



WESTHAVEN MARINA USERS ASSOCIATION INC

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Since the AGM in May there have been further developments with regard to Westhaven.

This newsletter will bring you up to date with the work we are undertaking on your behalf.

Annual Licence Fees.

By now you should have received your statement of account for the year to 30th June 2011. The statements show an increase of less than 2% for existing marina berths and a nil increase for extension berths. The reason why there is a difference in the amount charged is because the extension berths require less repairs and refurbishment work.

Your committee recommends that you pay the amounts shown on your statement. We have requested a copy of the marina trusts operating accounts for the 12 months to 30th June 2010. We will scrutinise those statements carefully to ascertain what has been spent or accumulated in reserves.

Refurbishment existing Marina

Tenders for the refurbishment of piers A and T have been received by Westhaven Management from a number of contractors. Your committee has requested that we take part in the tender evaluation process to protect your interests. This request has been agreed. Bryan Leyland one of our committee members will be part of the evaluation panel. As a precursor to the evaluation process we have examined the estimates of likely cost drawn up by Westhaven Management. Our scrutiny has shown that considerable savings can possibly be made by dealing with the disposal of the old piers in a different way to that currently proposed. We are hopeful that other costs can be reduced so that the overall expenditure on refurbishment can be met from accumulated reserves and future expenditure savings.

Work on piers A and T is likely to commence later this year.

In the meantime we will continue to negotiate with the existing Trustees

and their replacements under Super City to the effect that licence holders have met their obligations with regard to refurbishment.

Super City

Your committee has submitted a briefing paper to the Auckland Transitional Authority. We have requested that the paper be presented to the incoming directors of The Waterfront Development Agency. The paper has stressed the importance of Westhaven to the Super City Waterfront. It has requested that current issues regarding refurbishment of the marina be resolved in a manner that is fair from our member's perspective.

In addition to presenting the briefing paper two of your committee Barry Holton and myself have formally applied to be considered for appointment to the board of The Waterfront Development Agency.

Tunnels Disturbance Claim

On your behalf the committee lodged a claim for financial recompense in respect of the disturbance being experienced due to road works on Westhaven Drive. Auckland City has decided not to make the claim on our behalf.

We have therefore approached the contractors' alliance direct requesting that they make a direct contribution to improvement work within the marina. At this time the contractors are considering our request.

Sea Bed and Foreshore

There is likely to be fresh legislation before parliament in the next few weeks regarding Maori access rights and privileges to the foreshore of New Zealand. The new legislation may affect the operation and cost of marina services nationwide. Your committee is liaising with other marina user's bodies to see what can be done to ensure that our present access to facilities is maintained.

We will keep you informed on all these matters by regular newsletters.

Trevor Dunn
Chairman