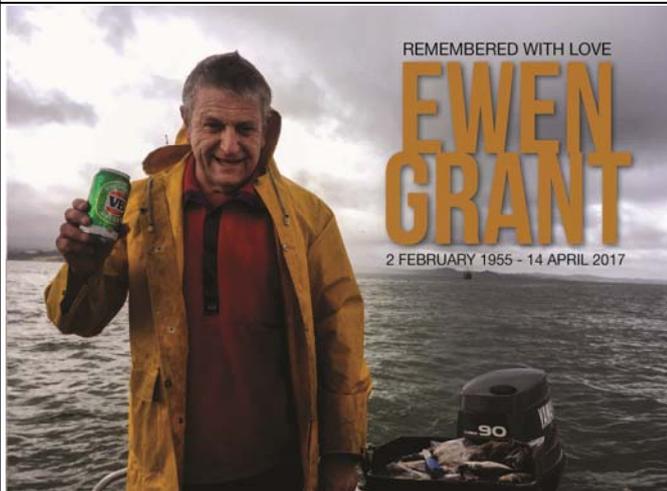


Welcome to Take Five, PDL's newsletter. We will share with you news updates, information and events from PDL and our agencies around the Pacific. Please email your comments and any feedback or suggestions to: info@pdl123.com

SHIPPING LOSES A GREAT MAN



It is with a heavy heart that PDL says farewell to our much loved friend and colleague, Ewen Grant who passed away at his home in Auckland on Good Friday, April 14th after a battle with cancer. Our thoughts and sympathy are extended to Julie, Rory and Jack.

Ewen only joined PDL in early 2016, but he was a long serving and hugely respected member of the Shipping and Forwarding fraternity both here in New Zealand and in the many Pacific Islands he frequently travelled to. Rest in Peace Ewen.

STUDENTS VISIT NEW NATIONAL STORAGE SITE

Students from the Tupou Tertiary Institute School of Architectural Technology have been watching progress on the setting up of building profiles for a new state of the art 2000m² warehouse at the 5 acre National Storage facility in Nuku'alofa. They are pictured listening to the local Manager of CaBella Ltd, Mr Paea Pau'u as he explains the profiling process to them. CaBella have been contracted to pour the concrete floor for the depot and the prefabricated Steel framework will be on site in 10 weeks ready for construction. As mentioned in the last Take 5, this building will be utilised for LCL cargo, document storage and managed warehousing. If your company has interest in space in the new facility, or in the bonded car storage area or self storage lock up areas all under the management of National Storage Limited, please contact us on (676) 21670 (676) 24500.



NEW PIL SPS DIRECT SERVICE STARTS

PIL has launched a new fortnightly service connecting China directly with PNG, the Solomon Islands, New Caledonia and Fiji. Transam will represent the new trade in Noumea, Lautoka and Suva and Express Freight Management will be the agent in Honiara and Lae. PDL will utilise this service to supplement the existing South Pacific Services to and from Asia which currently move on the PIL NCS and NZS services.

The new service will consist of three ships on fixed day schedules providing a 14 day frequency and the fastest transit between China and the South Pacific ports. It represents a cooperative partnership between Mariana Express Line and Pacific International Line with MELL being the vessel operator and PIL commercialising the trade.

For further information on this new service please contact your local Transam agency or you can access the SPS Schedule by clicking on the link and selecting the Asia to SPS download. <http://www.pdl123.co.nz/schedules/>

NEW FORKLIFT FOR CRS TONGA

Container Repairs and Sales Ltd in Tonga has taken delivery of a replacement fork hoist for the depot in Nuku'alofa. The machine is a Mitsubishi 15 tonne capacity work horse which will be used to support the existing Omega 5 high stacker and a smaller 7 tonne Clark machine. It will be used for moving empty containers about the CRS yard for washing and Sea Container Hygiene System cleaning for the Ministry of Primary Industry in New Zealand, and also for lifting containers carrying motor vehicles for unpacking into the new bonded car storage facility at National Storage Limited next door to CRS.

CRS has obtained an additional acre of land allowing them to double their storage and wash area to cater for the huge growth in volume through Tonga. CRS will also soon expand its operations into Lautoka Fiji with a new depot currently under construction as volumes build in Fiji as well.



PDL APPOINTS NEW TRADE MANAGER

Andy Payne has joined PDL as Trade Manager, Transshipments, based in our Auckland office. He is well known to most of you from his 17 years at McKay Shipping and PIL New Zealand where Andy was deputy General Manager. Andy joins the Transshipment team at PDL to help provide the focus and direction to this very important part of the PDL business. He is married with two children and we welcome him to the PDL family. You can reach Andy on Ph: 027 8085791 or email: andyp@pdl123.co.nz

