

# Welcome to the

# **New Zealand Cruise Association Conference 2025**

Jacqui Lloyd - CEO



### **Your Board**

# NZCA Board announced at the AGM Yesterday

Avinash Murthy Ports of Auckland

David Kriel Napier Port

Debbie Summers ID New Zealand (Deputy Chair)

Karen Thompson-Smith Tātaki Auckland Unlimited

Oscar Nathan Tourism Bay of Plenty

Richard Carvalho ISS Shipping

**Sean Marsh** Te Puia

Tansy Tompkins Wellington Cable Car (Chair)

Jacqui Lloyd CEO

Paul Yeo Tourism New Zealand (Ex officio)

Rebecca Ingram Tourism Industry Aotearoa (Ex officio)

Chair

Tansy Tompkins

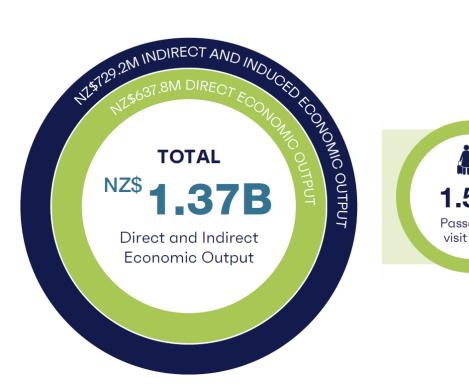
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**Treasurer** 

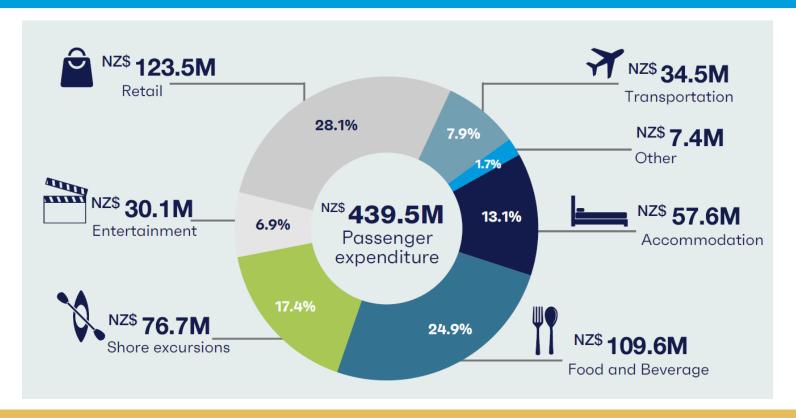
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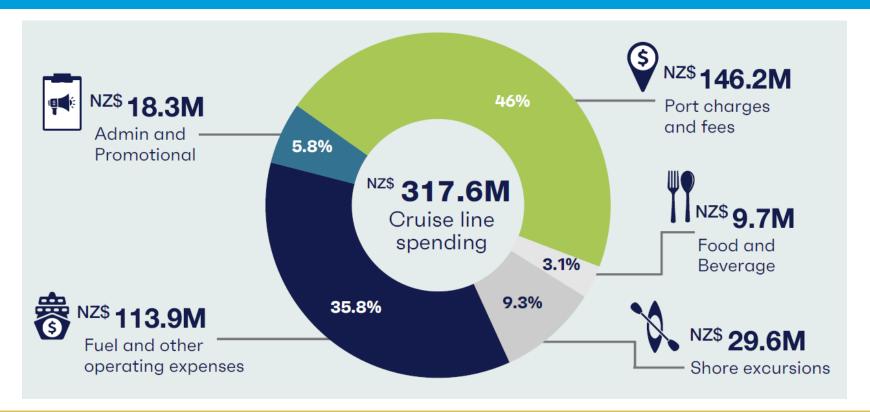














Average passenger spend per day: NZS 282.2

### **Turnaround Ports**

Domestic pax

NZ\$ **707.1** 

International pax

NZ\$ 697.8

# **Transit Ports**

Domestic pax

NZ\$ 214.6

International pax

NZ\$ 223.2

# **Crew expenditure in New Zealand**

NZ\$ 23.5M

Total crew spend

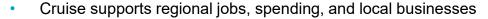
NZ\$ 73.9

Crew member average spend per day

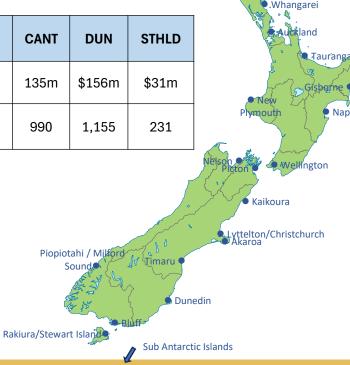


# **Cruise Matters – To Regions and the Economy**

| Direct /<br>Indirect | NTHLD | AKL    | ВОР    | GIS  | НВ    | NP   | WELL   | MLB   | NEL  | CANT | DUN    | STHLD |
|----------------------|-------|--------|--------|------|-------|------|--------|-------|------|------|--------|-------|
| Total<br>Output      | \$68m | \$604m | \$112m | \$5m | \$89m | \$2m | \$100m | \$60m | \$2m | 135m | \$156m | \$31m |
| People<br>Employed   | 457   | 4,181  | 784    | 34   | 657   | 15   | 758    | 452   | 15   | 990  | 1,155  | 231   |



- Towns and cities already feeling the pinch
- Real concerns about loss of IP



Pahia



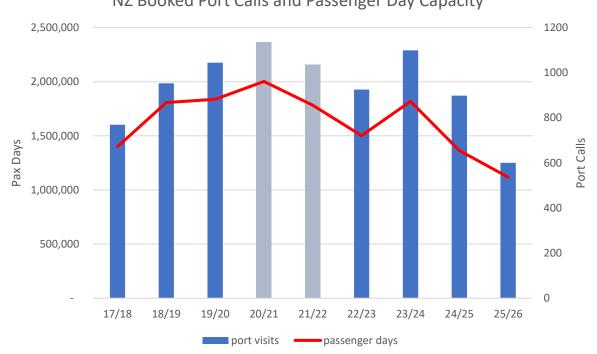
# **New Zealand Booking Trends**

| Booked                   | 2023/24   | 2024/25   | % drop from 23/24 TO 24/25 |           | % drop from<br>24/25 TO 25/26 | Total drop from<br>23/24 (Best Season)<br>to 25/26 forecast | Total % drop from<br>23/24 (Best<br>Season)<br>to 25/26 forecast |  |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Port Calls               | 1,120     | 915       | -18%                       | 663       | -28%                          | 457 fewer port calls  | -41%   |  |
| Unique Guest<br>Capacity | 360,000   | 281,000   | -22%                       | 216,775   | -23%                          | 143,000 fewer guests  | -40%   |  |
| Crew                     | 149,000   | 120,000   | -19%                       | 92,935    | -23%                          | 56,000 fewer crew   | -38%   |  |
| Passenger Days           | 1,818,503 | 1,366,640 | -25%                       | 1,127,824 | -17%                          | 690,679 fewer pax days                                      | -38%   |  |
| Vessels                  | 55        | 46        | -16%                       | 39        | -15%                          | 16 fewer vessels  | -29%   |  |
| Voyages                  | 207       | 165       | -20%                       | 127       | -23%                          | 80 fewer voyages  | -39%   |  |



## **New Zealand Calls**

### NZ Booked Port Calls and Passenger Day Capacity



18% drop in port calls in 2024/25 28% drop forecasted for 2025/26

Over 40% decline in bookings since 2023/24

Impact already felt across regional economies





# The Why's

- **Biofouling risk** Despite compliance, regulations make it impossible for lines to confidently predict a ship will be allowed to enter New Zealand. The brand risk and operational cost is unacceptable to many lines.
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The Risk – 27/28 planning, tipping point, operators can't sustain losses .....

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# Focus on advocacy and collaboration

- Cruise Aotearoa New Zealand 2040
- Whole of government approach
- Tourism Growth Roadmap
- Data and Research
- Milford Decision
- Perception



## **Cruise Aotearoa New Zealand 2040**

#### **HORIZONS**

Alignment & Momentum 2024 2025

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Integration & Impact 2025

Evolution & Contribution

#### **HORIZON 01 OBJECTIVES**

#### Unlock Data and Measurement

- Enable a cruise specific data and evidence base through partnership and integration
- Measure contribution 'pillars' economy, environment, community and visitor
- Make measurement widely available throughout the sector

#### **Activate Communications**

- Develop a leadership position that builds a positive cruise narrative
- Educate key stakeholders on the cruise ecosystem
- Enable deeper understanding between destination and cruise lines

#### Engage Government Stakeholders

- Build government alignment with cruise strategy, vision and goals
- Engage advocacy and support of key agencies
- Develop awareness and trust throughout government system – national, regional, and local

#### Build and Strengthen Partnerships

- Develop national cruise partnerships at multiple levels of the system
- Grow capability to accelerate progress towards our future
- Mitigate vulnerability of New Zealand cruise sector to deployment variability

# Integrate National and Regional Operations

- Enable best practice operations and integration for consistency and regional relevance
- Improve the standard, consistency and distinctiveness of visitor experience
- Make ship visits better for communities.



# **Whole of Government Approach**

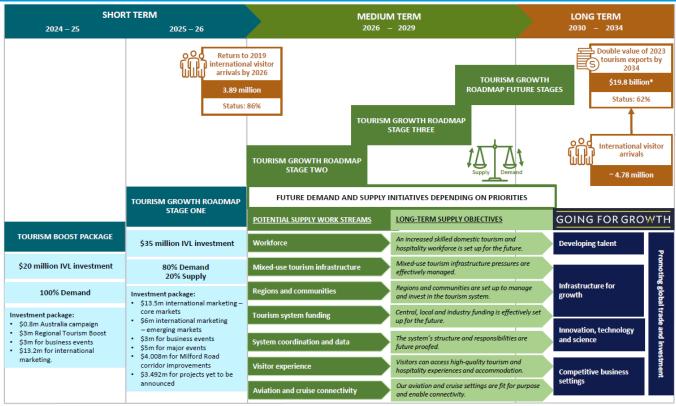








# **Tourism Growth Roadmap**







### **Data and Research**

#### 2023/24

### The Value of Cruise Tourism

The inaugural New Zealand Cruise Industry Economic Impact Analysis for 2023-24 provides new and comprehensive insight into the national cruise economy, revealing the full value of cruise tourism to communities throughout the country.



#### 2023/2024 New Zealand Cruise Industry Economic Contribution



The 2023-24 financial year brought \$1.37 billion in total economic output created by cruise tourism in New Zealand, supporting employment totaling 9,729 jobs and \$425.9 million in wages for New Zealand workers.



#### New Zealand Cruise Impact Research

Prepared for: Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment

December 2024





# **Milford Decision**





# **Perception**





### Where to next ....

Advocacy Drive a stable, transparent regulatory environment for smooth, predictable cruise operations.

**Promotion** Showcase NZ on the world stage, from Seatrade Miami to Hamburg, and engage directly with cruise lines.

Partnership Unite central and local government, tourism bodies, ports, airlines, and members for coordinated cruise recovery and growth.

**Strategy** Refresh Cruise Aotearoa NZ 2040 to stay relevant and responsive to today's challenges.



# There is genuine opportunity for growth from the 2027/28 season onward And we need your help

- Keep talking about why cruise matters to you, your business, your region.
- Educate decision-makers in your communities and regions.
- Push for clarity, stability, and smart regulation.
- Support the cross-government approach to cruise policy.

# Thank you to New Platinum members















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