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Message from the Directors



If there is one particular theme to this month's edition of "Beyond the Reef", it is continuity. Reef Shipping has, in one form or another, been providing shipping links in the south west Pacific region for over 45 years. During the last few weeks, a number of directors and staff have enjoyed looking back at their ten or more years' individual involvement with the company. At the same time, with an eye to the future (not just of the company, its people and customers, but also the future of our environment), some of us have been planting trees. Many of the trees planted are kauri, which will barely have reached maturity in our lifetime, and which can be expected to thrive for literally hundreds of years. This present period, is, of course, a turbulent time for any business. Over the last year or so, and against the background of the global financial crisis, we have seen wildly fluctuating interest rates, major movements in fuel prices, and dramatic and rapid changes in our currency. However, throughout all of that volatility, we have appreciated the continuing support of so many customers, their staff, and our own committed people. On our side, we hope that all of our readers - customers, their personnel and ours, or anyone else with an interest in shipping and trading in our region - can see that, with many of the same team of people throughout, we have years of successful operations under our belt, busy times here and now, and the expectation of being around for a long time to come. We hope you enjoy this latest look at the continuing life of Reef.

John Gresson

Reef's "Green Day Out"- Playing our part for the environment

As a company committed to making a difference in our communities and our environment, Reef's "Big green Days out" proved a huge success in a number of ways. Most importantly, 500 juvenile Kauri trees were planted over 3 days as part of a reforestation program on Phillip McNicholl's Wellsford farm block. A large number of Totara and Cabbage trees were also planted to be complimented by a variety of other natives. Despite the aching bodies and blistered hands, there was a real satisfaction for those whom participated in knowing that they had contributed in a real positive way to the environment and had made an investment in the generations to come who will enjoy a stand of New Zealand's finest native vegetation and a healthier ecosystem. The exercise also proved a fantastic team building exercise for the staff and directors that took part.

The "working gang" enjoying a well earned cold "beverage".



Creating a legacy for the next generation- the kauri forest takes shape.



The next generation- Tom McNicholl.



Johnny Wichman catches the kai for the evening meal



"Girl Power"...Sam Barreto and Katrina Rees



Geoff Gillott, Michael Jones and Phillip McNicholl

Shipping contract with Alrite Aluminium features in the "Shipping Gazette"

Story:-Reef Shipping has commenced a significant project cargo contract, shipping material to be used in a roading project in Apia (Samoa) from Auckland on the 6245 grt Southern Lily. The contract with Alrite International is expected to include over 3000 water and ducting pipes, equating to about 18,000 cubic metres of cargo, being shipped either via break-bulk, 20-foot flat rack or 20-foot container mode. This material is to be used to lengthen, construct and widen a main road leading into the Apia township, including the establishment of all underground utility services. Alrite International and Alrite Steel & Services New Zealand is due to complete the NZ\$12 million contract over 15 months.



Project cargo being shipped to Apia on the Southern Lily.

Reef Group welcomes new staff members



Ramsey Tomokino



Tony Kuyk

We are pleased to welcome **Ramsey Tomokino** and **Tony Kuyk** to Reef Group. Ramsey takes over long serving Reef employee, Katrina Rees' role as **Process Improvement and IT Manager**. Katrina is moving onto a new challenge, studying full time in IT Management at University. Ramsey joins Reef after a long career (19 years) with Housing NZ where he specialised in IT. Tony is Reef Fishing Ltd's new **Marine Superintendent**, and comes to Reef Group from Fullers, Auckland where he was Engineer Manager. Both will be based at the Beach Road Building.

Key customers enjoy Reef's "Eden Park Rugby Night Out"

Over the course of the Super 14 competition, Reef has used the Eden Park Blues home games as an opportunity to host a night of rugby and dinner at the Dom, in Dominion Rd, and say thanks to some of Reef's key clients and service suppliers. Reef Bulk Fuels and their guests enjoyed the Blues vs. Lions game, Reef freight attended the Highlanders game whilst Reef Shipping will be hosting guests at the Crusaders game. Reef is also planning a rugby night out, for the Bledisloe Cup game against Australia.



Free Flu vaccinations prove popular

A large number of Reef staff took the opportunity to receive free flu jabs going into winter. Hopefully these same staff will still be smiling by the end of winter having warded off any serious flu virus that may happen to be going around this winter.

Congratulations Mark and Becky Williams!

Fantastic news to hear that our Group Commercial Manager, and his lovely wife Becky, are expecting their second child later this year. We wish them all the very best!

The "Pounamu Club"-celebrating 10 years of service at Reef Group

Reef staff who have served the company for a decade or more, (Pounamu Club) were deservedly hosted to a celebration lunch by Phillip McNicholl and fellow Directors, John Gresson and Kim Gordon. There were many memories shared by all over fine dining and wine at Soul Bar on Auckland's waterfront. Such was the success of the lunch, it is set to become an annual event on the Reef Group social calendar.



Ramsey's monthly IT Tips

How do I update Outlook when I am on leave?
Where do I look to check when other staff are on leave?



* Ensure your view in Outlook has been set to Folder List and you can now view the public folders.
* Expand the Public Folders until you get to Calendar - Staff leave
* If you find Drilling down to much of a hassle do a right click on the calendar and select add to favorites.
* You will see this Calendar under Favorites in the public folders or even better it will show in your own calendar

Public Folders

Calendar - Staff leave (1042)

Other Calendars

Calendar - Staff leave in Public Folders (1042)

