



Ship Fact Sheet



NGAKUTA (1913)

Base data at 7 September 1916. Compiled December 2008

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	Collier
P&O Group service	1916-1923 and 1927-1942
P&O Group status	Owned by subsidiary company
Former name(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	Blackball Coal Company Ltd
Builders	Smith's Dock Co Ltd
Yard	Middlesbrough
Country	UK
Yard number	549
Registry*	Middlesbrough
Official number	128829
Signal letters	
Call sign	
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	1,774 grt
Net tonnage	944 nrt
Deadweight	
Length	83.82m (275.0ft)
Breadth	11.88m (39.0ft)
Depth	5.36m (17.6ft)
Draught	
Engines	Triple-expansion steam engine
Engine builders	Richardsons, Westgarth & Co Ltd
Works	Middlesbrough
Country	UK
Power	248 bhp
Propulsion	Single screw
Speed	10.5 knots
Passenger capacity	
Cargo capacity	
Crew	
Employment	

Career

- 05.05.1910: Launched.
- 08.1913: Delivered as *Ngakuta* for Blackball Coal Company Ltd.
- 09.1914: Shots were fired across her bows from the battery at Fort Dorset, Wellington, for allegedly not showing the proper recognition lights.
- 07.09.1916: Takeover of the New Zealand Shipping Company (including the subsidiary Blackball Coal Company) by The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company agreed.
- 01.04.1922: Chartered to the Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand Ltd, Wellington.
- 09.09.1922: Stranded on the Cobden (north) side of the Grey River when leaving for Wellington and refloated undamaged on the rising tide.
- 07.05.1923: Suffered heavy weather damage in Cook Strait.
- 1923: Sold to Mann, George & Company Ltd, London, on behalf of the Union Company.
- 31.05.1925: Suffered machinery damage off the south-east coast of the North Island, bound Picton to Auckland.
- 1927: Transferred to Blackball Coal Mines Pty Ltd of Wellington, having been on charter to the Union Company throughout. Registry transferred to Wellington, NZ.
- 24.05.1927: Re-registered at Wellington.
- 31.01.1942: Sold to the Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand.
- 10.07.1952: Sold to JS Costello of Sydney on behalf of shipbreakers. Registry transferred to Suva.
- 23.07.1952: Left Sydney in tow of the landing ship *Wan Yiu*.
- 30.11.1952: Arrived at Tokyo and broken up.

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