

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

MRS SHEFALI MEHTA RECEIVES QSM



We are very proud to advise that Mrs Shefali Mehta has been awarded the Queen's Service Medal in the 2016 New Year Honours for services to the Indian Community. Shefali is pictured on the left with Prime Minister John Key. Her award acknowledges her 18 years as a member of the Auckland Harbourside Rotary Club, and during her time as President in 2012 and 2013 the Club raised over \$100,000 for Starship Hospital. Shefali organised the 2012 Peace

and Conflict Resolution Forum in Auckland, she is national secretary of the Global Organisation of People of Indian Origin, NZ, and is on a committee associated with a Convention on Family Violence. She volunteers for the Bharatiya Samaj Charitable Trust and many other causes too numerous to list. Shefali was involved in community activities in PNG and was awarded the British Empire Medal in 1994. Shefali has worked for PDL associated companies for more than twenty years and she is currently handling Agent's disbursements. Our sincere congratulations to you Shefali. Well deserved!!

NORTHPORT NEW SHORE CRANE

The Southern Trader, our dedicated Tahiti vessel is pictured below working under the new shore crane at Marsden Point. Peaking at 22 container moves in the first 25 minutes of operation, the new \$5 million Terex Gottwald Crane achieved an average of 30 containers per hour across the load and discharge of the ship. The crane has an auto locating function which means the stevedore does not have to position the spreaders, reducing damage and improving productivity. This should help address some of the scheduling issues we had last year. She also has a ground sensor, safety barriers, and auto levelling spreaders. Southern Trader sails to Tahiti every 17 days from Marsden Point and Auckland.



CRS TO OPEN DEPOT IN TAURANGA

CRS Tauranga Limited, a new purpose built Container Depot, is under construction in Mount Maunganui with a planned completion date of May 2016. This facility, less than a kilometre from the Port, will be able to accommodate around 3000 TEU on site and will include a double bay repair shop able to process both twenty and forty foot containers, offices and staff amenities, plus a large refrigerated container pre-trip and wash area. The 26,000m² premises will be fully security fenced. CRS sees the need for a specialist refrigerated container facility as the demand outstrips the supply from existing depots. Also land on the wharf is becoming increasingly tight so CRS has decided to obtain a site that is off wharf. CRS originally started in Penrose Auckland and has extended its operations to Suva, Nuku'alofa, Tauranga with plans in the pipeline for two other depots in the next year.



CYCLONE WINSTON STRIKES FIJI

On Saturday February 20th Cyclone Winston struck the Islands of Fiji with entire villages being wiped out in some remote islands and the death toll rising above 40 so far. Koro Island which lies in the Koro Sea between the two main islands was one of the worst hit. We have contacted our offices and thankfully all



Transam and CRS Staff are reported safe and well although many were badly shaken by the ordeal. Power, phones and internet are restored but of course there will be some disruption to the normal responses. PDL are being asked by our customers how they can help the victims of the Cyclone. The aid effort is being coordinated through the office of the Prime Minister of Fiji to ensure all aid is properly targeted. Alan Foote, Commercial Manager for PDL is



the point of contact if you want information on freight relief on aid shipments. He can be reached on email: alanf@pdl123.co.nz or by phone on +64 9 3083910.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Fiji at this terrible time.

PDL AND SEMCO AT THE POLO PARTY

PDL joined with their friends from Semco to jointly host 130 customers and friends at the 2016 New Zealand Polo Open at the Auckland Polo Club in Clevedon.



This year the PDL/Semco team missed out on the finals but this did not stop the attendees from enjoying a wonderful afternoon of top class polo, high fashion, fine wine and food.

As has become something of a tradition, the PDL/Semco marquee was once again the centre of much attention with the amazing body painted polo shirts on the men and women who served the food and drinks.



This was the first year since the passing of Harry Semenoff, founding owner of Semco who is sorely missed, but Harry Junior and Olivier Ravel as hosts ensured that a great time was had by all the guests.



KINGDOM STORAGE TO OPEN LATER THIS YEAR IN NUKU'ALOFA

Dateline Transam is working with PDL to develop a three acre storage facility behind the CRS depot and Dateline office facility in Tonga. There will be 70 converted 20 foot containers with roller doors and shelving, in a fully secured fenced and guarded yard for documents, personal effects and general storage requirements. Alongside this will be a 5,000 m² warehouse facility to accommodate the ever growing demand for quality warehousing. Also there will be a large bonded area for the storage of cars and boats. General Manager of Dateline Transam, Fine Tohi said, "There is strong demand for quality secure managed storage facilities in Nuku'alofa, with many companies and Government departments expressing interests in the concept."

