



# Ship Fact Sheet



## **COSMOS (1919) later KEKERANGU**

*Base data at 20 October 1920. Compiled March 2009*

*\* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.*

<i>Type</i>	Collier
<i>P&amp;O Group service</i>	1920-1953
<i>P&amp;O Group status</i>	Owned by subsidiary company
<i>Former name(s)</i>	Launched as <i>War Coast</i>
<i>Registered owners, managers and operators</i>	The Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand
<i>Builders</i>	Tyne Iron Shipbuilding Company Ltd
<i>Yard</i>	Newcastle
<i>Country</i>	UK
<i>Yard number</i>	215
<i>Registry*</i>	London, UK
<i>Official number</i>	143049
<i>Signal letters</i>	
<i>Call sign</i>	
<i>Classification society</i>	Lloyd's Register
<i>Gross tonnage</i>	3,146 grt
<i>Net tonnage</i>	1,866 nrt
<i>Deadweight</i>	
<i>Length</i>	100.98m (331.3ft)
<i>Breadth</i>	14.20m (46.6ft)
<i>Depth</i>	7.08m (23.2ft)
<i>Draught</i>	
<i>Engines</i>	Triple-expansion steam engine
<i>Engine builders</i>	North East Marine Engineering Works
<i>Works</i>	Hartlepool
<i>Country</i>	UK
<i>Power</i>	2,300 ihp
<i>Propulsion</i>	Single screw
<i>Speed</i>	11.5 knots
<i>Passenger capacity</i>	
<i>Cargo capacity</i>	
<i>Crew</i>	
<i>Employment</i>	

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**Career**

- 05.09.1918: Launched for the Shipping Controller as *War Coast*.  
20.03.1919: Completed as *Cosmos* for J S Ambrose, Cardiff. Sold to Severn Shipping Company, Cardiff (N G Hallett, manager).  
20.10.1920: Acquired by the Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand and retained her name.  
1921: Renamed *Kekerangu* (although she was originally intended to be named *Karaka*).  
1923: Registry transferred to Sydney, NSW.  
24.04.1926: Registry transferred to Wellington, NZ.  
08.1953: Sold to Gilbert's (A'sian) Agency (Vic) Pty Ltd, Melbourne, and broken up in Japan.

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