

# Climate for Change – 20 Years On

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NEW ZEALAND COASTAL SOCIETY  
*Te Hunga Takutai o Aotearoa*

# Life at the beach before the Coastal Society

- Legacy
- Hazards
- Development
- Disciplines

The New Zealand Coastal Society was formed in 1992 to ... *promote and advance knowledge and understanding of the coastal zone.* It provides a forum for those with an interest in the coastal zone to communicate amongst themselves and to the public.



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# The early days

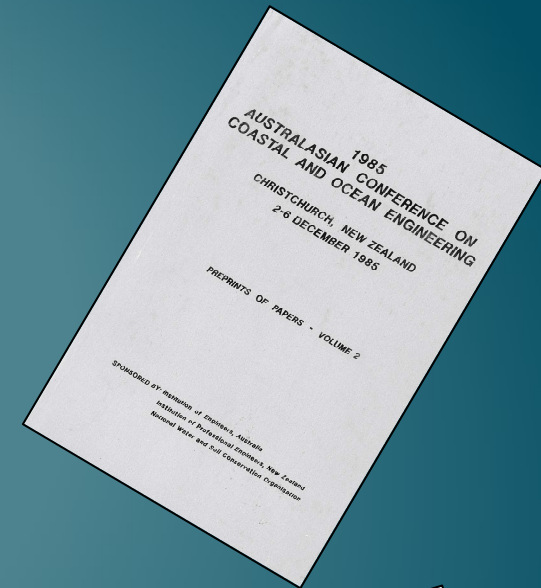
- Born at a time of organisational, policy and environmental change
- RMA 1991
- CRI's replaced DSIR, MAF, MetServ
- Silver Jubilee of NZJMFR





# The early days

- 1985 7<sup>th</sup> Australasian Conference on Coastal & Ocean Engineering in Christchurch - a first
- 1991 ACC&OE in Auckland – *Climate for change* theme
- Meeting at ACCOE to discuss formation of a National Coastal Group – OWS, NZMSS, CCRG
- Inaugural meeting of the Steering Committee March 1992 – John Lumsden (chair), Chris Battershill, John Duder, Robin Falconer, Terry Hume, Andrew Laing, Hamish Rennie
- Named - *NZ Society for Coastal Sciences and Engineering*



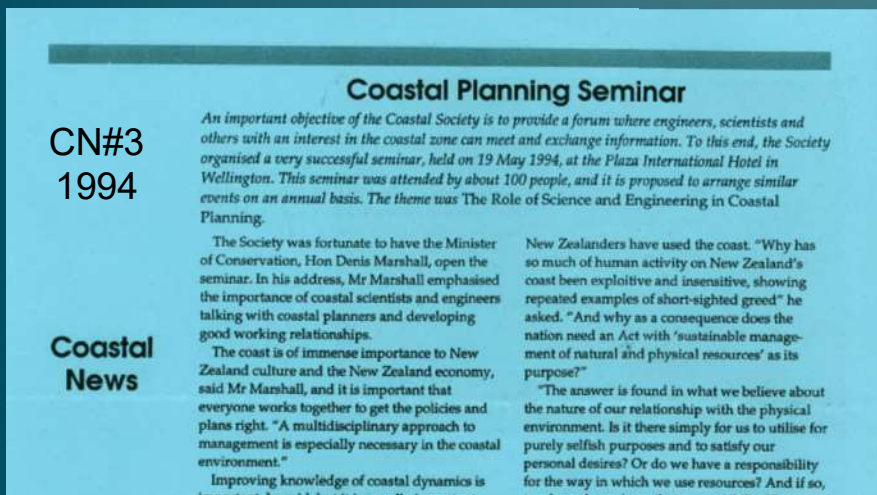
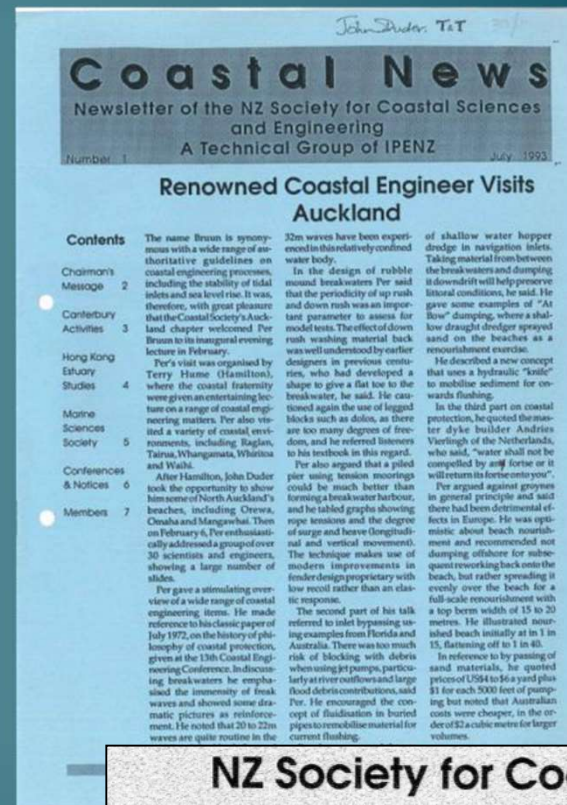
# The early days

- Became Technical Group of IPENZ in Sept 1992 – advice NZCP-SLR, ASBPA
- Inaugural AGM in Hamilton Feb 1993
- Merger with Ocean Waves Society in 1994



# The early days

- 83 members
- Coastal News #1 published in July 1993
- First 'seminar' in May 1994 in Wellington – *The role of science and engineering in coastal planning*



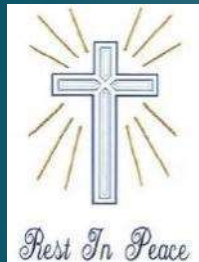
NZ Society for Coastal Sciences and Engineering Members		
Name	Affiliation	Coastal News
Ms Wendy Bailey	EG&G Geos	
Mr Rene Balox	Waimakariri District Council/Private Consultant	
Mr Alan Betts Alan Betts	Consulting Engineer	
Mr Peter Bolton	Base Consulting Engineers	
Mr Barrie Cameron		
Mr R J Carter	Port of Wellington Ltd	
Dr Stephen Chiswell	NIWA Oceanographic	
Dr Collin Christian	Dept of Civil Engineering University of Auckland	
Dr Brian Coffey	Brian T Coffey and Associates Ltd	
Mr Nicholas Collins	EG&G Geos	
Ms Michelle Creamer	Massey University (graduate student)	
Mr Allen Crosby	Principal KRTA Ltd	
Mr Gordon Cuthbert	Fraser Thomas Partners Cons. Engineers	
Mr John de Bueger	Global Engineering	
Dr Willem de Lange	Dept of Earth Sciences University of Waikato	
Mr Malcolm Douglass	Porirua City Council	
Mr Alistair Dryden		
Mr John Duder	Director Tonkin and Taylor	
Mr Robert Duncan	Retired	
Mr Jim Eade	SOPAC (South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission)	
Dr Robin Falconer	GeoResearch Associates	

# The early days

Name change in 1995 to...

New Zealand Coastal Society

*To reflect the name in common usage and better represent the interests of a growing number of members and potential members who were neither scientist nor engineers*



# RIP

- Ralph Simpson
- David Wilkinson
- Terry Healy
- Alastair Senior
- Matti Skellen
- Ann Sheridan



# Management and membership

1993

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## Chairpersons

John Lumsden  
 John Duder  
 Victoria Casely  
 Richard Reinen-Hamill  
 Harvey Brooks  
 Lucy Brake  
 David Phizacklea  
 Deirdre Hart

## Membership

1993 – 83  
 1995 – 150  
 1999 – 285  
 2003 – 300  
 2008 – 349  
 2012 – over 400

# 1999 development plan

- To establish the NZ Coastal Society as the acknowledged national focal point of professional discussion and promotion of the issues, values and uses of the coastal environment
- To promote the Society and increase awareness and support for its actions and initiatives
- To provide education and development opportunities and to assess the further training and development needs of members

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## Development Plan for NZCS

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Objective	Implementation	Performance Measures
To establish the NZ Coastal Society as the acknowledged national focal point of professional discussion and promotion of the issues, values and uses of the coastal environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the views and opinions of the society to coastal resource management agencies, development and conservation representatives, and the general public</li> <li>Focus, over the next two years, on generating debate and leading progress in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>coastal development</li> <li>climate change and sea-level rise</li> <li>monitoring of the coastal environment</li> </ul> </li> <li>Providing regular forums for the sharing of individual's knowledge within the society</li> <li>Encourage Society members to present papers to appropriate conferences and other forums</li> <li>Comment on national discussion papers, within specified time frames</li> <li>Organise regional meetings and annual national seminars</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The production of a newsletter three times per year</li> <li>The presentation of papers, articles and posters to be submitted and presented at conferences in NZ and overseas (including the Society Newsletter)</li> <li>The provision of high quality written comment in response to policy statements, national guidelines and other documents affecting the coastal environment within statutory or required timeframes</li> <li>The holding of at least two NZCS regional meetings per year, per region, which discuss and advance issues in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>coastal development</li> <li>climate change and sea level rise</li> <li>monitoring of the coastal environment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
To promote the Society and increase awareness and support for its actions and initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send newsletters to other groups, societies and organisations, and encourage reciprocation</li> <li>Provide press releases and letters to editors of the professional and general media on resolutions, views and outcomes of the society, especially in relation to the three key areas identified above</li> <li>Liaise with other relevant groups, societies and organisations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receipt by Society members and key associates of Coastal Society newsletter</li> <li>Quarterly review by the committee of the response of the Society of coastal issues <i>vis a vis</i> the press and other media, with a target of 1 editorial or article in a major national newspaper or national magazine (e.g. <i>Planning Quarterly</i>, <i>NZ Geographic</i>) per annum</li> <li>Quarterly report to the committee detailing the extent of liaison with other relevant groups, societies and organisations</li> </ul>
To provide education and development opportunities and to assess the further training and development needs of members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organise seminars and annual conference</li> <li>Focus on aspects of coastal science, management or development which members (including young practitioners) of the society can provide up to date information and techniques to other members at seminars and conferences</li> <li>Provide an annual grant for graduate research on matters relevant to the aims of the Society</li> <li>Provide papers both in the Society newsletter, and for submission to regional, national and international conferences</li> <li>Where appropriate, provide grants for society members to attend and contribute towards meetings and conferences and represent the society</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One national seminar and two regional meetings as above</li> <li>Provide one annual grant (up to a limit of \$1,000) to be determined by the committee, by 1 December each calendar year</li> <li>Review quarterly by the committee, the development of papers by society members for inclusion in the Society newsletter, and for submission to regional, national and international conferences to ensure adequate representation</li> <li>Committee to provide guidance each year on the range of issues and topics which members could provide papers and articles and encourage their production</li> </ul>



# Financial viability

*Supports societies operations – CNews, CS admin., website*

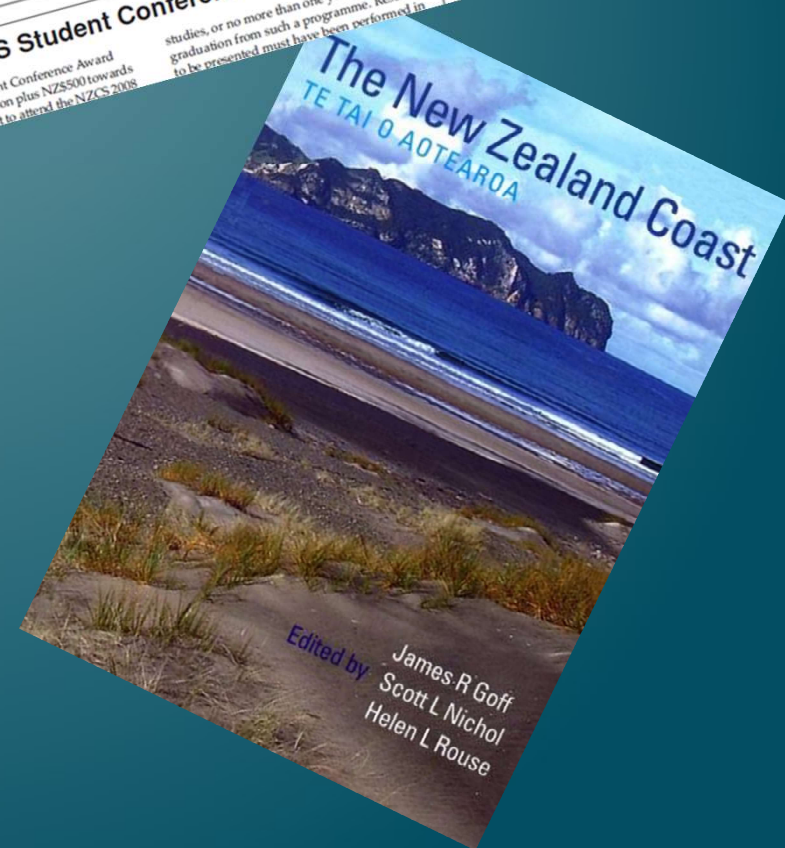
- 1991 ACCOE
- 1994 Ocean Waves Society
- Fees
- Conferences
- Corporate members
- Volunteer effort – committee, regional reps, newsletter, members, conferences
- In-kind support from employers



# Financial viability

*Provides sponsorships*

- Regional events
- Student scholarships - MSc and PhD merit awards and recipients conference grants
- Travel of visiting academics
- NZ Coast book



# 2005 satisfaction survey

## Members Satisfied with NZCS

A satisfaction survey was undertaken in November/December 2005 in order to determine how the New Zealand Coastal Society can provide improved services to its members. Survey forms were distributed to all attendees at the NZCS conference in Tutukaka and also emailed to all NZCS members after the conference. A total of 50 forms were received. The lucky respondent to win a copy of the book "The New Zealand Coast" was P. King from Whangarei.

Levels of satisfaction with the annual conference continue to remain high. Overall 92% of respondents were either satisfied or very satisfied with the annual conference. People noted the value of the conferences for networking, keeping up to date with new research, and hearing about multidisciplinary projects around New Zealand.

Suggestions for improvement included requests for more technical and social science presentations, less time pressure on presentations and shorter fieldtrips. These

points have been taken into account in planning the Kaikoura conference.

Satisfaction with regional events was lower (59% very satisfied or satisfied), possibly reflecting the infrequent occurrence of such events in many regions.

Eighty seven percent of respondents said they 'always or often' read Coastal News. The NZCS website is accessed less frequently with 4% accessing it 'often', 65% 'sometimes' and 31% 'never'. Percentages of respondents who were satisfied or very satisfied were 98% for Coastal News and 62% for the website. Several suggestions were made regarding the website content and the NZCS Committee is following up on these.

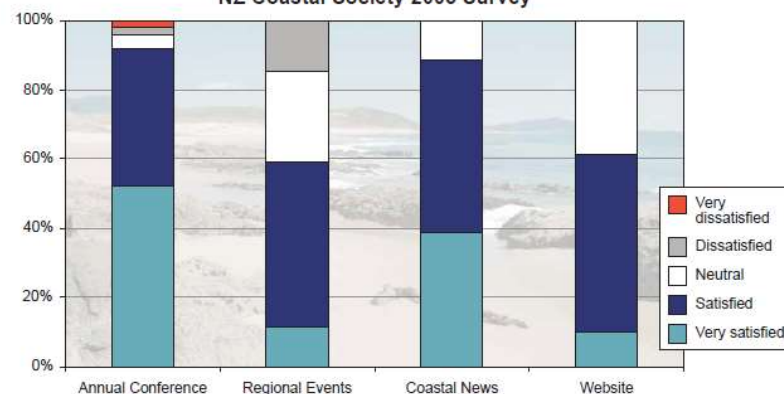
A similar survey will be distributed at the end of 2006 to track our progress. Please give us your feedback and ideas for improvements. You might win a book!

*Kath Coombes*  
NZCS Committee Member  
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NZ Coastal Society 2005 Survey



# Annual conferences

- Keynote speakers – OE's
- Technical papers
- Workshops
- Field trips
- Social events
- Informality
- Joint ACCOE every 6 yrs





# NZCS website

- Launched in 2001 in early days of websites
- Hosted by CAE - webmaster Charles Hendtlass
- Today a fundamental comms tool



# Regional happenings

- Activity waxes and wanes
- Regional groups and coordinators – 7 NI & 4 SI
- Newsletter reports





# Coastal News



... a rich summary of the society activities and valuable archive resource



# Coastal News

*Wide range of issues covered in the 51 newsletters representative of the mission of the Coastal Society*



- Growth of tsunami awareness
- Shipping
- Engineering
- Planning
- Regulatory issues, policy
- Technical advances
- Sea level rise and climate change
- Climate change and sea level rise
- Ecology
- Aquaculture
- Conservation
- Hazards
- Recreation and sports
- Community
- Land use impacts

# Tsunami

- 1995 Kobe earthquake
- 1998 Saundaun north PNG
- 2004 Boxing Day Indonesia
- 2004 Palaeodeposits
- 2011 Japan and local effects

## Saundaun Tsunami - One Year On

Shortly after sunset on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 1998, a tsunami consisting of three large waves struck the northern coast of Papua New Guinea. The tsunami completely destroyed three large villages on the eastern sand Lagoon, and mostly destroyed the western spit. The final wave with a further 1000 injured their homes and people. The tsunami attracted no other event but world-wide interest. Groups of researchers in order to determine what the coastal margins of the Auckland region are highly developed. It is therefore not surprising that the Auckland Regional Council wanted an update of what was known about tsunamis affecting their region. More specifically, they wanted to get a feel



## Tsunamis in the Auckland region: Where? How big? How often?

In the wake of the 26 December 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami we have seen an increased awareness of tsunamis, and with this has come the need to record to change opinions.

A look at the historic information first indicates that Chile has been the main source of reasonably large tsunamis over the last 130 years or so, and in 1869



## Snapshot of Regional Responses to Tohoku Tsunami

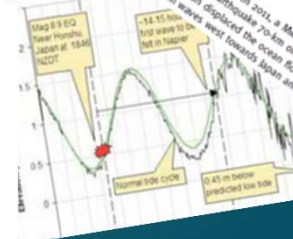
The magnitude 9.0 (Mw) undersea megathrust earthquake that generated the locally devastating tsunami in Japan also triggered New Zealand Defence Emergency Management responses.

At Bay of Islands, the Ministry of Civil Defence reported a wave of 0.2 m around the coast. The graph below shows the tide levels versus the time of the tsunami. In the 24 hours after the wave hit, the tide levels were

with a 40 minutes period (peak to peak) and 0.75 m peak to trough vertical change. These delayed effects were believed to be due to wave seiche. The event generated a tsunami alert across the region, showing maximum wave heights of 0.36 m in Kawhia Harbour (west of the Firth of Thames) and about a number of properties in the north-eastern part of the region. Amy Robinson.

## Tohoku Tsunami: Understanding the Human Elements of a Coastal Disaster

This report describes field evidence from a devastating near-field tsunami and what are the implications for preparedness in New Zealand and elsewhere. On the afternoon of 11 March 2011, a Mw 9.0 undersea megathrust earthquake 70 km offshore from north-east Japan displaced the ocean floor, sending tsunami waves west towards Japan and New Zealand.



## The Atmospheric Impacts of Large Tsunamis - Case Study in Java, Indonesia

Christopher Gomez, Natural Hazards Research Centre, Department of Geography, University of Canterbury; Iman Soltanzadeh, University Centre for Atmospheric Science, University of Canterbury; and Deirdre E Hart, Department of Geography, University of Canterbury

of volcanic eruptions, geomorphic events, and tsunamis, Java Island is located 45 km above the Australian tectonic plate where the Eurasian plate is subducting. The

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## Wellington Coast at Centre of Earthquake Study

New Zealand and Japanese scientists are involved in a two-year project designed to produce information on the structure and processes between the Pacific and Australian tectonic plates that are locked under Wellington.

Based on the behaviour of similar locked plates in other parts of the world, scientists expect this plate boundary will eventually rupture and produce a large, damaging earthquake.

Project coordinator Stuart Henson, of GNS Science

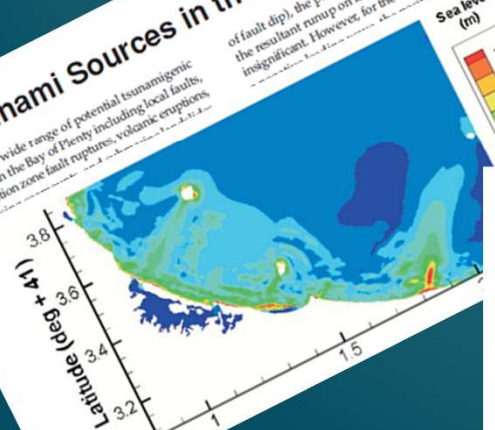
sources made by a seismic survey ship off the North Island coast.

In March 2010, the 50 portable seismometers will be moved to form a straight line between the Kapiti and Wairarapa coasts. The line of instruments will be extended off both coasts with 20 'ocean-bottom seismometers' from Japan being placed on the seafloor.

The onshore and offshore instruments will remain in place for one month recording sound sources

## Tsunami Sources in the Bay of Plenty

There is a wide range of potential tsunami sources in the Bay of Plenty including local faults, subduction zone fault ruptures, volcanic eruptions, and of fault dip, the positive peak remains small and the resultant runup on land is relatively insignificant. However, for the other tsunami with





# Shipping

- 1998 Don Wong – Stewart Island, stern trawler 1998, 400 tonnes of automotive gas oil spilled
- 2002 Tai Peng – bulk carrier with 9500 tonnes of urea fertiliser, Bluff, no spill
- 2002 Jody Millenium – Gisborne, log carrier, 25 tonnes of fuel oil spilled, long waves
- 2003 ferry wake issues in the Sounds
- Rena 2011 – Bay of Plenty, container vessel, 360 tonnes oil spilled, 2000 seabirds dead, containers lost





# Engineering

## Kohimara Beach Replenishment Project Earns Award



The creation of natural look and Urban Solutions

Leadership, teamwork and solutions earned Auckland Beach and Urban Solutions

## New Zealand's First Marine Lock



Kazuma Waters in Mooloolaba

As the demand for coastal property results in a shortage of land and inflated prices around the country a number of developers have come up with innovative ideas waterfront estates.

Hopper Developments Ltd have always been at the forefront of innovative waterfront development with examples such as Pauanui

## Artificial Reefs Offer Coastal Protection



An artificial reef is scheduled to be built at Mount Maunganui this year to enhance the already popular surf

Love them or hate them artificial reefs are beginning to make waves in the area of coastal management in New Zealand and around the

geology and the wave climate is conducive, on a variety of scales. However, things have progressed significantly in the past decade.

## Kobe Earthquake Holds Important Lessons for New Zealand

In July this year, I was privileged to attend the 6th US/Japan Workshop on Earthquake Disaster Prevention for Lifeline Systems, which was held in Osaka. There are striking parallels between the nature of the damage in Kobe to what might be expected, for example, in Wellington.

The damage in Kobe was widespread, but the Port of Kobe, which is the sixth largest in the world, provided unforgettable images of failed coastal structures. Large areas of reclamation were subject to liquefaction that caused rotation of massive wharf-face caissons. The resulting lateral displacement caused the legs of all 55 container cranes to be spread apart. Other damage included settlement of seawalls, built to provide protection



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Photo courtesy Beca

## Tauranga's Harbour Link Project Bridging the Gap

The Western Bay of Plenty is New Zealand's fastest growing

## Beach Scraping and Dune Repair at Whangapoua Beach

After storms in the winter of 2008 resulted in severe dune erosion and placed several houses at risk at Whangapoua Beach the community knew something had to be done. Amy Robinson, Environment Waikato, and Jim Dahm, Eco Nomos Ltd, report on the

recovery using beach scraping – aiming to restore the dune to pre-storm dimensions and so reinstate the natural protective buffer against erosion. In the longer term, existing setbacks will see the threatened dwellings relocated landward as they



## Ports of Auckland – Fergusson Deepening Project

by Shelly Biswell, Editor

Fergusson Container Terminal is the centrepiece of Ports of Auckland (POA). The 32-ha facility is

is not expected to be a port of call for these giants of the sea, in an increasingly globalised economy



Photo: Ports of Auckland



# Planning

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## Coastal Policy Statement Update

The Board of Inquiry on the NZ Coastal Policy Statement (NZCPS) has completed its public inquiry and presented the Minister of Conservation with its report and recommendations.

The Minister is considering the report and recommendations at present and will revise the NZCPS accordingly. He will then recommend approval of the NZCPS to the Governor-General in Council. After approval, the Minister will issue the NZCPS by notice in the Gazette.

While gazettal is a matter of urgency in order that the NZCPS can guide the preparation of Regional Coastal Plans, the time frame is uncertain, as with all matters that must be considered first by the Minister and his colleagues.

The report and recommendations of the Board of Inquiry is available from the Department of Conservation.

Mike Jacobson, DOC

## Preparing for Coastal Change: A Guide for Local Government in New Zealand

*Preparing for Coastal Change* was produced by the Ministry for the Environment in March 2009. It is a 30-page summary of the recent technical report *Coastal Hazards and Climate Change - A Guidance Manual for Local Government in New Zealand* (2nd ed) released in July 2008. The guide highlights the impacts that climate change is expected to have on coastal hazards. It details the climate change impacts that are expected sea-level through and wi. The pu a risk n



Climate change effects are gradual, but have implications for many land-use planning decisions. They have long-term implications because of the long lifetime of structures (e.g., buildings, roads, network utilities, residential developments). Considering climate change is not only a requirement of the Resource Management Act 1991, it is also wise and good business practice.

This guide summarises a 120-page technical report, *Coastal Hazards and Climate Change* ('the source report').

## Natural Heritage Preservation – Taking An Innovative Approach



Otara photo: John Burrows

to preserving iconic During the discussion of these two

## A Vision/Moemoea for the Future of the Wairoa Coast



Wairoa District Council preparing a coastal s With approximately

## Reconsenting Coastal Structures in the Bay of Plenty

Environment Bay of Plenty estimates that more than 2000 of the region's older coastal structures, including slipways, seawalls and boat sheds, now require a resource consent.

Environment Bay of Plenty's "Regional Coastal Environment Plan" became operative on July 1 of this year. Under the new plan the transitional provisions set out in sections 418(6) and (7) of the Resource Management Act 1991, which allowed the continued approval of coastal structures installed prior to 1st October 1991, have ceased. As a result the Bay of Plenty Regional Council now requires that the owners of pre-1991 structures within the coastal marine area apply for resource consents before January 2004. If the owners of these structures do not apply, the structures concerned will subsequently be considered illegal.



## Submission by the NZCS on the New Zealand Oceans Policy

The NZCS made a submission to the Ministerial Advisory Committee on the NZ Oceans Policy. After canvassing opinions of members the key points of concern to the Society were that:

- The open ended nature of the consultative process for the Oceans Policy has the potential to re-litigate matters well canvassed in the past, especially during the Resource Management Law Reform (RMLR) process in the late 1980's;
- This risk is amplified in the absence of a clear vision or intended outcome (other than the creation of a policy document) from central government. Such a 'blue skies' approach suggests that the outcome of the policy development process might be more procedural rather than substantive;
- Creation of the Oceans Policy carries a risk of creating more administrative complexity (a

bureaucratic outcome only), and may gloss over the underlying reason for additional special legislation, especially within the limits of the territorial sea, which is a lack of physical, administrative/jurisdictional, time and process integration;

• When looked at objectively, there is a significant reduction in the scale and intensity of management issues once one goes further offshore than the 12 nautical mile limit. Any management system must reflect that reality in the construction of its policy and not apply unnecessary administrative frameworks to areas for issues, which may never arise in certain places.

For a full copy of the NZCS submission contact Harvey Brooks, Auckland Regional Council ([hbrooks@arc.govt.nz](mailto:hbrooks@arc.govt.nz)).

## Planning Tools for Surf Breaks

by Bailey Peryman and Matt Skellern

Preservation of coastal areas valued for surf riding Statement. More recently, the New Zealand Coastal

## New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010

by Sarah McRae, Department of Conservation

New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010 was approved by the Minister of Conservation late last year. Its purpose is to state the policies in order to achieve the purpose of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) in relation to the coastal environment of New Zealand.

A work programme is underway to support the implementation of the NZCPS 2010 with close support from councils through a Local Government – Department of Conservation (DOC) Implementation Steering Group. The local government members are:

- Dominic McCarthy, Auckland Regional Council;
- Campbell Larking, Tauranga City Council;
- Pere Hawes, Marlborough District Council; and
- Clare Wooding, Local Government New Zealand.

where national implementation advice and support would be beneficial.

4. Monitoring – to support monitoring and evaluation of the NZCPS 2010 implementation. The results of this work will be used to adjust implementation priorities as well as inform the future NZCPS reviews.

The current focus is on engagement, guidance and progressing work on natural character methodologies.

Two workshops have been held on approaches to natural character. Guidance development is currently underway on a range of policy areas including natural character, coastal hazards risk, water quality, aquaculture, biodiversity, characteristics of the coastal environment, tangata whenua and Maori heritage, historic heritage, public open space and access, and nationally significant surf breaks.



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# Technical advances

## Monitoring Organic Enrichment of Coastal Sediment

Peter Wilson and Kay Vopel, Auckland University of Technology

Organic enrichment of coastal sediment is of interest to coastal managers worldwide. It results from excess supply of organic carbon to coastal waters from both natural and anthropogenic sources such as, terrestrial runoff, eutrophication, and aquaculture.

A large fraction of this carbon is mineralised by sulfate reduction, a bacterially mediated reaction that leads to the production of hydrogen sulfide ( $H_2S$ ). This is the culprit for the 'rotten egg' smell you encounter when digging up estuarine sediments.  $H_2S$  readily reacts with sedimentary iron compounds to form iron sulfides that contribute to the distinct black colouration of organic-rich sediment.

In the laboratory, we can cor these iron sulfides back into to the sediment and so indi concentration of the acid voi Although this concentration



## A New Looking Glass – Unlocking Sediment Records to Understand the Past and Plan for the Future

Shelly Biswell, Editor

While relatively new, the NIWA-developed Compound Specific Stable Isotope (CSSI) dating method is already allowing scientists, planners,

use, firstly by Maori for root crops, such as kumara, and later the development of pastoral lands for dairy and dry-stock, and orchards and horticulture

February 1998

## Cam-Era — Computer Controlled Monitoring of the Coastal Environment

NIWA are spearheading a project that provides computer controlled video cameras to monitor the environment for data



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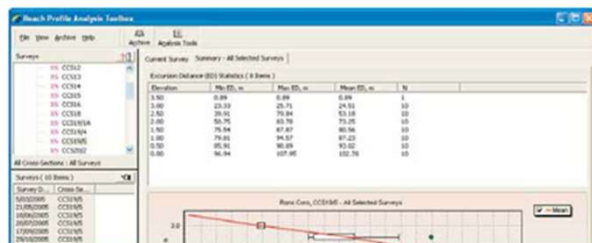
## Beach Profile Analysis Toolbox (BPAT) available for download

NIWA's Beach Profile Analysis Toolbox (BPAT) is an easy to use, integrated package for the input, quality checking, analysis and archiving of beach profile related datasets.

The toolbox has been specifically developed to meet the needs of professionals and researchers involved with coastal hazard management,

engineering and science applications, to better understand variability and trends in beach and nearshore profile data.

Further information on BPAT and a fully functional demonstration version of the software is available for download from: [www.naturalhazards.net.nz/tools/bpat](http://www.naturalhazards.net.nz/tools/bpat)



## LIDAR – A New Tool for Mapping Coastal Change

ally, changes in coastal landscapes have ficult to monitor in detail. This is due to : and expense required in obtaining ntly dense and accurate data that show sformations occurring over time. LIDAR (etecting And Ranging) is a relatively new

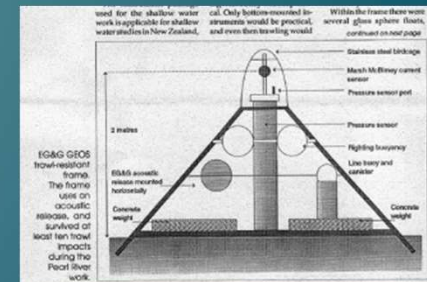
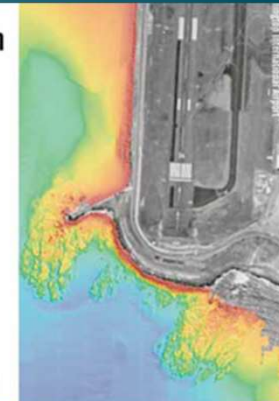
remote-sensing technology which simplifies the process by providing a tool that produces a high-resolution DTM (Digital Terrain Model) with a level of accuracy suitable for detecting fluctuations in the beach environment.

LIDAR has been successfully used in both Europe



## NIWA's multibeam system for high resolution seabed mapping

- Coastal management
- Aquaculture
- Habitat mapping
- Biodiversity studies
- Time-series monitoring
- Hydrodynamic modelling
- Port work & engineering design



## Hindcasting and Forecasting Ocean Conditions around New Zealand

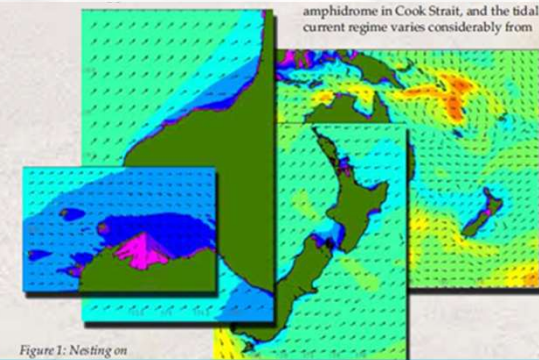


Figure 1: Nesting on

# Climate change and SL rise

## Changes in Sea Level

### IPCC Second Scientific Assessment: Chapter 7 Summary

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The purpose of this chapter is to assess the current state of knowledge regarding climate and sea level change, with special emphasis on scientific developments since IPCC (1990). The main focus is on changes that occur on the time-scale of a century. We thus look for evidence of sea level change during the last 100 years, examine the factors that could be responsible for such changes, and consider the possible changes in sea level during the next 100 years as a result of global warming.

than that reported in IPCC (1990) (i.e. 10-20 cm). The higher estimate results largely from the use of geodynamic models for filtering out long-term vertical land movements, as well as from the greater reliance on the longest tide gauge records for estimating trends.

- There has been no detectable acceleration of sea level rise during this century. However, the average rise during the present century is significantly higher than the rate averaged over

## What's Happening with Sea-level Rise?

After the hype a decade ago, what is happening with long-term sea-level rise? In 1989 John Hannah (now University of Otago) completed an analysis of long-term sea-level records from the four main ports (A

around northern New Zealand, sea-level rise has levelled off (Figure 1) since the climate regime shift in the mid-1970s (Salinger & Mullan, in press). The almost static trend in mean sea level

## Point of View: Sea Level Rise – Predictions, Projections and Guesses

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Sea level is of particular interest to coastal management, as most hazard analyses incorporate some component to account for future sea level rise. There are several different approaches to determining sea level in the future, which vary in rigour and reliability.

The most rigorous approach is of the underlying structure of trends, which forms the basis of future sea level. This method also

analysis of the factors contributing to past sea level rise, and modelling of a range of scenarios representing estimates of future forcing conditions.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has reviewed the published sea level

## Sea-level Rise and Australia's Coast



## What's At Risk?

How to accommodate adequate sea-level rise allowance into development decision-making

Over the past year or so there has been a growing demand by councils for certainty and guidance on sea-level rise following the

level rise, in its Fourth Assessment Report (2007) stated:



# Ecology

## Mangrove Issues in the Auckland Region

New Zealand's mangrove *Avicennia marina* subsp. *australasica*, known as "Manawa", is a native plant and it, or a very similar species, has been present in New Zealand for around 19 million years. Manawa is the most southerly growing mangrove species in the world, and can be found in the shallow intertidal margins of sheltered coastal and estuarine areas of the North Island. It grows north of about latitude 38° S; from Kawhia to the south coast of Ohiwa Harbour.

The value placed on mangroves has increased in the years. In



## Land Use Impacts on Estuarine and Coastal Fish

New Zealand has more than 350 estuarine systems, ranging from small intermittently open bays to large estuaries, through to

but one of the more fundamental ones is to avoid being eaten by predators. For many species, habitats with higher structural

## Seagrass Loss in the Bay of Plenty

Surveys by Environment BOP show a loss of seagrass in Tauranga and Ohiwa harbours in the last 40 years, and point to changes in catchment runoff as a contributing factor.

Within New Zealand there is a loss of seagrass, *Zostera novae*

attributed to eutrophication and sediment runoff. Increased nutrient levels from sewage outfalls and land runoff encourage the excessive growth of microscopical algae suspended in the water above the plants, or the overgrowth of epiphytic algae

## Sea Spurge (*Euphorbia paralias*): Floating New Zealand's way

## Limits of Acceptable Change

A stakeholder-collaborative framework for managing environmental performance of New Zealand marine farming

John Zelds (NIWA), Malene Felsing (Environment Waikato) and John Wilson (John Wilson Consulting Ltd) present a report answering some of the questions associated with the management of marine farming in New Zealand.

Sustainable management of marine farming requires certainty for industry investment, while maintaining coastal ecosystem health and integrity.



Great Barrier Reef, but had never before been applied to aquaculture.

The framework is called 'Limits of Acceptable Change', or LAC. LAC is not a tool for determining resource usage levels that are 'ecologically sustainable' or that maintain a certain 'carrying capacity'. Rather, its goal is to provide an adaptive management framework by which significant adverse environmental

0 years or so a number of exotic species have been introduced to southeast New Zealand, including active dune systems. Many species, including Sea Wheat Grass (*Amphipha*); Marram grass (*Ammophila*); Grass (*Ehrharta villosa*); and Bitou (*Themoides monillifera* ssp. *rotundata*), have been naturalized. Very few active dune systems are free of exotic species and most, particularly in conservation areas, contain

hinterland plant communities, including native herb-fields (marsupial or coastal turf), shrubland, native grassland and agricultural pasture.

My concern that this species will establish in New Zealand stems from the history of dispersal of Sea Spurge in Australia and the significant impact this species has had on indigenous dune flora in Australia. The species may have little difficulty crossing the Tasman Sea and establishing in New Zealand. According to Petrus Heyligers, formerly

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# Conservation

## Communities Caring for the Coast

### Coast Care A Winner

Coast Care Bay of Plenty's fantastic work in restoring coastal dunes has been recognised by the New Zealand Plant Conservation Network (NZPCN).

- Marine Guardians, to advise the government and Environment Southland;
- a community-led sustainable management regime;
- eight new marine reserves totalling 9,520 hectares; and
- changes to fisheries management and coastal

## Garbage Survey Nets Interesting Results

In 2009, Maritime New Zealand undertook an extensive survey of fishing vessel operators to better understand the challenges they face in dealing with garbage on board their vessels and the realities of garbage management at sea. The vast majority of data on marine debris is based on the results of beach cleanups or underwater surveys, but this data does little to differentiate between land-sourced and vessel-sourced garbage or help with identifying ways to minimise vessel-



Figure 1: due to the plethora of natural features such as water platforms and stacks that adorn this coast as well as due to the absence of human modification. (Photograph by Nicholas Key)

## A Coastal Scenic Assessment of the North Canterbury Coast

New Zealand's coastal scenery is a significant economic asset (RMA 1991).

management implementation in New

## Classifying New Zealand's Estuaries and EEZ

Classification projects are underway in order to provide a framework for the assessment and management of New Zealand's estuarine and continental seas. The Estuarine Environment Classification (EEC) groups estuaries on the basis of their major controlling physical factors into domains of broadly similar physical and ecological properties and management implications. A complementary project, the Marine Environment Classification (MEC), is also underway.

Estuaries are difficult to define because they come in many shapes and sizes and are dynamic environments containing many different habitats. Confusing to the public is the fact that on maps they are named variously as: estuary, creek, firth, inlet, gulf,

of both runoff from the land and inflow from the sea." Importantly this definition recognises the role of catchment and ocean forcings in determining estuary properties. As such it includes drowned river and tectonic valleys, barrier-enclosed tidal lagoons, coastal lagoons, tidal rivers, coastal embayments, structurally and tectonically influenced estuaries, and glacially excavated valleys or fjords.

New Zealand has as broad a range of estuaries as any country in the world. There are about 350

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## An Improved Management Regime for Vehicles on Northland Beaches

### The Issue

The use of vehicles on beaches during weekends and in holiday periods, and the lack of an effective management framework.

### Bylaw Development and Implementation

The proposed management approach required district councils to extend their

## Inventory of New Zealand's Active Dunelands

The Inventory of New Zealand's Active Duneland's was published in late 2000 after three years of work. The idea for the project occurred to me during the process of drafting the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement in late 1990.

At that time the coastal policy team was frustrated by the lack of regional and national data on the location and conservation status of remaining coastal dune systems (active, semi-vegetated and stable). Such data was needed to justify policy and formulate conservation and management strategies.

The Sand Dune and Beach Vegetation Inventory of New Zealand subsequently identified priority dune systems and their botanical values. In addition, the Protected Natural Areas Programme (PNAP) generated some very detailed

The most recent maps (1990s) are the most accurate, in large part because of the generous assistance and feedback received from regional council, DoC Conservancy and district council staff. Many thanks.

### Key findings:

1. Active dunelands were present in all regions following World War II, though they were most extensive along the west coasts of the three main



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# Hazards

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### Coastal Society Seminar Coastal Hazards: Are We Managing?

This year's Coastal Society seminar (26 June at the Plaza International Hotel in Wellington) encouraged debate and discussion on the issues that underlie the management of coastal hazards in New Zealand. The conference speakers highlighted the importance of coastal hazard management, including future research directions.

### Rogue Waves: Do Ship Wakes Strike Back or Help Us?

Particular (rogue) waves are much more frequent than might be expected. Many properties of the catastrophic waves are common to the intersection point is very steep: its slope may be 8 times as large as the slope of the counterparts [3].

The physics of waves is exactly the same for identical waves of any origin. Therefore extremely high and steep waves may easily occur when two high and steep waves cross each other, or when systems of long-crested waves cross each other, no matter whether its swell or ship-generated solitonic waves. Also, much more devastation may be caused by a simple overtopping of a seawall compared with a more complex wave pattern. Breakwater may be caused by an analogous

### Extension of controls for development in coastal hazard zones

A recent Environment Court ruling has extended controls on building developments in coastal hazard zones at Waikanae Beach and Pukehina Beach in the Bay of Plenty. Western Bay of Plenty District Council's decision



### Managing Coastal Hazard Risk in Tokelau



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### Development of coastal hazard risk indicators for the Bay of Plenty Region

Why the need for coastal hazard risk indicators?

Just over 74% of the Bay of Plenty (BOP) coastline is soft sandy coast and like most open sandy coasts in New Zealand, the BOP is not alone in being vulnerable to coastal hazards. The coastal communities in the BOP region of development to further enhance the desire for a kiwi holiday experience.

has an element Plan 1 hazards objective: coastal

Figure 1: Coastal hazard risk indicators for the Bay of Plenty

NIWA are facilitating a workshop on building understanding of hazards and risks to coastal environments and communities.

Attendees will have the opportunity to contribute in workshop sessions designed to tease out the long-term strategy needed to build coastal knowledge



### Coastal and Storm Hazards Workshop: 25-26 March 2002 in Hamilton

### Forecasting Currents Could Save Lives

Rip currents are approximately 100m wide and can flow at 100km/h. They are the most dangerous feature of the sea. Forecasting currents could save lives. Photo: Ron Hume

storms, cyclones, damaging waves, sea-level rise, climate change, storm surge and flooding, tsunamis, tides, strong currents, maritime operations, oil/pollutant spills, surf conditions, and rips.

The workshop is aimed at regional council and TLA staff, engineers, planners, scientists and Government

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### Preventing Drowning and Injury in New Zealand

Our coastline continues to be enjoyed by an increasing number of people, be it through coastal development or increased access to water-related opportunities. Social commentators suggest there is an increase in 'family' orientated leisure pursuits and a day at the beach is accessible, offers a range of activities,

1. People drown because of a lack of knowledge or a disregard/misunderstanding of hazards. Surf Life Saving must aim to educate and inform by increasing knowledge through quality public education and awareness. This increase in knowledge will assist the beach going public of New Zealand participating wisely and safely in

# Maori



*Making waves for the  
next 20 years*



# Shift happens - Global

- World's population increased by 1.5 billion since 1992 up 26%
- Relative natural hazard for world outside China is increasing – population growth and move to hazard prone areas
- <1% of agricultural land managed under certified ecological practices
- In the last ½ century phosphorus in marine and fresh waters has increased 50%
- Aquaculture increased by 260% from 1992-2009, now equals ½ total wild fish catch
- 90% of disaster displacement in 2010 due to climate-related disasters
- Climate is changing and SL rising at 2.5 mm/yr globally

# Shift happens - NZ

Official Statistics, New Zealand, 2025	2025	Current
Population	<b>5.3 million - Auck</b>	4.4 million
No. of cows	<b>10 million</b>	5.9 million
Aquaculture exports	<b>\$1 billion</b>	\$0.3 billion
Minerals exports	<b>\$14 billion – 50% seabed</b>	\$3.6 billion
Oil production	<b>290 petajoules</b>	160 petajoules
Maori business %GDP	<b>18%</b>	6%



# Wake-up calls

*People attitudes towards hazards depends on specific events and anecdotal evidence*

- Boxing day 2004 tsunami – 275,000 dead, \$5 billion repair bill
- Japanese tsunami 2011 – 19,000 people killed or remain missing, 325,000 people remain displaced 18 months later, \$190 billion repair bill
- Super storm Sandy 2012 – 100+ dead, \$30-50 billion repair bill
- Auckland storm surge 2011 – \$20 million damage
- Rena grounding 2011 – >\$50 million clean-up cost



# Keep making waves

- NZCS Mission ... “To undertake a leading role in facilitating robust discussion and nationally coordinated interactions to better manage and learn about our coastal and marine environment”
- Maintain the balance/involve - planning, science and engineering, community, industry, local and central Government
- Coastal News - a rich summary of the society activities and valuable archive resource
- Special projects
- Members must continue to volunteer their time and employers their financial and in-kind support



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