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Cruise Season Closes at Napier Port on 76 Calls for the Year

Napier Port's cruise season has closed, having already welcomed 76 cruise ships during the 2019/2020 cruise season. This saw 129,000 cruise passengers and 55,000 crew visit Hawke's Bay between October 2019 and March 2020.

Napier Port (NZX.NPH) has announced that, due to travel restrictions enforced on Sunday evening, cruise lines have cancelled all remaining cruise calls for the current season. The next calls are due in October 2020.

At the start of the season, Napier Port had 87 cruise visits booked, however four calls cancelled due to weather this year and seven have cancelled due to developments related to Covid-19.

Napier Port chief executive, Todd Dawson says that despite the cancellations, it has still been a strong cruise season for the Hawke's Bay.

"Tourism operators and service businesses who rely on cruise visitors will feel the impact on their businesses from the recent Government announcements and we know that this will be tough for them."

"However, we are also confident that Hawke's Bay remains a popular cruise destination and despite the cancellations this season we still had eight more cruise visits than last year and 21 more than the year before, with a strong outlook for 2020/21 season.

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About Napier Port

Napier Port is New Zealand's fourth largest port by container volume. We are the main gateway for Hawke's Bay exports and operate a long-term regional infrastructure asset that supports the regional economy. Our strategic purpose is to collaborate with the people and organisations that have a stake in helping our region grow. Visit Napier Port's investor centre: www.napierport.co.nz/investor-centre/