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## **Media Advisory**

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### **The Wynyard Point of difference**

It may not be a “gem” of the Waitemata Harbour just yet, but the Wynyard Precinct, including the Tank Farm and Western Reclamation, is an interesting slice of waterfront life.

It’s the ‘working’ face of the waterfront, just next door to the trendy Viaduct Harbour entertainment area.

This often forgotten part of the Auckland waterfront is still very much a marine-related working area with the commercial fishing fleet, ship repair, fish markets, chandleries and boat sales yards as well as the landmark tanks on Wynyard Point. There are also the fish markets with restaurants in nearby Jellicoe St.

Public access on Wynyard Point is restricted to Hamer and Brigham streets, but provides access to the popular Point where there is plenty of street parking.

Why not visit the Point for the best panorama of the harbour? The vista extends from the upper harbour and the bridge in the west, across to Devonport, with sweeping views across to Rangitoto, Waiheke, and Browns islands around to the workings of the port and back around to the Viaduct Harbour.

Seating at the point provides a great place to enjoy lunch with a terrific view – and for those in the know there is good fishing to be had off the point. It will also be a good viewing point for Auckland’s Anniversary Day regatta on January 29 with yachts passing just a few metres away.

Wynyard Point offers an alternative to two other harbourside public access viewing points – the viewing platform at the end of Princes Wharf which has been reopened to the public after attempts to restrict public access – and, right on the eastern tip of the harbour, Teal Park at Mechanics Bay has a good grassed area for a picnic.

The historic Wynyard Precinct reclaimed land is soon to be transferred from Ports of Auckland to its shareholding entity, Auckland Regional Holdings (ARH), which is promoting the redevelopment of the area. It’s scheduled for a bright new life as part of the major Wynyard Quarter redevelopment which will be staged over 20 years.

ARH, a specialist investment management entity which provides funds to the ARC for infrastructure, is to establish a waterfront management company to manage the redevelopment as its agent.

ARH chair, Judith Bassett, says while Wynyard Point is still very much a working port area, the Point is a great place to visit for one of the best views of the harbour.

"Many people may not know there is public road access and they can drive down Hamer St to the point," says Mrs Bassett.

"Even although this area is some years away from being redeveloped, it is a great spot to get a panorama of the harbour and it is popular for wharf fishing".

She says Wynyard Point is a great place for a lunchtime stroll, visit with the children to do some wharf fishing, or just to have a look at an interesting part of the harbour.

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