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Dear members and supporters of Waterfront Watch

It is quite a while since you have received a newsletter from us, but this doesn't mean that we haven't been busy. It is just that we have been waiting for news to pass on to you about developments on North Kumutoto, and specifically about Site 10. However, given no announcements and the end of the year fast approaching, we have decided to send out this newsletter as we also want you to know that our 2015 calendars are on sale, and we know you'll want to purchase them.

We've already told those on email about the calendar so this is an opportunity to remind you that if you do have an email address and we don't know it, we'd really like you to let us have it. Just send an email to waterfrontwatch@xtra.co.nz and give us your name. The computer will pick up your email address automatically. It is so much easier for us to keep in touch by email.

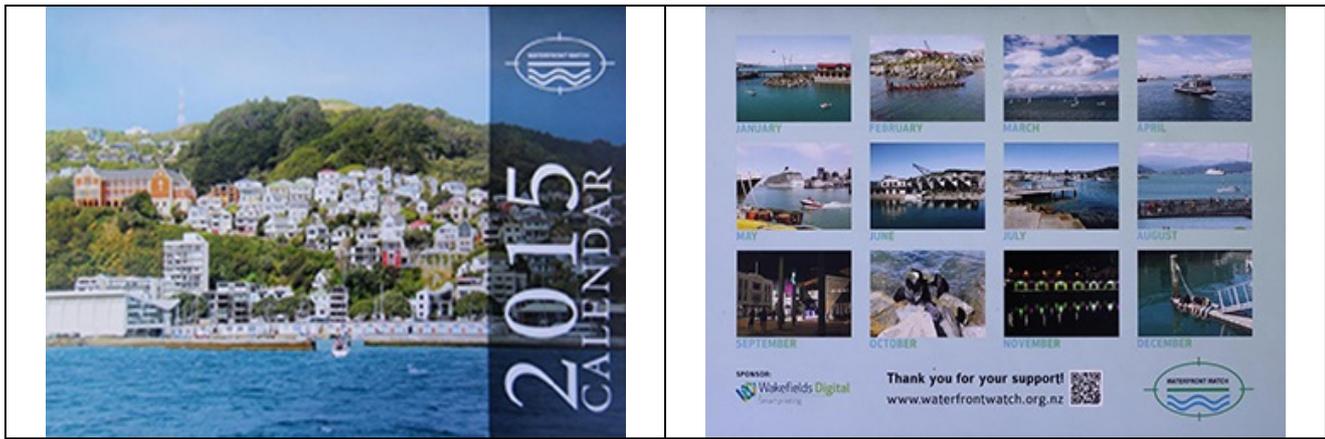
Now, with regard to Site 10: at a meeting at the end of August 2014 the Wellington City Council voted to support a joint application by itself and WillisBond for an office block to be built on Site 10. The only councillors who voted against this proposal were Paul Eagle, Iona Pannett, Mark Peck and Helene Ritchie.

Prior to the meeting we worked hard to meet with individual councillors and to write articles expressing our distress that the WCC was even considering the privatisation of public space on the waterfront. The fact that the proposed building is to be an office block only added insult to injury. We think that this area should be open space and that, with public consultation, genuine "blue skies thinking" and clever landscaping, we could add a new and attractive area to this first section of the waterfront as one travels south from the Station.

We remain very concerned about the height and bulk of the proposed building, the "canyon effect" as one travels south along Customhouse Quay, the loss of views of the harbour and the wharves, the shading and wind effects created by a large building, and the potential "muddle" of cars and people all operating in a relatively small area.

We're still awaiting news of the resource consent application. (We were told it would be submitted by the end of October.)

In the meantime we've launched our one and only fund-raiser for 2014. This is a fine calendar for 2015. The stunning photos of the harbour and the waterfront will make any ex-Wellingtonians homesick, and we do encourage you to purchase calendars not only for yourselves but to send away as Christmas presents. The front and back covers printed overleaf are only in black and white and don't do justice to the photographs - but judging from the feedback and the re-orders we have very happy customers. If you go to the website you will be able to see the photos in colour, and they will be bigger.



To order, either email waterfrontwatch@xtra.co.nz or phone Mary Munro (04 4793 363) or Janice Schone (04 934 7515). The calendars are \$20 each and come with an envelope ready for posting.

Payment can be by:

- Cash direct to the seller
- Cheque (again, direct to the seller or posted to Waterfront Watch Inc. Box 19045, Courtenay Place, Wellington 6149; cheque made out to Waterfront Watch Inc. please)
- Internet banking (our account is BNZ 02-0560-0364988-000. NB in the reference boxes put your name then Calendar(s), then the number required e.g. M.Munro Calendars x10

The calendars will make wonderful Christmas presents and have been designed with posting in mind. In their envelopes they weigh about 180gms and are of standard A4 dimensions so they conform to standard post (airmail) requirements. (If they weighed over 200gms they would be classed as parcels.)

The cost to post to Australia is \$3. The cost to post to the rest of the world is \$3.60. The cost to post an A4 size envelope within NZ is \$2.40.

The mail closing dates are:

Sth Pacific,Asia,Nth America,UK and Europe	Friday December 5
Rest of the world	Wednesday December 3
Australia	Wednesday December 10
Within New Zealand	Friday December 19

A reminder too that subscriptions for 2014-15 are still being received. If you have overlooked this please send a cheque made out to Waterfront Watch Inc. at PO Box 19045, Courtenay Place, Wellington 6149, or use internet banking to Direct Credit BNZ 02-0560-0364988-000 putting your name(s) and the word "Sub." in the reference boxes.

The subscriptions are: Single \$15 Couple \$25 Unwaged \$8.

If you wish to include a donation we would be most grateful.

Finally, we thank you most sincerely for all your loyal support and encouragement over the years. Like you, we love and appreciate our beautiful waterfront. It is a wonderful place for us all to explore and enjoy, and despite the vagaries of the weather, there is always something going on of interest. We hope that you are able to enjoy it over the summer in particular, and we also hope that you have a very happy Christmas with family and friends.

With best wishes

Mary Munro (President) and the Waterfront Watch Committee (Alana Bowman, Victor Davie, John Galloway, David Lee, Janice Schone, Katie Underwood) and Treasurer Pauline Swann.