

# SeaLink's big red reveal

For SeaLink's sake, next week might be a good time to take a little extra care on the roads. Managers at the company will likely be worried that their brand-spanking new fleet of freshly painted trucks might be dinged up on Waiheke's tiny roads - although it would be hard to miss the spotless, bright-red trucks.

The freight and logistics firm has undergone a partial rebrand and a \$1 million revamp of its vehicle fleet, amounting to 16 new vehicles in total, the first of which hit the island's roads on Monday.

Alongside the new vehicles; managers have also rebranded the company's trucking arm, Freightlink Cartage, renaming it SeaLink Logistics and bringing all operations under the SeaLink banner.

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"Using the SeaLink name for all our operations was a no brainer really," SeaLink CEO Mark Gibson says. "It makes it easier for customers to understand what our business is. We operate one supply chain - passengers, vehicles and freight."

At a launch event last Thursday, Mr Gibson also announced an upgrade to the company's East Tamaki depot, during the off-peak season between June and

September.

"Several of our fleet were due for replacement," Mr Gibson says. "They don't have the easiest life being regularly exposed to salt water spray on the trips to and from the islands, so a new, more reliable fleet will be great for our operations."

SeaLink New Zealand, was founded as Subritzky Shipping in 1960. It currently operates up to 17 return trips a day between Half Moon Bay or Wynyard Wharf and Kennedy Point on Waiheke, including a dangerous goods service.

The first of its new vehicles reached Waiheke roads on Monday, with the rest set to be phased in over coming months.

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Above - The new trucks began to arrive on the island last Monday morning.

Below - from left, SeaLink CEO Mark Gibson, TR Group rental manager Jim Rose and SeaLink operations manager Steve Woodward.



## Schoolgirls in stage accident

A schoolgirl was airlifted to hospital last Friday afternoon, after another girl jumped off the school stage and landed on her head.

Despite the potentially nasty accident, the girl was not concussed, but was flown to Starship Hospital by Auckland rescue helicopter staff around 12.40 pm.

St John Ambulance staff had 16 callouts in the week ended Sunday; 12 were medical and four accident-related. One patient was transferred to the on-call doctor and one was treated at the scene. Three patients were transported off island by police launch *Deodar*, seven by the Westpac Rescue Helicopter and four by Fullers.

Last Wednesday afternoon, a helicopter crew took a man in his 50s to Auckland City Hospital in a moderate condition with a medical issue.

The helicopter was called twice more to the island following the schoolgirl's injury on Friday night. At 5.20pm, a woman in her 80s suffering a medical complaint was flown to Auckland City Hospital in a serious condition. At about 10.20pm, a man in his 70s was airlifted in a moderate condition, also with a medical complaint.

On Saturday afternoon, a man in his 50s was flown to hospital in a moderate condition after falling from a ladder and breaking his hip.

On Sunday morning, the rescue service assisted a man in his 40s suffering a medical complaint at 9.21am; then a woman in her 60s, also suffering a medical complaint, at 10.20am. The man was in a moderate condition and the woman in a serious condition.

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