

## Sailor helped to get home to sick wife (Update)

The local Port State Control informed us that the Crew Change was in jeopardy due to the company not being able to supply relief to the ship. The Captain responded positively to being urged to send this sailor home in light of his wife's health issues. It's great to see the important role we play in being the trusted advocate for seafarers.

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## Mass onboard Kiribati Chief

The captain of Kiribati Chief requested a Mass to be held onboard. Noel was all set to transport Father Glenn to the ship when it sailed early! We'll see what we can arrange next time!

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## Port Welfare Committee Meeting

The Auckland Port Welfare Committee met on Fri Feb 28 at the Auckland Seafarers Centre. The PWC was pleased to see stats from 2024 and commended the team on their excellent work.

Daniel Gardner (MNZ) was able to inform the group that his team had discovered some anomalies regarding the payment of bonuses and overtime. We are developing a flyer to leave onboard advising crew to check that their pay-slips are accurate.

The PWC are writing a Letter of Support to Maritime Welfare Ltd to support future grant applications to continue providing seafarer welfare services in the Port of Auckland. MW and MNZ staff reps abstained from this letter due to conflicts of interest.

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## Bluff Seafarers Centre Training

MW National Welfare Manager Aaron Ironside spend three days in Bluff conducting in-person and onboard training to the group of volunteers who have formed a welfare team.

Three ship visits were undertaken with the group, with each including a comprehensive tour of the vessel. The team were excited to spend time with the crew onboard and learn more about the life and challenges of being a seafarer.

The local Centre continues its refurbishment program, with new utilities and furniture being installed. The team have met with several crew visiting the Centre, often leading to shopping or sightseeing trips.

South Port have been very supportive in partnering with the new team and continue to provide training and induction to the Health and Safety protocols on the port.