

PFL's DRUM BEAT

August 2011

Pacific Showcase – The Cloud 6th-9th September

From 6-9th September there will be a Pacific presence at The 'Cloud', the iconic new development on Auckland's Queen's Wharf.

The Cloud will consist of several zones:

Zone 1: **PFL will be represented in Pod 35.**

A Display of Pacific Tourism and products, including organics organised by Oxfam's partner from Samoa, WIDBI, through the regional organics and fair trade group, Poetcom.

Zone 2:

A Display of New Zealand and Pacific businesses and organisations, including Oxfam. These are companies involved in a range of trading activities which include tourism, fisheries, agriculture/horticulture, infrastructure and renewable energy.

Zone 3:

Food and beverage, including Robert Oliver, author of Me'a Kai, a book on Pacific recipes that has won international awards.

The Cloud will host cultural performances, fashion shows and music featuring well-known Pacific musicians. It is expected that thousands of Aucklanders will visit The Cloud, as well as the arrivals amongst the 85,000 visitors expected for the Rugby World Cup. High profile visitors include EU President Jose Barroso and South African President Zuma.

Come down and see the team at PFL, you may even get a free pen!

Check out the below link for full brochure -

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The Cloud on Auckland's waterfront will host the best of the Pacific throughout the Pacific Islands Forum and the Rugby World Cup.



Getting To Know Our Staff



Blayne Saunders - Key Account Manager

Blayne (aka Maximus) joined PFL on 4th April 2005 to be exact (not that he is counting or anything). Blayne has 22 years experience in the industry, starting in the freight forwarding sides of things in 1989 then saw the light and shifted to PFL.

Most of you no doubt would have heard Blaynes voice in the 6 years he has been with PFL and if you haven't, well... be prepared as Blayne knows A LOT!

You may know Blayne on a business level but do you actually know Blayne?

Lets get to know him....

Q: What do you like to do in your spare time? Sports/Hobbies etc..

A: Sports/Hobbies etc. (what kind of answer is that?)

Q: What would your next personal achievement be? Bungy jump etc..

A: To get through the week without offending anybody (will be a mission)

Q: If you were stranded on a **lonely** beach, what are the five things that you would want to survive?

A: Food, clothing, shelter, beer and Jessica Alba (not necessarily in that order of course!)

Q: Do you take the shampoos and conditioner bottles from hotels?

A: Maybe.....whose asking? Am I not allowed to?

Q: Is it ok for guys to wear pink?

A: Yes. Everyone is aware of breast cancer

Q: Has reading a book ever changed your life? If yes, why?

A: Changed, probably not. Enhanced definitely, if I was reborn a rockstar I would know exactly how to behave.

Change to the International Date Line – Samoa

The International Date Line Act 2011 ('the act') commences at 12 o'clock midnight, on Thursday 29th December 2011. In effect, the people of Samoa will be waking up on Saturday 31st December 2011, and lose one day in their lives as there will be no Friday, 30th December 2011 in the history of Samoa.

What is happening in the Pacific?

The Teuila Festival – 28 August 2011

This one of Samoa's most celebrated annual events and 2011 marks the Festival's 20th Anniversary. The event promises an exciting and entertaining week of activities and shows. Throughout the week there will be many cultural activities on showcase such as the choral exhibition, a variety of traditional entertainment including fire knife dancing, traditional sports including the fautasi (long boat used as means of transportations across the islands of Samoa in the past) race, wood carving, tattooing, float parade and variety shows.

Please check out our website for all updates

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