Coast care Meeting – 3rd April 2022

The coast care community group were aware of the previous reports and Jim’s upcoming visit in May. To make better use of the time Coast care met to discuss and develop questions to send to Jim so that he can answer these when he visits.

**Creating the plan:**

**The Policy Document:**

* How will the plan work to the NZCPS and DOC guidelines (2010)?
* What is the starting point?
* Is the plan going to be publicly notified? When? How? At what stage?
* How to involve iwi best fully in the coastal plan? Are Te Mata Puau Involved?
* Would the South Beach be included?
* How to persuade council to stop grooming the beach?
* How to persuade the SLSC they only need a path to access the water? And how to best incorporate this into the plan?
* How involved Is DOC and Horizons?
* Suggestion was made for a coordinator between doc, horizons, wdc and community groups. Who can also provide advice.
* Is protection for the surf break being considered?
* Will there be provisions for harvesting pingao, harakeke and kawakawa etc. ?
* What location will the plan cover? Will it include the whole Castlecliff domain? (Coastcare members expressed that it was a whole system and would like to see the whole domain included).
* When does the reserve stop? Dunes start? And beach start? Will these be clearly defined in the plan? (There is currently a lack of clear boundaries)
* Following on, which entity (DOC, WDC, Horizons, Harbor Board Trust are responsible for which area?
* Could the plan establish a co-governance body with the different entities to work together on the area, this way each can be updated and work can be streamlined.
* Walking paths: Will the policy address safe walking paths? Will it include cordoned off walk paths through the dunes to make it clear to the public where new plantings have gone in?
* Is the policy going to make provisions for ongoing monitoring and how? Is this going to be lead off of initiatives from central government agencies. For Example: land information New Zealand – who use Drones, and LiDar Data. Coastcare highlighted the importance of gathering data to see how much the foredunes are establishing over time.

**Implementation:**

* Presuming we establish a new Rangiora Street foredune, how do we best protect it.
* How do we best establish and manage the dune?
* Could Jim provide technical advice on this and create guidelines to be included in the policy?
* Timing: stages to establish the dune, when to do what?
* Will this be reviewing in the ten year plan? How sill it fit into long term planning?
* Timing? And meeting regularly with the community to discuss progress.
* Will the policy have succession planning?
* Passing on knowledge and retaining it?
* Would it be possible for the policy to establish a coastal cadetship, where we pass on knowledge to Tangata Whanua and Youth.

**Access:**

* Walking paths: Will the policy address safe walking paths? Will it include cordoned off walk paths through the dunes to make it clear to the public where new plantings have gone in?
* Would Jim support knee breakers at the reserve and at the opening of the dunes to stop bikes and quad bikes on the areas. What other ways can we stop these people from accessing the dunes?
* Would Jim support no bikes but have an extension from sea front road going North.
* Would Jim provide advise around managing community expectations around beach usage? (Coast care noted that cars driven by younger drivers were going quickly and damaging the beach, but not the cars of families or older people).
* How to persuade the SLSC they only need a path to access the water?

**Pitfalls and key themes:**

* Importance to include the NZCPS through the plan.
* Coast care would be interested to see Jim’s previous work on that could also work at Whanganui. Examples include Dune reestablishment, community initiatives and buy in and behavior change (specifically around dune usage).
* WDC and Jim to be aware of the issues with people driving on the beach, and some feel it is their “Birth right”. Also mention of it being a generational entitlement.