

# Public Spaces Development

We oversee the development of the waterfront, provide grants to developers and others for the restoration of heritage buildings and assets, and fund work to develop the street environments and other public areas in the city and suburbs.

## 1.5.1 Waterfront Development

### WHAT WE DID

We met with delegations from Wellington's sister cities Xiamen and Beijing regarding the Chinese Garden in the Frank Kitts Park redevelopment. The outcome was agreement from all parties for the garden to proceed, and issues to be resolved include a final budget and the contributions from each party, potential process delays such as resource consent processing, and the ability of the local Chinese community to achieve significant funding targets.

We negotiated with the Wellington Tenth Trust to provide project management for the construction of the Wharewaka in the Taranaki Street wharf precinct.

Tender documentation was prepared for the long term remedial work on the Queens Wharf, Outer-T and Taranaki Street breastworks wharves.

We prepared and submitted comprehensive statements of rebuttal to the Environment Court for the redevelopment of the Overseas Passenger Terminal. We also assisted in the lodging of a submission for mediation of the Chaffers Dock redevelopment.

Geo-technical sub-soil condition testing and plan refinement continued for the construction of buildings on sites 8 and 9, and continued discussions with potential developers for site 10. We finalised the Shed 13 lease allowing the tenant to commence fit-out plans.

### ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

We will discuss options with Wellington's sister cities Xiamen and Beijing regarding the Chinese Garden in the Frank Kitts Park redevelopment.

We will assist the Wellington Tenth Trust to commence construction of the Wharewaka in the Taranaki Street wharf precinct.

We will make a submission in support of the proposed Variation 11 to the District Plan. We will attend the mediation for the Chaffers Dock redevelopment and we will participate in the Environment Court hearing for the Overseas Passenger Terminal redevelopment.

The long term remedial work on the Queens Wharf, Outer-T and Taranaki Street breastworks wharves will commence.

We will continue the refinement of development plans for the buildings on sites 8 and 9 and will undertake a number of pre-application meetings with Council. We intend to apply for resource consent for the construction of buildings on sites 8 and 9 towards the end of the quarter. Discussions will continue with designers and potential developers for site 10.

We will fulfil conditions to confirm the lease in the vacant space in the south eastern corner of the Meridian building.

A traffic control system will be installed to limit unauthorised access to Queens Wharf at Hunter Street.

## 1.5.2 Public Space and Centre Developments

### WHAT WE DID

The plaque commemorating the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the SS Penguin was unveiled.

Maintenance was undertaken on the sculptures Whipping the Wind, Geometric Progression and Spinning Top.

We continued working with engineers over design drawings for the Cog Platform. This work has been delayed because the cost for the first platform design came back over budget and we had to revise the plans to fit within the existing budget.

### KEY PROJECT MILESTONES

Central City Squares and Parks	Due Date	Status
Cobblestone Park project completion	Jun 2009	Delayed until Dec 09
Suburban Centres Upgrades	Due Date	Status
Khandallah Village project completion	Jun 2009	Delayed until Nov 09

There have been delays in the Cobblestone Park and Khandallah Village projects (due to consultation), and the design phase of the Memorial Park project is awaiting approval from Ministry of Culture and Heritage. The installation of the Bob Jones Clock has been delayed, due to structural issues with the supports, we expect it to be installed by the end of the financial year.

### ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

We will commence site works on the Cog Platform, and undertake repairs on the Seagull Sculpture on the City to Sea Bridge.

The design for Cobblestone Park will be completed, and we will progress the design for Memorial Park.

The Bob Jones Clock will be installed.

## 1.5.3 Heritage Development

### WHAT WE DID

Fourteen grants were approved to heritage building owners from the November Grant round, totalling \$153,412. These have not yet been drawn down.

Ten applications have been received for the May round.

### HOW WE PERFORMED

Built Heritage Incentive Fund	July Round (Quarter 1)	November Round (Quarter 2)	May Round (Quarter 4)
Total number of grant applicants	4	17	10
Number of applicants receiving grants	4	14	Pending
Total budget available to applicants	\$329,000	\$286,322	\$132,911
Total budget distributed to applicants	\$42,677	\$153,412	Pending

### ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

The May round will be completed.

## Financials

### WHAT IT COST

Operational projects \$000	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Full Year Budget
<b>1.5.1 Waterfront Development</b>				
Expenditure	1,512	1,966	454	2,620
Revenue	0	0	0	0
Net Operating Expenditure	1,512	1,966	454	2,620
<b>1.5.2 Public Space and Centre Development</b>				
Expenditure	866	955	89	1,271
Revenue	(16)	0	16	0
Net Operating Expenditure	850	955	105	1,271
<b>1.5.3 Heritage Development</b>				
Expenditure	453	458	5	656
Revenue	0	0	0	0
Net Operating Expenditure	453	458	5	656
Capital projects \$000	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Full Year Budget
<b>1.5.1 Waterfront Development</b>				
Expenditure	0	4,478	4,478	5,971
<b>1.5.2 Public Space and Centre Development</b>				
Expenditure	1,305	2,472	1,167	4,687
<b>1.5.3 Heritage Development</b>				
Expenditure	76	100	24	110

#### Operating Expenditure

**1.5.1:** Operating expenditure is under budget, as budgeted capital funding for the Wellington Waterfront Project is behind schedule, resulting in lower than expected interest costs.

**1.5.2:** Operating expenditure is under budget due to delays in the Centre Planning Project. Expenditure is expected to be in line with budget at year end.

**1.5.3:** Operating expenditure is in line with budget.

#### Capital Expenditure

**1.5.1:** Capital expenditure on the waterfront development is currently behind schedule. A review of the capital works programme was completed in December 2008 resulting in a decision by council to concentrate on planning work until June 2010.

**1.5.2:** The capital programme is behind schedule. This is due to delays in the Cobblestone Park and Khandallah Village projects, and the design phase of the Memorial Park project is awaiting approval from Ministry of Culture and Heritage.

**1.5.3:** Capital expenditure is below budget due to the timing of design work for earthquake strengthening work at the Chest Hospital.

#### How It Was Funded

These activities are targeted to be 100% rates funded.