

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

CRS TONGA COMMITTED TO SAFETY

CRS Tonga, the dedicated Container cleaning and storage facility in Nuku'alofa, recently undertook a full Health and Safety Audit under the management of Oloff Visser from Visser Consultancy New Zealand. One of the recommendations of the audit was to replace the old container stands with 12 new certified stands purpose built in Auckland. CRS staff are pictured below using the new gear for their Sea Container Hygiene System washes which they undertake in compliance with NZ Ministry of Primary Industry requirements for safe entry to New Zealand. All empty containers are steam cleaned inside and out before being chemically treated on external surfaces to ensure zero pest contamination. CRS was the first facility in Tonga to be approved by MPI and has been in operation for four years.



NOVEMBER CHARITY MONTH AT PDL

For every cargo booking placed with PDL in November, PDL will be matching any donations from our customers to either of two charities, Cancer Society, and Cure Kids.

Cancer Society. Walking Stars. The PDL team, "Flying Scotsman", in support of our own bonnie wee Scot, Ewen Grant are raising money for the Cancer Society's "Walking Stars 2016" event to be held on November 26th. For more information you can click on the following link <https://walkingstars2016.everydayhero.com/nz/flying-scotsman>

Cure Kids Fiji Oxygen Project. PDL, in partnership with the Fiji Ministry of Health and leading paediatric and technical experts, Cure Kids, are providing new ways to improve the availability and clinical use of oxygen to save young lives in Fiji.

Additionally PDL will host an auction on November 30th to raise money for these two projects. Amongst other attractions, the main event will be for the highest bidder to become a hairdresser and shave the locks of our CEO, Olivier Ravel! Details of this event will be available soon and will be on our website. Thank you for your kind support.

ANOTHER 650 NEW CONTAINERS FOR PDL



Further to our last advice of the arrival of 600 new containers in Auckland, PDL has purchased an additional 500 20 foot standard height general containers and 150 40 foot Hicube general containers. PDL Container Manager, Bianca Sciascia said, "This investment in additional new containers shows PDL's commitment to offering our customers the most modern container fleet in the Pacific Region." Once again additional strengthening has been added around the tyne pockets to protect the containers for the extra wear and tear associated with the South Pacific shipping environment.

NEW REPLACEMENT FOR CPT WALLIS



Pictured above is the new MV Capitaine Dampier which is entering the Fiji Trade as replacement for the Capitaine Wallis. Her rotation will be Auckland, Nuku'alofa, Suva, Lautoka, Tauranga, Auckland on a 14 day schedule. This ship, built in 2001, is 23,000 dwt, 1730 TEU capacity with the additional feature of three cranes. She is expected to enter the trade in mid December.

PDL General Manager, Giles Jephcott said, "PDL are delighted to partner Neptune Shipping on the NZ to Fiji trade and are pleased to be able to introduce a second vessel call to Tonga directly from Auckland. This will mean PDL is able to offer a direct call every seven days in conjunction with the existing Southern Lily service."

PDL SPONSORS NAVUTU RUGBY TEAM

As reported in The Fiji Times, champion Navutu team from Lautoka was on top of the Super Premier points table having won five of their first six matches. PDL donated playing kit to the team of largely unemployed members. Team official, Rusi Tugaga thanked PDL for their commitment to help the club, many of its members using rugby as their main hope to find a better future. Tugaga said the gift would inspire the players to keep on working hard and to achieve their rugby aim. Pictured with the players is Sachida Naidu from PDL Auckland, who presented them with their team jerseys.



AUDREY EVANS MIXING WITH STARS



US Actor, Sam Elliot shares a glass of wine with Audrey Evans from PDL Auckland. Sam is in Tarawa filming a war documentary set in the Gilbert Islands. He is famous for his roles in TV shows such as Mission Impossible, and movies like Tombstone, Mask and The Big Lebowski.

Audrey on the other hand is best known for her role as assistant agency manager in Vanuatu before returning to Head Office in Auckland where she continues to look after Branch Accounting for Vila, Cook Islands and Kiribati as well as the CRS container depots in Auckland and Mount Maunganui.

Audrey is a dedicated runner, having completed an adventure marathon in Myanmar, all the more notable as she ran the full distance with a fracture in her foot. She also recently undertook a five week trekking holiday in Tibet and Nepal, succumbing to altitude sickness and giving her companions quite a scare before recovering and continuing the adventure.