



Friends of the Taputeranga Marine Reserve Charitable Trust

Chair's Report for the Year ending 30 June 2013

Fellow Trustees

I am pleased to be able to table the Chair's Report for the year ending 30 June 2013.

In summary, the year was one of significant achievement for the Trust. Key achievements are outlined below:

July 2012

- Submission on **West Coast Marine Reserves Application**

August 2012

- Installation of some **replacement buoys as trial** of new design for Trail
- Fourth **Birthday** of the Marine Reserve

September 2012

- Conservation Week – Interview with Alison Ballance for **'Our Changing World'**
- Participation in **Year of the Coast – South Coast Clean Up event**

December 2012

- **Installation of webcam** at IB Surf Club; images of IB and Trail renewed every 5 mins. Available on FoTMR website.
- Design of **underwater slates** completed. Seeking funding and printing options.

January 2013

- Design of **membership/general brochure** completed.
- **Snorkel Trail brochure** reprinted.

February 2013

- **Brochure distributed** at Island Bay Festival. Public interaction shows much greater awareness of marine reserve and use of Snorkel Trail.
- **Survey of Snorkel Trail use** conducted Jan – March
- **Survey of DOC signage** on marine reserve coastal margin completed.
- **Newsletter 11 distributed** and posted on website

March 2013

- **Taputeranga Island coastal clean-up** carried out with Victoria University Coastal Ecology Lab.
- Project to establish path and **landscaping at Trail** sign advanced.
- Informal **Trail use survey suggests 800 to 1200** users between Jan and March.

April 2013

- **Slates** ready for funding applications. Designs complete for first of series.
- **Upgrade for website** and addition of articles on Marine Life

- Membership and general **brochure** completed ready for printing
- **Survey of DOC signs** on boundaries completed
- **Newsletter 12** distributed

May 2013

- **New trustee** (Ann McCrone) welcomed.
- **Science liaison** with DOC re-established.
- **GWRC** agreed to waive fees for Trail buoy system consent monitoring.

June 2013

- **Review of Strategic Plan** and Projects commenced.
- **Damage to Trail** buoys from sever southerly storm reviewed.
- **Newsletter 13** distributed

Trust Board members since inauguration: (current members in bold)

Colin Ryder

Murray Hosking

Celia Wade-Brown (until November 2010; Patron of the Friends since then)

Rachel Anderson-Smith (until February 2011)

Tim Walshe (until November 2011)

Jim Baltaxe (until April 2011)

Dr James Bell (until January 2010)

Dr Malcolm Francis (from June 2010)

Stephen Journee (from June 2010)

Andrew Cutler (from June 2010 to May 2011)

Rochelle Finlay (from February 2011)

Dr Sophie Mormede (from February 2011)

Julian Hodge (from July 2011)

Zoe Studd (from Sept 2011 until Sept 2012)

Steve Meads (from April 2012)

Kristen Meads (from April 2012)

Ann McCrone (from May 2013)

I would like to thank Zoe for her contribution to the Marine Reserve and the Trust and welcome Ann McCrone to the team.

I move that the Chair's report be adopted.

Rochelle Finlay

Chair