

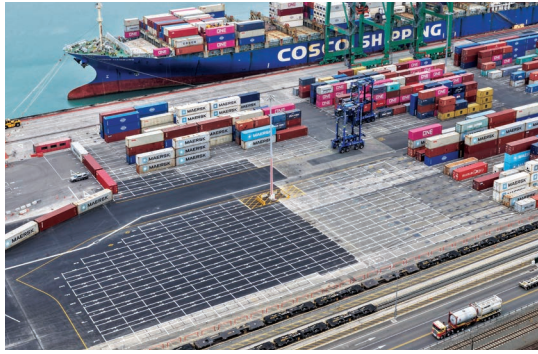
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ENVIRONMENT

Innovative marine habitat units installed

Ecologically engineered habitat units to support marine life at the Port.

LPC has installed ecologically engineered habitat units to encourage marine life at the new reclamation.

Over 200 EConcrete COASTALOCK units were installed in cluster patterns to create intertidal and subtidal habitat. The units weigh 3.5 tonnes each, have been installed along the eastern side of the reclamation seawall.

LPC Head of Environment and Sustainability, Crystal Lenky, says the new units are very different from the traditional quarry rock used on seawalls around the Port.

"These COASTALOCK units can be positioned rotationally to create small rock pools that retain water at low tide, similar to natural rocky reefs," says Crystal.

"Quarry rock does its job structurally, but it lacks nooks and crannies and doesn't hold water at low tide. By creating pools and textured surfaces, we can better mimic natural reef environments."

Some units were installed in February as a trial, and initial results are positive.

"We're starting to see green algae growing on them, which is what we want to see for encouraging organisms to establish,"



says Crystal. The eco engineering design was developed in collaboration with marine ecologist Oliver Floerl from LWP (LandWaterPeople), who worked with LPC on the concept, design, and installation.

Oliver says that the project followed a thorough process, from initial feasibility to detailed design and installation.

"There are a lot of projects that do only what's necessary. This goes well beyond that.

LPC had a really meaningful vision with the outcome," says Oliver.

"It's been a really good process with structural engineers and geotechnical specialists all involved."

Further eco engineering features are planned for other parts of the reclamation. On the southern seawall, smaller living seawall habitat boulders will be installed to complement the larger units already in place.

◀ 220 EConcrete COASTALOCK units were installed in cluster patterns to create intertidal and subtidal habitat.



◀ The Dutch dredging vessel Elbe works in Lyttelton Harbour as Lyttelton Port Company undertakes an interim emergency dredging campaign.

Lyttelton channel restoration

LPC has completed a dredging campaign to restore its main shipping channel after an unusually high level of sediment infill caused by recent extreme weather events.

Dutch dredging vessel Elbe has spent the past month restoring the Lyttelton shipping channel following extreme weather. Since the completion of the Port’s scheduled maintenance dredging programme in November last year, nearly one million cubic metres of material have been infilled in the channel. This compares with a typical annual infill volume of 600,000 – 800,000 cubic metres. A significant contributor was the severe weather event on 27 March 2026, which deposited more than 430,000 cubic metres of sediment into the channel within a matter of days. The subtropical low-pressure system brought very strong winds, large seas and long-period swell, especially around Banks Peninsula and the South Island’s east coast. Prolonged periods of large sea states from January through April have further restricted shipping movements and accelerated infill. In some areas, the loss of depth imposed tidal constraints on vessel movements. LPC Chief Customer and Supply Chain Officer Simon Munt says the work was necessary to maintain safe and reliable Port operations.

“The scale and speed of the infill we have seen over the past few months was well outside what we would normally expect,” says Munt. “Extreme weather events are clearly having a much greater impact on the harbour, and this interim dredging was required to remove high spots and restore safe channel depths for our customers.” Simon Munt says shipping safety and supply chain reliability were the Port’s top priorities. “Maintaining the shipping channel is critical for vessel safety and for keeping freight moving efficiently in and out of the South Island.” “This work was about ensuring we can continue to operate safely while adapting to increasingly variable and challenging weather conditions.” LPC says abnormal weather patterns and large sea state events are becoming more frequent. The Port will continue to monitor sediment movement closely and assess longer-term responses to increased climate-related impacts on harbour operations.

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▶ Eva Burgess learning about electrical isolation and locking out machinery.

Meet Eva Burgess

Apprentice electrician’s, first month has exposed her to cranes, straddles, and machinery.

Eva Burgess is the new electrical apprentice learning what it takes to keep the Port moving. “Most of the time we’re up the cranes, and we spend a fair bit of time at coal. I’ve also been out to MidlandPort for a problem with a gate, so it’s a real mix of things,” Eva says. For Eva, one of the most striking parts of working at the Port has been both the physical scale of the equipment and the technology behind it. “So much is going on around LPC. The cranes are massive. Everything is super technical and you can check on a lot of equipment through a computer,” Eva explains. While the environment is complex, Eva says the workshop team has made learning feel approachable. “Everyone’s been super welcoming. I feel like I’m being taught rather than just observing, which is really nice,” Eva says. Eva completed her pre-trade at the end of last year and worked in the healthcare sector prior to LPC. Electrical Foreperson, Euan Brown, says that Eva’s been quite inquisitive, which is great for the job. “She’s interacted really well with the team and has been proactive in every aspect of learning,” Euan says. Apprentices are introduced gradually to ensure safety and confidence. “We’ve done light poles, setting up work permits and job safety analysis, and working with outside contractors. She’s also been involved with the container cranes with tasks like changing carbon brushes,” he adds. “The only way to learn is to be proactive, and she really has been. I see a bright future for her, and we’ll make sure she’s exposed to as much as possible,” Euan says. Eva says she is focused on building her confidence as she formally begins her apprenticeship.



New paving delivers significant uplift in terminal capacity

Paving project paints its way to 250 additional slots at Lyttelton Container Terminal.

Final painting work at the Lyttelton Container Terminal is almost complete, unlocking valuable container space. Work is almost finished on a major paving and remediation, transforming a former workshop area into operational container space. A total of 7,500 square metres of land has been remediated and paved, creating high-value terminal space located close



◀ Extra space marked out in the Lyttelton Container Terminal.

to the wharf. Project Manager Jonathon Deaker says this is a valuable piece of land for the terminal. “Being so close to the wharf makes a real difference to how efficiently we can operate, and the additional capacity will support the growing demands on the site.” The new area provides around 250 additional ground slots, giving the terminal more room to store containers in a critical location. Proximity to the container wharf

has been a key benefit. The new area offers much closer access to vessel operations, supporting more efficient handling. The upgrade also improves how vehicles move through the terminal. The previous layout required a more complex route through the site, while the new paved area allows for a more direct and efficient flow—helping reduce congestion and supporting smoother daily operations.

Supporting vessel operations

A long standing ship supply provider at LPC has entered a new chapter, following a change in ownership at the end of 2025.



◀ The IPL team in Lyttelton, marking a new chapter following the change in ownership.

Independent Providedoring Company Limited, now trading as Independent Providedores Limited (IPL), continues to supply vessels calling at South Island ports, supporting a wide range of cruise, container and bulk vessel operations. At LPC, providedoring plays a crucial role in ensuring vessels receive the supplies they need to operate safely and on schedule. LPC Head of Customer Relations Andrew Todd, says IPL has been a trusted part of the Port community for many years. “While much of their work happens in the background, it plays an important role in maintaining customer confidence and smooth operations.” Independent Providedoring was established in 1989 by

Winsome Dormer and has built a strong reputation as a respected operator with deep industry knowledge. The new owners say preserving that legacy was a key focus throughout the transition. IPL Director Scott Johnstone brings experience from his role as General Manager of Brenics, a New Zealand owned transport and logistics company specialising in the freight of fresh, chilled and ambient food. Scott says his background in time critical logistics aligns closely with the demands of Port operations. “IPL was already a customer of ours, so we’d seen the business from the outside,” Scott says. “The culture was a great fit, and the work aligned well with our experience in

transport and supply chains.” “Coming from the fresh produce sector gives you a real appreciation for timing and reliability. A vessel waiting on supplies is no different from a supermarket shelf running empty.” Scott says the warm welcome has reinforced the importance of experience and relationships in the sector. “There’s a lot of knowledge in this business, and we’re still learning from people who’ve been doing this work for a long time.” Scott will work alongside the IPL General Manager Reuben Elliston to bring fresh ideas to the business while continuing to build on the strong foundations already in place.



◀ The 2025–26 Te Puna Manawa cohort celebrates completing the Women's Leadership Development Programme, marking the largest group to graduate since the programme began.

Women's leadership: building confidence and capability

LPC Financial Controller Cheryl Schofield has completed the Te Puna Manawa Women's Leadership Development Programme, strengthening her leadership skills.

The 7-month programme focuses on building confidence, courage, commercial thinking, strategy and influence, helping participants grow as leaders across the Christchurch City Holdings Limited (CCHL Group).

Cheryl says the experience was both valuable and challenging. "It gave me a rare chance to step back from day-to-day work and think about how I lead, where I am heading, and the impact I want to have."

As part of the programme, Cheryl worked with others on a group project exploring Christchurch's future over the next 50 years. The group presented their ideas to the cohort and the CCHL Executive Leadership Team at a graduation event on 30 April.

She says the connections made through the programme were a key highlight.

"One of the best parts has been meeting and learning from inspiring women across the Group."

The latest cohort included 18 participants, the largest to date. Over the past 3 years, 50 women have completed the programme, and all remain within CCHL organisations.

Te Puna Manawa continues to grow each year, with staff encouraged to take part in future programmes.

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COMMUNITY

School holiday bus tours

LPC is welcoming families for guided double-decker bus tours during the school holidays.

Port Bus tours are back in the July School Holidays as part of Kids Fest. These tours offer a chance to see how the port operates up close while supporting a local children's charity.

These tours are for families and people of all ages, with a special focus on making things fun and easy for kids. Young visitors can see how big the Port is and learn how goods come and go from the region. Friendly LPC staff will share stories along the way,



making it easy for kids to follow and enjoy.

Every ticket helps a good cause. Money from the tours goes to Cholmondeley Children's Centre, which gives short-term emergency and respite care.

Chief Bulk Cargo, Engagement and Sustainability Officer, Phil de Joux, says this is a great way for families to see what happens inside the Port and understand the role LPC plays in the region. "We love being able to open our gates in a way that's

engaging, informative, and meaningful for the community." Please note that all visitors aged 16 and over must bring a photo ID to access the Port, and children under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Bookings go live 9 June 2026.

To secure a ticket or find out more scan QR code. Spaces are limited, and bookings are essential.



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