

## The Southern Cross

The Southern Cross 10 is a converted Ferry used by the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

The Melanesian Mission ship series dates back to the 19th century, when the first Southern Cross schooner set sail in 1855. Over the years, a total of ten ships have borne the name, from sailing ships to steamers. Each was commissioned to support the Church's operations by providing vital transportation for missions, personnel changes, and the transportation of students.

The current ship is berthed in Auckland for repairs before being handed over to new owners.

The crew contacted the Seafarers Centre because they were not receiving the delivery allowance they are entitled to during their stay in Port. We were able to contact the local church officials and ensure the crew receive their payments so that they can make the most of their time in the city. Four crew remain onboard and visit the Centre regularly for much needed connection

## One Big Family Support

The local charity has been regularly providing free clothes for the seafarers. This initiative continues to be among the most appreciated services we offer. Crew are often sailing across hemispheres and find they do not have the correct clothes for the changing weather!

## Sailors Society supports Mercy Ships Golf Day

National Welfare Manager Aaron Ironside and three golf buddies recently competed in the Mercy Ships Golf Fundraiser. The team started the day with a birdie putt and went onto score 8 under par as a team. Despite this great score they were two shots outside the prizes!

