



Paige Hareb, spokesperson for SeaweeK 2008 collecting rubbish off the beach. Photo: Callum Lilley, DOC.



One Ocean - It starts with me
Kotahi Moana, Ka timata mai i ahau

SeaweeK

2-9 March 2008

SeaweeK 2008 – 'One Ocean- It Starts with Me' will highlight some of the positive initiatives underway around NZ and how we can, through our actions on the land and in the sea, make a difference for the marine environment.

A range of activities will be running throughout SeaweeK in Taranaki including public talks, events, guided walks and children's activities for all ages and abilities. The 2008 mascot for SeaweeK is the little blue penguin (korora).



Little blue penguin (korora) Photo: Paddy Ryan.

Spokesperson for SeaweeK 2008

Paige Hareb (the number 2 ranked junior woman surfer in the world and Taranaki 2007 junior sportswoman of the year) is the spokesperson for SeaweeK 2008.

Paige competes in surfing competitions all over the world and wants Kiwis to keep our beaches clean and look after the local wildlife.

As well as promoting SeaweeK throughout the country Paige is helping out with a local little blue penguin conservation project in her home town of Oakura.

Oakura, East End and Fitzroy beaches are internationally recognised Blue Flag Beaches that achieve this status by meeting high standards in criteria including water quality and environmental management.



Paige checking a little blue penguin nest.
Photo: Callum Lilley, DOC.



Education

See the sea themed book displays in public libraries at Puke Ariki (Discover it), Bell Block, Oakura, Opunake, Stratford, Hawera, Patea and Waverley. Check the children's event section for the libraries running activities!

Rocky Shore Teacher Workshop

Date: Thursday 21st, February.

Time: 4 - 6pm.

Meeting point: Kawaroa car park.

Details: Learn about the rocky shore and its inhabitants at this educational teacher's workshop.

Bookings essential: Kevin Archer (TRC) 06 756 7127.

Teacher Resource Kits!

Borrow a sea themed resource kit for upper primary to high school. Each kit has a selection of brochures, educational CDs and other material to compliment units on the rocky shore, sea life and marine protected areas.

Limited supplies: Contact Nathan (DOC) 06 759 0350.

- Click on www.seaweek.org.nz for curriculum linked Seaweek lessons & activities.
- Visit the LEARNZ website and take a science virtual field trip to Goat Island Marine Reserve, Auckland. www.learnz.org.nz

School Librarian Promotion!

Email a photo of your library's Seaweek display and be in to win a prize.

Email the photo to Nathan at nhills@doc.govt.nz

Public Talks

Our famous little blue penguins!

Date: Monday 3rd, March.

Time: 7.30pm.

Venue: New Plymouth Yacht Club, Ocean View Parade.

Details: Learn about the feeding, breeding and ecology of the little blue penguin from marine conservation advocate Jacqueline Geurts.

New Discoveries in the Deep Sea!

Date: Tuesday 4th, March.

Time: 7.30pm.

Venue: New Plymouth Yacht Club, Ocean View Parade.

Details: Marine Scientist Helen Kettles will tell of her experiences and the life forms discovered during a one month scientific survey of the sea floor 1000km west of East Cape. A must sea!

Marine Protected Areas in Taranaki

Date: Wednesday 5th, March.

Time: 7.30pm.

Venue: New Plymouth Yacht Club, Ocean View Parade.

Details: What lies beneath? DOC Ranger Callum Lilley will give an overview on marine protected areas in Taranaki and the treasures that lie, swim and hide within them.

New Discoveries in the Deep Sea!

Date: Thursday 6th, March.

Time: 7.00pm.

Venue: Hawera LibraryPlus.

Details: Marine Scientist Helen Kettles tells of her experiences and the life forms discovered in a one month scientific survey of the sea floor 1000km west of East Cape. A must sea!

Events

Whitecliffs Guided Walk

Date: Sunday 2nd, March.

Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm.

Meeting point: Bus Centre, Ariki St – bus leaves at 9.00am.



Whitecliffs. Photo: DOC.

Details: Join DOC staff on this 5.7 km hard walk through farmland and scrub and enjoy spectacular views along the coastline before returning along the beach.

Other: Bring a gold coin donation for the bus and bring your own food, water, hat and sunscreen for the walk. Complimentary barbeque provided.

Bookings essential - phone 06 759 6060.

Guided Walk to Ohawe Beach and back.

Date: Sunday 2nd, March.

Time: 12pm - 3pm.

Location: Denby Road End, Hawera.

Details: Walkway researcher Diana Reid will lead this popular three hour return coastal walk. Dogs are welcome on this walk!

Contact: Kelly Martyn, phone 0800 111 323.

Waitara Beach Cleanup

Date: Monday 3rd, March.

Time: 12 - 2pm.

Meeting point: Waitara West Beach, Marine Park, Centennial Ave, Waitara.

Details: Gloves and bags to pick up rubbish will be supplied.

Contact: John Leslie, phone (NPDC) 06 759 6060.

Lower Pitone Rd / Okato Beach Cleanup

Date: Tuesday 4th, March.

Time: 12.30pm - 2.30pm.

Meeting Point: Fort St George, Lower Pitone road, Okato.

Details: Gloves and bags to pick up rubbish will be supplied.

Contact: John Leslie, phone (NPDC) 06 759 6060.

Kayak Trip (Sugar Loaf Islands)

Date: Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th, March.

Start time: 9am.

Location: Nga Motu Beach.

Details: Kayak in the Sugar Loaf Island Marine Park with guides from Canoe & Kayak.

Cost: \$55.00 pp.

Bookings essential: Contact Peter, phone 769 5506, or 027 608 3844 or email canoekayak@maxnet.co.nz



Kayaking around the Sugar Loaf Islands. Photo: Herb Spannagl.

Dune Restoration Trust of New Zealand Conference

Date: 5th, 6th and 7th, March.

Start Time: 9am.

Location: Wanganui Yacht Club.

Details: Involves a series of talks, field trips, networking and discussion groups.

Contact: Graeme La Cock, phone 06 348 8475 or visit the website: www.dunestrust.org.nz

Fitzroy/ East End Beach Cleanup

Date: Thursday 6th, March.

Time: 6pm - 8pm.

Meeting Point: Fitzroy beach carpark by the Blue Flag.

Details: Gloves and bags to pick up rubbish will be supplied.

Contact: John Leslie, phone (NPDC) 06 759 6060.

Hickford Park Guided Walk, Bell Block

Date: Saturday 8th, March.

Time: 3.00pm - 5.30pm, followed by barbecue.

Meeting point: Bell Block Beach, Mangati Rd, Bell Block.

Grade: Easy/medium.

Details: Learn about the coastal ecosystem, the new foreshore walkway link and other things happening in Hickford Park.

Contact: John Leslie, phone (NPDC) 06 759 6060.

Beginner Surfing Lessons

Date: Sunday 9th, March.

Time: 9 - 12pm.

Meeting Point: Opunake Surf Club (all equipment is supplied).

Details: Join the Opunake Board Riders and give the sport a try!

Contact: Kelly Martyn, phone 0800 111 323.

Children Events

Mobile Madness

Date: 2nd - 9th, March.

Venue: Centre City, New Plymouth.

Details: Make mobiles of sea creatures from 100% recycled and reused materials in time to be displayed for Seaweeek.

Specifications: All mobiles must not exceed 50cm in length and width.

Age group categories include: Y1-3, Y4-6 and Y7-8.

Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of Seaweeek for the best individual and school mobiles.

Contact: Nathan, phone (DOC) 06 759 0350 to organise arrangements for the labelling and dropping off of the mobiles.

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National Children's Day/ Seaweeek Parade

Date: Sunday 2nd, March.

Time: 10 - 3pm.

Location: Puke Ariki Landing.

Details: Join in the range of fun activities celebrating children and the sea at Puke Ariki Landing. Come in marine costume and walk in the Seaweeek Parade (2pm) from the Puke Ariki Landing and around the Wind Wand.

Contact: Nathan, phone (DOC) 06 759 0350.

Little Blue Penguin Activity (Rad Readers)

Date: Wednesday 5th, March.

Time: 3.30 - 4.15pm.

Venue/ Meeting point: Bell Block Library, 188 Parklands Avenue.

Details: Join in fun penguin activities with Rad Readers.

Contact: Helen, phone 06 755 0939.

Seaweek activities!

Date: 3rd - 7th, March.

Time: 3.30pm onwards.

Venue: Patea and Waverley Libraries.

Details: Cool off with some colouring-in and word game activities. It should be a blast!

Contact: Kathy, phone 06 278 0555 (Patea), or Elsie 06 278 0555 (Waverley).



New Zealand fur seal. Photo: Tui De Roy.

Art Exhibition

Art Exhibition - "Celebrating the Sea"

Date: 1st - 31st, March.

Venue: Real Tart Community Gallery, 19 Egmont Street, New Plymouth.

Details: Enjoy sea inspired artworks from local artists (submissions of artwork to the exhibition are welcomed until 29th February).

Phone 06 769 5717.

Waitara Artwork Exhibition of North Taranaki, inspired by Seaweek

Date: 2nd - 9th, March.

Venue: Waitara Central Business District (CBD).

Details: Walk through the Waitara CBD and observe artworks from North Taranaki Artists in celebration of Seaweek. Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of Seaweek.

Contact: Sandralynn Morrison-Love, phone 06 754 5714.

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