child of an LPC employee who is going into their first year at University of Canterbury.

In February, Charlotte started study for a double degree in law and history.

The scholarship was established after the Christchurch earthquakes in 2010 and 2011 to recognise the hard work and commitment of LPC staff to keep operations running in difficult and uncertain times.



Charlotte's father Chris Holt has worked at LPC since 2010 and is currently Scheduling Manager for the Container Terminal.

"I'm extremely proud of Charlotte, she has worked very hard in the past couple of years and the scholarship provides a fantastic opportunity," says Chris.

"I'm really pleased she is going to the University of Canterbury and is already embracing uni culture with open arms."

Charlotte says she is nervous and excited about all the changes university will bring.

"I'm looking forward to meeting new people, exploring the campus and learning more about the things I am passionate about. It's scary, but it's part of growing up."

Charlotte's decision to study law and history came from a growing fascination with the subjects throughout high school.

"I am definitely stronger at writing and loved my legal and psychology, history, classics and theology classes."

"I think New Zealand history is important for everyone to learn as it helps shape our future."

The double degree will take about five years, and after that, Charlotte wants to get into social work and criminal justice.

"A law degree is very versatile, and it's a great base that can take me anywhere, but at the moment, I would like to work with the New Zealand prison system."

Charlotte wants to thank LPC for the scholarship and helping relieve the financial pressure of university.

"This whole opportunity is a chance to learn more about LPC, and I am so proud of my dad for being part of the shipping industry as an essential worker."

"After receiving the scholarship, [LPC CEO] Roger told me I was a part of the LPC family, and it's great to know I have that support, tackling my first year of university."

ENVIRONMENT

## Coal dust monitoring results

Dust levels sitting well below National Environmental Standards.

Later this year, LPC will be applying to renew our resource consent for coal air dust discharge. As part of this process, we installed a live monitoring station in a Lyttelton residential area near the Timeball in order to monitor fine dust levels over the summer.

For additional insight, we also added four more dust deposition stations. These are essentially gauges that measure total dust levels over a given time period. Two stations have been situated in residential areas, and two are located on the coastal edge of the coal yard, where they will help us understand any potential impacts on the marine environment.

**What we've found so far**

We're pleased to let the community know that data collected by the highly sensitive live monitoring station has shown that all dust levels, including coal dust, are sitting well below the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality for PM<sub>10</sub> and the proposed standards for PM<sub>2.5</sub>. That's good news for human health as it shows that even very fine particles are at low levels.

Our dust deposition stations have shown that dust levels have remained below the limits set by our existing resource consent. While this is a positive result, we would still like to hear from residents who might be experiencing dust so that we can take samples in order to identify the source.

Please contact us at [lpccommunications@lpc.co.nz](mailto:lpccommunications@lpc.co.nz).

**See the results online**

You can view detailed results from our dust deposition stations and preliminary results from the live monitoring station at our website: [www.lpc.co.nz/community/coal-dust-resource-consent-renewal](http://www.lpc.co.nz/community/coal-dust-resource-consent-renewal).

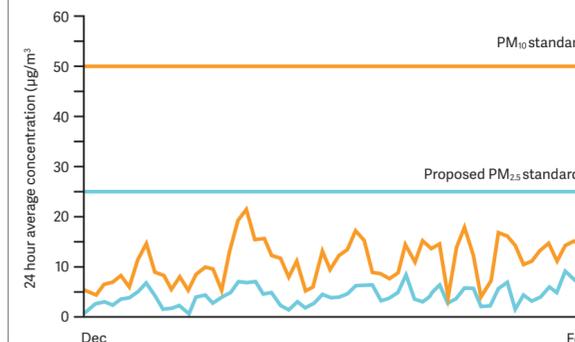
**Learn more in person**

We will be holding a drop-in session on 13 April 2021. If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please come along.

**Public drop-in session**

Tuesday 13 April, 6 – 7:30pm  
Lyttelton Recreation Centre

Concentration of PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> from Dec to Feb fell well below National Environmental Standards.



PORT NEWS

## LPC in action

As Grasmere Maersk came into the harbour, Awaroa waited to collect one of our pilots, Chris, and take him back to the Port after he guided Maine Trader back out to sea.



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