

Pre-Conference Field Trip (DRAFT ONLY) Coastal Management Issues in Tasman District

The coastal areas of Tasman District present many interesting issues of coastal management and excellent examples of impact assessment and environmental management in practice. The tour will be accompanied by knowledgeable Tasman District Council staff and local NZAIA members.

Visit the coastal development areas of Mapua and Ruby Bay, which are experiencing considerable growth issues, and take in the McKee Domain and the Old Mill walkway. Mapua and Ruby Bay are a case where there is considerable pressure on resources and a number of coastal issues. See the Tasman District Council Draft Structure Plan for the area at

<http://taslib.govt.nz/index.php?MapuaDraftStructurePlanReport>



Hear also about the Council's beach nourishment work, such as at Torrent Bay in Able Tasman Park, where Council is hoping to avoid the use of hard structures to protect a reserve and private houses.

The tour will then proceed to the attractive area, and popular visitor attraction, of Mapua wharf and take a coffee break.

Near the wharf area is the Fruitgrowers Chemical Company (FCC) site at Mapua, New Zealand's largest example of an environmental clean up project, which includes removing contaminated and potentially contaminated material from the site and foreshore. There has been extensive environmental monitoring and assessment at this site, including health effects for local residents. The project is led and funded by the Ministry for the Environment with close involvement of the Council and community. For more information see

<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/issues/hazardous/contaminated/mapua/index.html>

Field trip details:

Date: 26th November 2008

Time: After lunch (1.00 - 5.00 pm) - please assemble from 12.45 pm

Meeting place: outside the Tahuna Beach Conference Centre, Tahunanui, Nelson

Cost: \$45 - please register on the conference registration form.

If you have already registered and want to do the trip please send in a second form marking clearly that you have already registered for the conference.