

# Portal Staff News

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## LPC LEGEND HANGS UP HARD HAT

One of Lyttelton Port Company's best-loved characters and Maori Leaders, Tahu Stirling, has farewelled life at the port, first started as a teenager.

The 69-year-old hung up his high-vis, recognising his family's long association with LPC, which dates back to the end of the Second World War.

"The first job that I ever had was working in the school holidays for the Lyttelton Harbour Board in 1970," said Tahu Stirling.

"They were very different times to what they are today; you used to rock up in shorts or an old shirt. There was no high-vis or health and safety to keep us safe at that time."

### FAMILY LINKS TO THE PORT

Tahu's father, Ropata Wahawaha Stirling, started at Lyttelton after the War and was community-minded, supporting Maori who came down from up north to work at the port.

Tahu eventually followed his father's footsteps in working for the community, health and education sectors, but his first job ever started here at the old Lyttelton Harbour Board.

"It was during the school holidays I worked down here, and it was very different from today's Health and Safety terms, which have come a long way."

### BIRTH OF TAHU FM

"So after learning the painting trade from our Dad, I worked in the Community Services Team under Mayor Vicky Buck at the Christchurch City Council and helped set up the first Maori radio station in Te Waka O Aoraki.



MĀORI ADVISOR TAHU STIRLING HAS RETIRED AFTER A LONG ASSOCIATION WITH THE PORT. PHOTO / LPC

"That was around 1991 on Waitangi day we launched it from Ngā Hau E Wha marae where 90.5 Tahu FM started," says Tahu.

Despite being the same name, the radio station was not named after him.

"I would like to think so," he laughs, "but in the end, it's for the people!"

### HEALTH AND EDUCATION

Tahu also worked for the Polynesian Performing Arts Trust and Maori Public Health on drink driving and helping to bring in Smoke-Free bars, pubs and clubs around Aotearoa.

"It was a good time, and we helped to make some big changes."

Tahu Stirling also led the Ngā Rātonga Hauora Māori at Christchurch Hospital, seeing 8000 Maori patients a year and developed a Te Whare Tapa Whā programme to improve Maori health outcomes.

### PORT RETURN

In 2014 Tahu returned to Lyttelton as a Cargo Handler.

"I really enjoyed working with all the people at LPC, moving containers, lashing on the ships and driving the straddles."

"It was funny how I started my working life over 50 years ago to now finishing at the same place I started," he says with a laugh.

"In 2019, the call went out if someone could bless a new tug passing through Lyttelton, which led to me applying, and I got 8 hours per week, leading to a full-time role as LPC Maori Development advisor," which Tahu directed and thrived.

"My role throughout life has been to help others to make changes within the systems they live by or with, and I've learnt a lot from those experiences."

On a personal level, Tahu and his wife Marcia have been involved in helping to set up and work in Oterepo Kohanga Reo, Te Kura Whakapumau I Te Reo Tūturu Ki Waitaha, Te Whare Kura, which was about the promotion of Te Reo Māori, Tikanga and Mātauranga Māori.

### RETIREMENT

Four days into retirement, and Tahu is still pretty busy.

"I haven't had much time today to think about it and honestly don't know what retirement really means."

"I know I will be spending more time with Marcia, family, and grandchildren, which will be great, and I can't wait."

# LUXURY SUPER YACHT SAILS INTO DRY DOCK

M/Y Samaya visited the Lyttelton Dry Dock on the 8th of January for her two-year survey maintenance. That included antifouling, paint renewal for the stabiliser and bow thruster.

## GUEST ACCOMMODATION

The 69.5m/228' motor yacht was built by Feadship in the Netherlands and completed in 2017. Samaya can comfortably accommodate up to 12 guests in 6 suites comprising one VIP cabin.

She can also carry up to 16 crew onboard to ensure a relaxed luxury yacht experience.

## RANGE AND PERFORMANCE

Samaya has a steel hull and aluminium superstructure with teak decks. Powered by twin diesel Caterpillar (3512C) engines, she comfortably cruises at 12 knots and reaches a maximum speed of 16 knots with a range of up to 5,000 nautical miles from her 160,000-litre fuel tanks.

Samaya will be back in the water on the 30th of January on the morning tide.



SAMAYA ENTERED THE DRY DOCK FOR HER BIENNIAL MAINTENANCE SURVEY. PHOTO / LPC



## TUGS OF WAR: WHO HAS THE TOP PULLING POWER?

**Lyttelton tug Piaka and Wellington CentrePort tug Taphui held the first 'Tug of War' pulling 75 tonnes.**

By **Henry Bastion**, Marine Fleet Manager

The battle of the tugs followed a two-week overhaul of Wellington's Taphui in the Lyttelton Dry Dock in December.

It included a five-year renewal survey, painting of the underwater and topsides, propulsion system, main engines and tow winch overhauls.

Taphui was required to complete a function test on the tow winch and



LYTTELTON TUG PIAKA (LEFT) AND WELLINGTON'S TUG TAPHUI (RIGHT) IN FIRST EVER 'TUGS OF WAR' ON WHAKARAUPU/LYTTELTON HARBOUR. PHOTO / LPC.

used a bollard at the Lyttelton Oil Berth to pull up to 30 tonnes.

## FULL PULL OF 75 TONNES

The Tapuhi had to complete a 'full pull' at maximum engine RPM against our own Piaka in the inaugural LPC - CentrePort 'Tugs of War'.

Piaka maxed out at 75 tonnes full pull, pulling the Tapuhi backwards at 0.7 knots.

## THE WINNER!

Lyttelton - 1  
CentrePort - 0



PHILLIP SWEETMAN REUNITED WITH THE SPIRIT OF NEW ZEALAND. PHOTO / PHILLIP SWEETMAN

## LYTTELTON PILOT REUNITES WITH TALL SHIP WHERE CAREER DREAM BEGAN

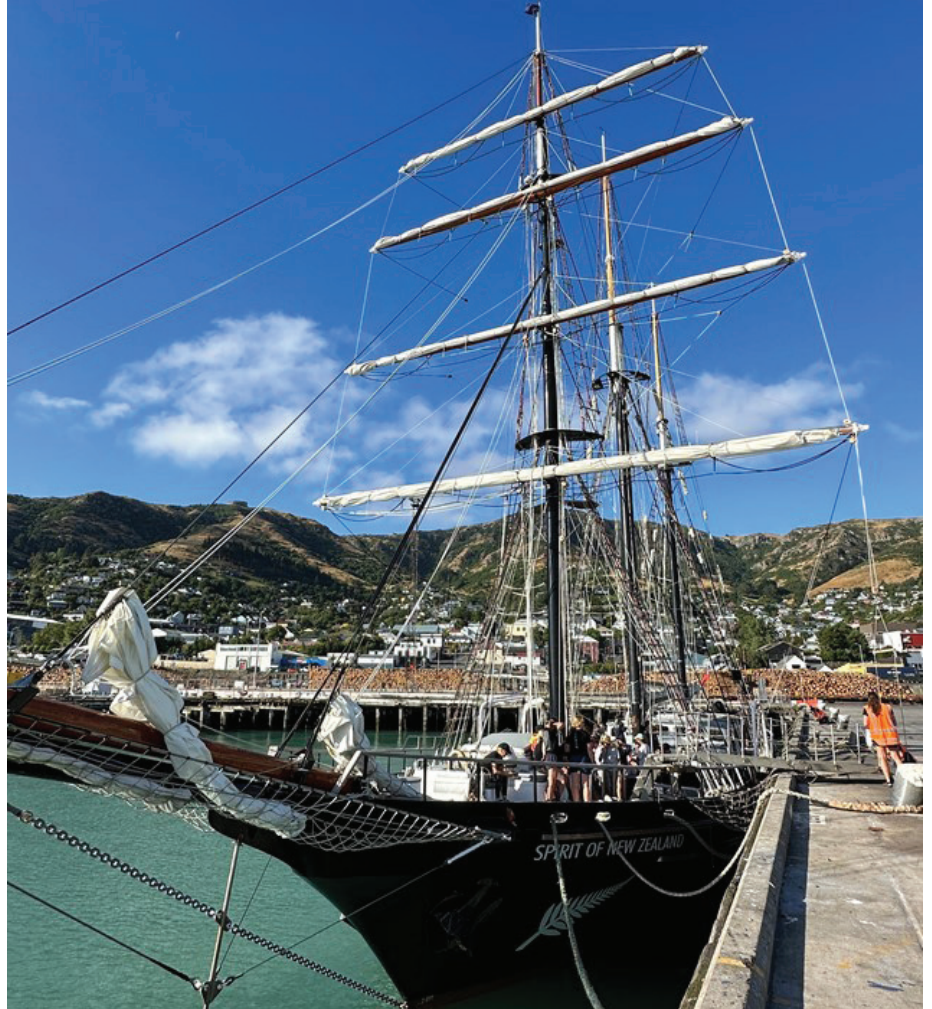
The tall ship Spirit of New Zealand visited Lyttelton in January.

For LPC Marine Officer **PHILLIP SWEETMAN**, it was an opportunity to rejoin the vessel that kick-started his career on the sea.

"I was privileged to navigate the sail training vessel, "Spirit of New Zealand" into Lyttelton Harbour," says Phillip Sweetman.

It represented a journey coming "full circle".

Phillip says that his passion for the sea and his career was ignited in 2003 when he completed a 10-day youth development voyage on the Spirit of New Zealand.



SPIRIT OF NEW ZEALAND IS 37.5M IN LENGTH AND HAS A HEIGHT OF 31.3 METRES. PHOTO / PHILLIP SWEETMAN

"Twenty-one years later, I stepped back onboard as a Pilot, immensely proud of the incredible journey and career at sea that brought me back to where it all started," he added.

The Spirit of New Zealand was purpose-built in 1986 for youth

development and is used for year-round programmes, primarily 10-day voyagers for 16 to 18-year-olds.

Her call into Lyttelton was part of the Spirit of Adventure Trust's 50th Anniversary Tour of New Zealand.



## MIKE WILL

It is with deep sadness that LPC would like to acknowledge the sudden passing of one of our valued colleagues - Cargo Handler - **MIKE WILL**, just before Christmas.

Mike was not only an exemplary team member who was well-liked among his workmates, but he was also a true friend who grew up with a number of our terminal team. His sudden passing was a massive shock to several of our team.

Mike joined LPC in July 2022 and then quickly moved into B group.

During this time, his dedication to his workmates, commitment to doing things right, and hard work ethic have left an unforgettable mark on our team.

His legacy will continue to inspire us to uphold the standards he stood for and the camaraderie he brought to the workplace.

# CRUISE SHIPS: PLAQUE EXCHANGE CEREMONIES

Forty-three cruise ships have berthed at Lyttelton since the summer season began on November 7 2023.

There have been six official plaque exchange ceremonies.

Traditionally, these occur between a Lyttelton Port Representative and the ship's Captain. Together they exchange a unique plaque as a symbolic welcome gift in the maritime world.

The Godspeed plaque expresses a wish for a safe and successful voyage.

Eighty-four cruise ships are booked to visit Lyttelton.



PLAQUE PRESENTATION ABOARD THE CRYSTAL SYMPHONY WITH CEO GRAEME SUMNER ON 12 JAN 2024. PHOTO / LPC



PRESENTATIONS: CORAL PRINCESS WITH ANDREW TODD, HEAD OF CUSTOMER RELATIONS, ON JAN 3 2024 (TOP), SEVEN SEAS EXPLORER WITH VICTORIA ALLEN, CRUISE COORDINATOR, ON DEC 31 2023 (MIDDLE LEFT), SILVER WHISPER WITH ANDREW TODD AND VICTORIA ALLEN JAN 3 2024, (MIDDLE RIGHT), CORAL PRINCESS WITH ANDREW TODD JAN 3 2024 (BOTTOM LEFT), SEABOURN ODYSSEY WITH SCOTT CRAMPTON, HEAD OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ON JAN 17 2024 (BOTTOM RIGHT), PHOTOS/ LPC



MAN OVERBOARD TRAINING IN THE INNER HARBOUR. PHOTO / LPC

**SPLASHDOWN:**

## STAFF DIVE INTO HARBOUR FOR HANDS-ON SAFETY TRAINING

Last month, 'Man Overboard' simulation scenarios were conducted in a controlled environment for training purposes for LPC Civil Maintenance, Port Services and contractors in the Inner Harbour.

The goal was to understand the roles and responsibilities when an incident occurs, and safely retrieve the person from the water.

On standby were the dive team suited up and ready to assist with the rescue, a rescue punt in the water.

A risk assessment was completed and discussed and a briefing was undertaken.

All participants successfully completed the simulation and enjoyed the dip in the sea.



## COMINGS AND GOINGS

### NEW STARTERS

- **Simon Anderson** – Health and Safety Business Partner
- **Rozzendo Del Rosario** – Forkhoist Operator
- **Rene Gaviola** – Forkhoist Operator
- **Philip Le Roux** – Mechanic
- **Serverino Loquias** – Forkhoist Operator
- **Kyle O'Keeffe** – Health & Safety Bus Partner
- **Thea Redien** – Finance Business Analyst
- **Ricky Shaw** – Head of Asset Management & Planning
- **Hunter Turnball** – Container repairer

### LEAVERS

- **Eugene Beneke** – Chief Operating Officer
- **Rory Duff** – Cargo Handler PRP
- **Jonathon Felicite** – Service Person
- **Lesley Fleming** – Chief People & Capability Officer
- **Mark Ramsay** – Cargo Handler Group D
- **Tahu Stirling** – Māori Development Advisor

**WATCH:**

## HECTORS DOLPHIN DAZZLES OFF CASHIN QUAY

A playful dolphin was captured on video playing near Cashin Quay.

The video was sent to the Comms team, uploaded onto the Lyttelton

Port Facebook Page, shared widely, and viewed over 4,000 times.

Follow this link to watch the video: <https://vimeo.com/905412450/>



HECTOR'S DOLPHIN CAPTURED PLAYING IN LYTTTELTON HARBOUR. PHOTO / LPC

# LPC'S BIRD SANCTUARY

By **Charlotte Jones**, LPC Environment and Sustainability Advisor

Fifty White Fronted Terns have claimed an area of an old timber wharf near the Cruise Berth as their nesting site for the summer.

Named for their white patch separating their beak and black "cap", White Fronted Terns nest in coastal areas around New Zealand from October to February before dispersing. Some head to the warmer temperatures of Australia for winter, while others will stay closer to home.

While the defensive swooping from some nesting birds can cause trouble in some areas of the port, the Cruise Berth site is out of the way of operations, fully fenced and protected from predators and dogs, which provides a prime breeding sanctuary.

## A SHORT WALK FROM WATERFRONT HOUSE

The birds have made themselves at home, nesting in the cavities of old cross beams and laying their eggs in no more than a couple of sticks resembling a nest.

The adult birds sit on the nests in the same orientation, facing into the wind, with both males and females sharing the incubation duties.

The eggs hatched in December, and the walnut-sized chicks were seen poking their heads out from under the safety of their parents.

Over the Christmas break, they have grown considerably, have started to fly and are ready to leave the hatchery.

It's not just Terns taking advantage of the on-port sanctuary; red-billed gulls have also claimed the adjacent sea wall for nesting, and many chicks have developed feathers and fledged.

Take a short walk from Waterfront House, down to the cruise berth for some fresh air and check out LPC's own bird sanctuary.

To watch the video of Tern Chicks beside the Cruise Ship Berth, go to this link: <https://vimeo.com/905776203/9e17119fb7?share=copy>



TERN CHICK SNUGLING UP TO A PARENT WHILE NESTING NEAR THE CRUISE BERTH. PHOTO / LPC



A JUST-HATCHED TERN STRETCHES ITS LEGS AND WINGS BESIDE ITS NEST NEAR THE CRUISE BERTH. PHOTO / LPC



A PAIR OF 8 WEEK OLD TERNS GETTING READY TO FLY THE COUP NEAR THE CRUISE BERTH. PHOTO / LPC

## SOCIAL CLUB:

# WIN A ROUND OF GOLF!

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**WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEXT PORTAL**

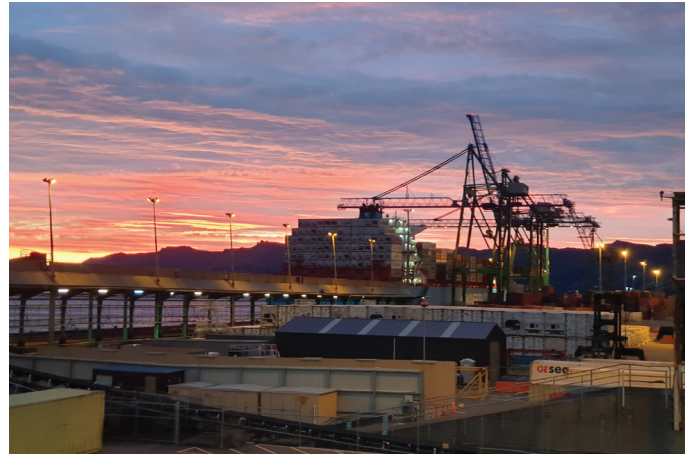
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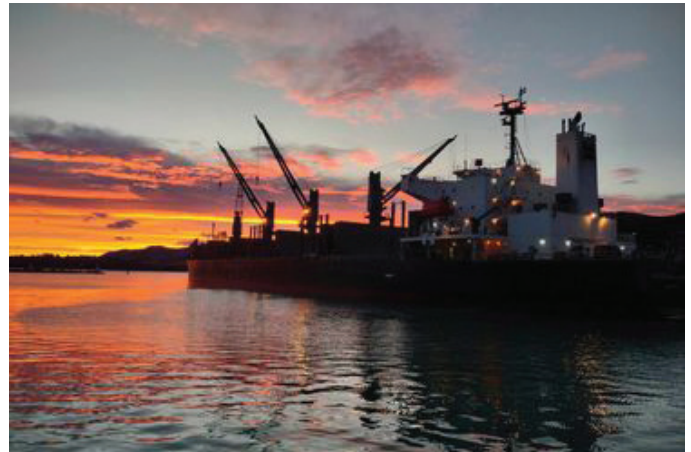
SUNSET ON CASHIN QUAY. PHOTO / RON CROSBY



VIEW LOOKING SOUTH. PHOTO / RON CROSBY



CHRISTMAS EVE VISIT OF MOANA CHIEF. PHOTO / GERARD LOADER



STUNNING SUNSET CAPTURED IN THE INNER HARBOUR. PHOTO / ARCHIE LAIRD

## SafeMate Award

Nominate someone for a SafeMate Award.

We want to recognise those at LPC who promote health and safety at LPC. Whether it's a new way of working, or making sure work is safe before you start, we want to hear from you.

Winners will be chosen by the Health and Safety Team and receive a \$50 New World Voucher.

**Win: New World Voucher**

Fill out the form found on the HomeSafe page on Kōtui or scan this QR code.



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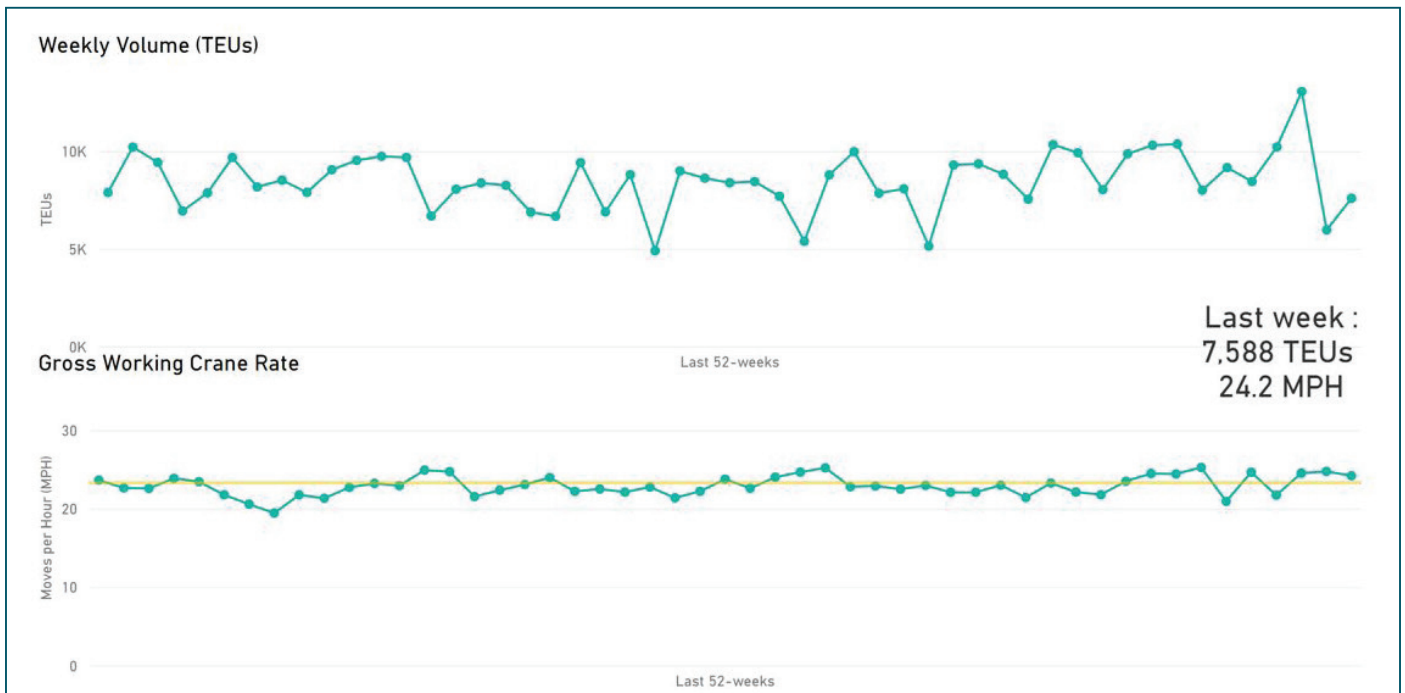
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# LCT WEEKLY PRODUCTIVITY



Gross working crane rate (GWCR) measures the productivity of each crane in containers exchanged per hour. External delays, like weather stoppages, are excluded.

## WEEKLY STATS

### Coal

Trains received	20
Coal received	28,993mt @ 5,271tpd
Coal loaded	48,400mt

### CityDepot

Containers R&D	1,887 units
Repaired	443 units

### MidlandPort

Containers R&D	1,047 units
Repaired	128 units

### Te Ana Marina

Occupancy	98%
Berths occupied	174
Visiting vessels	5

## WEEKLY WINE WINNERS

This week's winners of a \$20 Liquorland voucher are:

**BEN SINCOCK**

**CHRIS RINGDAHL**

To arrange collection or delivery of these vouchers, please email [socialclub@lpc.co.nz](mailto:socialclub@lpc.co.nz) or collect them from Tim Carter in the People Team.

## WEEKLY MOVIE WINNERS

This week's winners of a double pass to the Reading Cinema are:

**PAUL ROSER**

**TIM SIMMANCE**

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