



# WATERFRONT WATCH INC

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You are invited to the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Waterfront Watch  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 2 p.m.  
in the Senior Citizens' Room, mezzanine floor of the Wellington Central Library.

Please write the date and time in your diary. We welcome new members, so bring your friends. We will also welcome nominations for new committee members.

### AGENDA:

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Minutes of the last AGM
- 3 Matters arising from Minutes
- 4 Annual Report
- 5 Financial Statement
- 6 Election of Officers
- 7 General Business

We will be discussing ongoing waterfront projects and in particular the opportunity to make further submissions on Variation 11 as the council has extended consultation to 5 pm Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. We'll also be discussing ideas for the council's "ideas competition" for the Outer T of Queens Wharf. (Details and our comment on the reverse).

The appeal by Waterfront Watch against the reconstruction of the Overseas Passenger Terminal was held in the Environment Court over six days in May. We now await the decision. We are grateful for members' donations; more donations will be welcomed.

President: Pauline Swann. Vice President: David Lee. Secretary: Chris Greenwood.  
Gayle Cullwick, Ron Evans, Pat Linney, Mary Munro, Mary McNamara, Ron Oliver, Lyn Roborgh, Johnny Williams

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# Outer T “ideas competition” to be held

Wellington City Councillors have endorsed an ideas competition for the Queens Wharf Outer T. The competition – which asks Wellingtonians to come up with creative ideas on what to do with the wharf – will be run by Wellington Waterfront Ltd. Wellington Waterfront’s Chief Executive Officer, Ian Pike, says the wharf needs substantial repairs and before planning is done for the work, they need to know what will be done with the Outer T. “The restorative work will differ depending on the winning idea – be it for a building or for open space,” says Ian.

Wellington Mayor Kerry Prendergast says this is the sort of thing Wellington Waterfront should be doing, and that it demonstrates great foresight. “I have seen the eroded timber piles beneath the wharf,” says Mayor Prendergast. “The Outer T will not be safe within 18 months if we don’t spend the money on it soon. We won’t know how much to spend until we know what the public wants, so we need to hold the competition now,”

The competition is the first part of a master plan for the Queens Wharf area. The plan decides what will be done to enhance the wharf over the next 10 years. But in light of the economy, work on the Outer T may not take place for several years.

“The main reason we are holding the competition now is so we can properly plan the urgent restorative work on the sub-wharf. There’s no point in strengthening the wharf for a large building if the winning idea is to reserve the area for open public space.” – edited from council press release.

## “Not a competition,” says Waterfront Watch

“This is not a competition,” says Pauline Swann, president of Waterfront Watch. “If it’s a competition there is a winner. But no specific designs are required. It should not be described as the competition for the Outer T which was required by the Waterfront Framework.

“What exactly is the problem? What does “urgency” mean? Surely someone doing “blue skies thinking” is entitled to know what the problems are. We recall that in October 2000 the council was proud to announce that the 2000/01 cruise season would bring 12 cruise ships to berth at Queens Wharf – obviously there were no problems at that time.

“We also note that the audited cost of the public space on Kumutoto was \$11.5 million - a proportion of this expenditure should have been allocated to the Outer T.

“We understand that in 2007 Wellington Waterfront Ltd commissioned Salmond Reed Architects Ltd to produce a Conservation Management Plan and Heritage Solutions document on the heritage value of this area. This 54 page report should be made available.”

Further information and comments:

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