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'NZ's Wine Port' up for its first international industry award

Port Nelson a finalist in the prestigious Lloyd's List Asia Pacific Awards

Port Nelson is amongst 'exemplars of best practice across the APAC maritime industry' according to the judges of Lloyd's List, the most prestigious maritime awards in the world.

The port has been announced as one of six finalists of the 2018 Port Infrastructure Development of the Year in the Asia Pacific region.

Port Nelson CEO Martin Byrne says the Patterson Logistics Centre infrastructure project supported by the logistics service QuayConnect is worthy of being an international award finalist.

"The Patterson Logistics Centre has been a significant capital investment for Port Nelson," Byrne says. "In fact, the project has been our highest value infrastructure investment in more than 100 years, primarily built to meet the demands of the burgeoning wine industry.

"The amount of wine trade moving through the Patterson Logistics Centre using our QuayConnect service is considerable," he says. "Efficiencies have greatly improved with the second warehouse being completed in December last year. For example, in May 2017, QuayConnect loaded 181 bottled wine containers. A year later, utilising additional capacity available in the second warehouse, we loaded 251. That's more than 3.6 million bottles of wine exported to overseas markets.

"What is also remarkable is the significant reduction in truck hours and carbon emissions recorded despite the increases in wine freight movements," Byrne says. "We are very proud to own the country's biggest port-side wine storage facility while reducing our impact on the environment."

Last year with QuayConnect the port won two New Zealand awards; the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) award and the Resilience to Climate Change category in the Green Ribbon Awards. QuayConnect was also a finalist in the 2017 Deloitte Energy Excellence Awards.

The Lloyd's List winner will be announced at an awards evening in Singapore on 27 September, 2018.

Lloyd's List Port Infrastructure Development of the Year Finalists

Bintulu Port Holdings Berhad, Malaysia

Port Nelson

Port of Tanjung Pelepas, Malaysia

PSA, Singapore

Saigon Newport Corporation, China

VICT, Australia

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