



CDVN Newsletter No 6, August 2000

Hello to all CDVN members!

Welcome to the August Newsletter. I hope you are all well into your dune planting programmes, as it appears the first signs of spring are in the air, especially for the North Islanders. I am pleased to report that good progress is being made with CDVN research projects since the last newsletter and in spite of the resignation of our capable manager, Fiona Ede. The others in the team here, David Bergin and Greg Steward, have been great in carrying most of the load while I, Diana Gainsford, have been coming up to speed with everything about the Network.

The AGM held last March in Christchurch was extremely successful. Although I was not able to attend myself, I believe that participants really enjoyed the presentations and especially the field trips. Some preliminary details of the next AGM to be held in Auckland are elsewhere in the newsletter.

The CDVN Coordinating Committee Meeting was held in May in Taupo – as far from the sea as one can get in New Zealand – but this was well attended. Taupo seems to be a good central location for the North Island members to meet, and will be used more frequently in the future. One outcome from that meeting was that workplan outlines for each project are to be circulated to members. These are included along with this newsletter for your consideration and comment. The next coordinating committee meeting will be held mid-to-late November (date and venue to be advised).

A quick update from Fiona. The latest e-mail suggests she is busy applying for a range of jobs – with her ideal job being in the area of ecological restoration; somehow that sounds familiar! Never one to sit around, she is in the meantime working 3 days/week at CSIRO. I was fortunate to catch up with her in June on my way to Tasmania, and she seems to be enjoying Melbourne life, especially the food, but as yet is not quite in tune with Aussie mentality – I'm sure that won't take long though! Hopefully Fiona will make it over to the AGM in Auckland next year, so perhaps a chance to catch up then.

These last few months have provided me many opportunities (and hopefully a lot more in the future) to experience the work and dedication being put into varied projects around the coast. It is great to see the high level of commitment of both managing authorities and community groups in dealing with their challenging coastal environments. Hope to meet many more of you and become familiar with your range of sandy issues over the next year.

Diana Gainsford, CDVN

Just a quick hello from the Chairperson.

I am pleased to report that things have settled down from last years' turmoil - and we have our network back ticking along nicely!

Great to see the final dune morphology bulletin finished. The CDVN series is now looking very impressive!

I have been busy with the planting season on the dunes in the Waikato region. On many of the Waikato beaches, the Beach Care groups have got to the point that there is minimal planting of sand binding grasses required, and they are tackling the challenge of the back dune areas. I am looking forward to more CDVN work in this area in the future.

Thanks again to all the people in Christchurch who helped the AGM down there go so sweetly. Tough act to follow, Aucklanders, but well done for getting the next AGM dates sorted! I look forward to catching up with you all soon.

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CDVN ANNUAL MEETING AND FIELD TRIPS AUCKLAND, 2001

The meeting is to be hosted by Auckland Regional Council, with input from the other Auckland Councils. A suitable venue and nearby accommodation catering for a range of budgets and styles has been found, while ideas for field trips are currently being investigated. The main three days will be a mix of technical sessions, field trips, an AGM and lots of time for networking.

- DATES:** Wednesday 28 February - Friday 2nd March 2001 (optional offshore field trip 3- 4th March).
- VENUE:** For the technical sessions – Netball North Harbour Centre, Northcote, which has excellent conference facilities.
- ACCOMMODATION:** The North Shore Motels and Holiday Park on Northcote Rd, with 90 units ranging from cabins and bunkrooms to luxury motels, is within 10 minutes walking of the meeting venue. This is highly recommended and the conference organisers will be based here. The Poenamo Hotel with accommodation is across the road from the venue. Meals and entertainment are available at this hotel as well as there being other nearby eateries, all within walking distance. Those attending the conference will be expected to make all their own accommodation arrangements.
- FIELD TRIPS:** It is likely that field trips will be held to a selection of both the west and east coast beaches in the Auckland area. An optional fieldtrip, possibly to Great Barrier Island, is to be planned for the weekend immediately following the meeting. Buses for field trips will drop-off and depart from the Holiday Park complex or nearby Netball Centre.

It is proposed that this meeting will have an overall theme with possible sub themes to which different speakers will contribute.

Finalised details of the meeting will be given in the December newsletter, and a registration pack sent out.

Note: to assist with keeping costs down so as much of the Network finances can be spent on research, it was decided at the last CDVN Executive Meeting (refer to Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes, May 16th, 2000) that all attendees will be charged \$50 for the 3 day meeting including field trips (excludes any optional fieldtrips and Official Dinner). If you wish to contribute ideas regarding the meeting format, themes, guest speakers, or have any suggestions to make, or would like further information on the meeting, venue or accommodation, please contact:

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DIFFICULT SITES TRIALS – UPDATE ON ESTABLISHMENT

Good progress has been made on this partially funded CDVN project over the last few months.

Te Henga (Bethels Beach), Auckland

Plans are well under way for the establishment of planting and direct seeding trials of spinifex on several sites at Te Henga later this month. This will be the first time that nursery-raised spinifex seedlings will have been planted here. The trial will build on some of the successes of establishing pingao and spinifex seeding work carried out in previous years by the local Coast Care group at Te Henga in collaboration with the Auckland Regional Council and Waitakere City Council. For more information please contact Ngairé Sullivan (Auckland Regional Council) or David Bergin.

Oakura Beach, New Plymouth

This trial was established immediately south of the motor camp at Oakura Beach in early July. The first step involved mechanically reshaping a 150m length of beach. Over 5000 spinifex and pingao seedlings were then planted by New Plymouth District Council staff, the local Oakura Beach Care group, Taranaki Regional Council and *Forest Research* staff. Treatments included different plant spacing and slow-release fertilisers. A work plan has been produced and an establishment report is currently being prepared. Trish Davidson recently reported that the trial is looking good nearly four weeks after establishment. For more information please contact Trish Davidson (New Plymouth District Council) or David Bergin.

Coastal Happenings

◆ NZ Coastal Society Seminar
Coastal Management in New Zealand:

Theory vs. Practice

Where: Maritime Museum, Auckland

When: 12-13 October, 2000

This seminar will focus on three major themes:

- Coastal development
- Coastal monitoring
- Sea level rise and climate change

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◆ The Marine & Coastal Community Network's
Bass Strait Forum 2000

Where: Launceston, Tasmania

When: 30 Nov - 2 Dec, 2000

The forum is intended to be a celebration of the rich cultural history and natural values of the Bass Strait region, and will be organised around three themes; cultural values, scientific values and planning/management.

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CDVN MEMBERSHIP LIST UPDATE

The CDVN membership list currently contains the names and contact details of almost 200 individuals, with an increasing interest across the Tasman from Australian coastal managers and researchers. As you will appreciate it requires some commitment from the entire Network to ensure that it contains your latest details (including postal address, phone and fax numbers and E-mail address) or even whether you wish to remain on the list. Therefore it is timely to contact collaborating members, especially those whom we haven't heard from for a while, to confirm your details and continuing interest. You will receive a form that will contain the contact details we have for you. Please take the time to check it, if necessary correct it, and return it.

Greg Steward
Secretary

It's been a while in the making, but this latest bulletin by Patrick Hesp is now **available**. This is a worthwhile high quality publication with excellent diagrams and photos accompanying clear concise coastal dune morphology information.

CDVN Technical Bulletin No.4 Coastal Sand Dunes Form and Function

Publication of this bulletin was directly funded by the CDVN, whereas MfE funded the first three bulletins. Financial members will receive a copy of the new bulletin with this mail-out, and other members may purchase the bulletin for \$14.75 (GST inc.) plus \$2 p&p, with a discount given on the purchase of 10 or more from our publications department (see below).

Copies of this Coastal Sand Dune Bulletin No. 4 and further copies of the CDVN Technical Bulletins No. 1, 2 and 3 (Pingao, Spinifex and Sand Tussock) are for sale from Forest Research (No. 1, 2 and 3 for \$11.25 GST inc. each plus \$2 p&p).

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NATIONAL BEACH CARE DAY 2000
Sunday 15 October
At Papamoa Domain Surf Club, Papamoa Beach

The aim of this day is to provide our community volunteers with opportunities to learn more about their coastal environment, to share ideas on problem solving, and to have a well-deserved fun day out.

Most of the people who will be attending are members of Coast/Beach Care groups, Coastal Management Agencies and industry representatives. They are individuals with commitment who combine their individually unique skills to maintain and enhance our beautiful beaches and coastal ecosystems.

Outline of the Day

- 9.00am** - Morning tea (provided) and registration, browse the various displays
- 10.00am** - Official opening Hon. Marion Hobbs, Minister for the Environment.
- 10.15am** - Evolution of a Coast Care Group, Sandy Garland, Chairman Mt. Maunganui Coast Care
- 10.45am** - Cam-Era presentation (Dr Karin NIWA) - see how this tool is being used to monitor coastal changes.
- 11.15am** - Discussion of Papamoa Beach projects (Lucy Brake and Greg Jenks).
- 11.30am** - Beach Walk to view projects
- 12.30pm** - LUNCH (provided).
- 1.30pm** - Coastal Dune Vegetation Network (Diana Gainsford, Forest Research)
- 2.00pm** - Naturally Native nursery - discussion of the wide range of coastal plants available for re-introduction to NZ coastal areas (Mark Dean, Naturally Native New Zealand Plants Ltd).
- 2.30pm** - Artificial Surfing Reef project (Prof. Kerry Black).
- 3.00pm** - Afternoon tea (provided) and thank-you's.
- 3.30pm** - Bus trip to Papamoa East (provided), for the stayers.
- 6.00pm** - Dinner at the Blue Bijou (own expense), for the stop-outs.

A special programme will be arranged for children, run by Environment B·O·P's Pollution Busters club.

This is the weekend following the NZCS seminar in Auckland, which should allow people to attend both and make organising travel arrangements a little easier.

For additional information and/or registration
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Note: Registrations close October, 2nd.

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