

## **“Rich in Natural Beauty – Strong on Culture”**

Gisborne, Tairāwhiti: Wednesday 30 March to Friday 1 April 2016

### *2016 CONFERENCE PROGRAMME*

#### **Wednesday 30 March at Wainui Surf Life-Saving Club**

**08:00 – 09:00      Registrations**

**09:00 – 10:00      Mihi Whakatau: Welcome – Opening**

**10:00-10:30          Dunes Trust Chair’s Report – Greg Bennett**

**10:30 - 11:30        Shining Light on Tairāwhiti – The Region**

Strong on Culture - Ian Ruru: Policy Analyst, Te Runanga o Turanganui-a-Kiwa

Rich in Natural Coastal Beauty - Dr Amber Dunn: eco-i (Coastal Scientist)

**11:30 - 12:15        Putting a Spotlight on Wainui Beach - Panel**

This panel session will provide a complete picture of this spectacular beach: its cultural importance to tangata whenua, its in-depth science, its management strategy, and dune care initiatives. The speakers include: Nikki Searancke, Ngati Oneone; Dr Amber Dunn, Coastal Scientist; Jim Dahm, Coastal Scientist; and John Logan, Wainui Coast Care.

**13:00 – 15:00        ‘Walk and Talk’ Wainui Beach - Site Visit**

Visit dune care successes, tangata whenua values, surfing values, erosion management plans.

**15:20 – 17:20        Coast Care Regional Roundup: Pecha Kucha-style**

17:30 – 19:00 *Optional Extra:* Dive Tatapouri – Reef Ecology & Stingray Feeding Experience

## **Day 2 - Thursday 31 March: East Coast Field Trips**

### ***Coastal & Cultural Richness of Uawa, Whangara, and Pouawa***

**8:30 Buses depart City/Wainui**

#### **9:30-10:30 Kaiaua Beach Visit**

Kaiaua is a large, natural, open-coast beach with extensive dunes. It is a beach rich with cultural significance. Discussion will also include managing the beach-dunes-farming interface in a sustainable manner. Other uses (e.g. camping, horse races) also are impacting on the natural character. Speakers include: Te Aitanga a Hauiti members - Victor Walker (Chair Uawanui Sustainability Project) & Alison Waru (Chair Kopuatarikihi); and Nicky Jefford (Community Member).

#### **11 – 13:00 Uawanui Sustainability Project: Kaitawa Estuary, Beach Visit**

This Project is implementing the desire of Te Aitanga-a-Hauiti and the community of Uawa/Tolaga Bay to build a shared vision for the management of the Uawa catchment and coastline. It is driven by a commitment to enhance the environment, community and economy of Uawa/Tolaga Bay for future generations. This visit will include a “Walk and Talk” to estuary and beach restoration sites, including a river walkway. Speakers include: Nori Parata (Principal, Tolaga Bay Area School); Richard Tuhaka (Teacher, Tolaga Bay Area School); Alison Waru (Chair, Tolaga Bay Area School Board); Peter Handford (Uawanui Sustainability Project, Groundtruth), and school students.

#### **14 – 16:30 Whangara Beach & Marine Reserve Te Tapuwae o Rongokako**

This visit will explore the landscapes and cultural importance of Whangara mai Tawhiti – the home of Paikea (an eponymous ancestor), and location for the movie ‘Whale Rider’. This bay has large, significant dune systems and a recent history of sand mining. The iwi of Whangara, Ngati Konohi, are responsible for the establishment of NZ’s first marine reserve Te Tapuwae o Rongokako that extends from Whangara southward to Pouawa. A visit to this coastal ecosystem or marine reserve will be included. Speakers include: Jay Love (Tangata whenua and Teacher, Whangara School); and Murray Palmer, Amy-Rose Hardy, Joe Palmer (Nga Mahi Te Taiao). Jay Love and Murray Palmer also are Trustees of the Friends of Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve Trust.

**17:00 Arrival back in Gisborne city**

**19:00 Conference Dinner @ Peppers, Midway Beach, Gisborne**

## **Day 3 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Gisborne City**

### ***A city rich in coastal beauty: Oneroa, Kopututea Dunes***

#### **8:30-10:00 Oneroa Walkway – Oneroa/Waikanae-Midway Beach**

A new coastal walkway built over the Oneroa/Waikanae-Midway Beach dunes has a ‘visual artwork layer’ that tells cultural and historical stories – local stories – about the area. The designs and stories embedded in this walkway will be explained, and include pingao. Speakers include: Professor Derek Lardelli (Tangata whenua) and Stan Pardoe (Rongowhakaata).

#### **10:30 –12 Kopututea Dunes Visit**

An extensive, natural dune-ridge system borders the bay Turanganui-a-Kiwa/Poverty Bay. Kopututea Dunes extend from approximately Midway Beach southward to the Waipaoa River mouth. These dunes have a co-management plan between the Kopututea Trust and Gisborne District Council, and are a site of huge significance to local iwi. Kopututea was once a unique coastal spit system prior to the draining of the Awapuni Moana (lagoon). This visit will be led by Pene Brown (Kopututea Trust).

#### **13 – 14:00 Toihoukura (Maori Arts, EIT) Visit**

A presentation will be given by Professor Derek Lardelli on understanding Tairawhiti-tanga, followed by an opportunity to view the work of the local art students. This includes mixed media, e.g. weaving.

#### **14:15-15 Pingao Workshop**

A pingao workshop led by Betsy Young (Ngati Kuri, Te Roopu Whakaoranga o te Taha Moana).

#### **15-16:00 Conference wrap up and Poroporoaki/Farewell**

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