

# PORT WATCH AUCKLAND

A monthly newsletter from the Auckland International Seafarers Centre



## Merchant Navy Day Service



The Maritime Museum hosted the annual Merchant Navy Day Memorial service attended by over 200 guests.

This year's keynote address was delivered by Neill Atkinson, Chief Historian and Manager of Heritage Content at Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage.

The service was led by Mission to Seafarers Port Chaplain Noel Cox, with contributions by Sailors Society National C Chaplain Aaron Ironside and AISC Chairman Capt. Chris Barradale.

## National Training Days



Mission to Seafarers hosted staff from port all around the country for two days of professional development.

St John's delivered their Mental Health First Aid course which focuses on the HEAD approach. Hazard, Engage, Action, Debrief.

The following day included training on the Happy at Sea app, how New Zealand is participating in some international research on seafarers welfare, and an engaging discussion with MUNZ and MNZ around MLC complaints.

## Farewell to 114 Quay St



After 53 years at Quay St we held a moving farewell service on Sunday September 28.

As part of the service we announced that the opening of the Barradale lounge in honour of our beloved Chairman, Capt. Chris Barradale - in recognition of his service to seafarers at the Centre since 1982!

We moved on October 1 to a new Centre at 21 Tooley St and we will plan a Grand Opening later in the year.

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who helped us set up our new home and to the Port of Auckland for their generous partnership in providing the new venue.

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