

## **National dune experts visiting Wairarapa**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2018 coastal restoration experts from around the country will be visiting the spectacular beaches of Wairarapa and are keen to meet the locals.

The Coastal Restoration Trust annual conference is being held in Petone in late March, giving members a chance to journey to Wairarapa for their annual field trip.

They will be looking at some of Wairarapa's most interesting dune areas from Ocean Beach to Castlepoint and sharing ideas with those they meet.

The Coastal Restoration Trust is involved with many projects around NZ and, collectively, hold a wealth of experience and knowledge about restoration techniques, coast care groups and working with communities. They invite everyone who is interested in better understanding our coastal areas to join them for a walk and talk at Whangaimoana, Lake Ferry, Onoke Spit, Ocean Beach, Castlepoint and Riversdale.

"This is a great opportunity for us all to learn more about coastal restoration in an informal setting." says Graeme La Cock, ecological adviser Department of Conservation "Please feel free to join us."

The expected timetable for the days is:

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Whangaimoana 9am - 10.30 am (meet at beach entrance)

Lake Ferry 11am - 1pm (meet adjacent to the pub)

Onoke spit 1.30pm - 2.30pm (meet at car park)

Ocean beach 3.00pm - 4.00pm (meet at south east end of beach)

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Castlepoint 9am – 11am (meet at the St Peters by the Sea church)

Riversdale 11.45 – 2.00pm (meet in car park over Rd from Surf Club)