

WW Annual Report 2014/15

Waterfront Watch has maintained a consistent profile this past year in challenging the Council's decisions and plans with regard to the Wellington waterfront. The focus has been on the planned re-development of North Kumutoto, but we are well aware that there are also big changes afoot for the whole waterfront, given the recently-approved 3-year Waterfront Development Plan.

In the next couple of years, if the Council has its way, we will see a huge 5-storey office block on the wharf, north of the Whitmore Street gates, the campervan park gone, cars and other vehicles sharing space on the wharf, a building to house helicopters on the outer-T at Queen's Wharf, the present Frank Kitts Park (FKP) bulldozed and levelled, and a walled Chinese Garden squeezed in to the southern end of the present FKP. Throw in a Convention Centre and a Film Museum as possible new structures, and it is easy to see that Waterfront Watch has plenty of work to do in the future.

This last year we have written letters to The Dominion Post, published articles on Scoop, written submissions to the Council, met with individual councillors, spoken at Council meetings and, latterly, become a s274 party to the Resource Consent application of the developer of Site 10 (in a case which has advanced to the Environment Court). It has been a very busy year, but essentially "behind the scenes".

Organizationally, many things still need to be improved – we need more financial members, we need to significantly improve our "digital presence", and our Rules need to be reviewed and updated, to mention a few. We need more people on the committee.

But our support base is strong and we are sincerely grateful for that. We made over \$5000 profit on the sale of our calendars last Christmas, and most of those were bought by Waterfront Watch supporters. Getting them to market and then selling and distributing them was an enormous task, and it would have helped significantly if the submissions on the North Kumutoto Re-development Plans had not been required by 18 December 2014!

Thank you for your support and for your generous donations. It is certainly true that every little bit helps, and it is also true that there is more, much more to be done. The end is far from being in sight!

Mary Munro

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