

**Each talk will be held at 7 p.m in the
Community Room of the Petone Library and Town Centre
Complex, Britannia Street, Petone.**

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Wednesday 9th June

**Warwick Johnston , author of Petone Foreshore, will talk on the history of
Petone Beach**

The most enduring aspect of Petone is the beach. Buildings come and go as the whim and fancy takes us; even people may come and go but the beach remains.

The purpose of my talk is to try and bring together some of the events, activities and people that are connected with Petone beach. It is not exhaustive simply because the beach has been part and parcel of so many people's lives, from the early Maori settlers through to the joggers and walkers of today.

Wednesday 16th June

Petone's Ancient Beaches - Graeme Stevens (GNS Science) will give an illustrated talk in which he traces the various ancient beaches in the Petone area.

The beaches comprise those left behind by earthquakes in AD 1855, AD 1460 and 300 BC, as well as one left by a high sea level 4500 years ago.

Wednesday 23rd June

Reg Cotter from Forest and Bird will speak upon bird life on Petone Beach with especial focus on the birds life of 1840 compared with that of today From there being numerous Waterfowl on Petone Beach to the situation today will be revealed in a talk illustrated with coloured slides . Hear how an area that was full of Snipe; varieties of Duck changed to have Blackback Gulls Red Billed Gulls ; Oystercatchers and other common birds

Wednesday 30th June

Caroline Cowie will speak on Coast Care Petone Beach

New Zealand's coastal sand dunes are a highly threatened ecosystem in serious decline. However they provide important habitat for native flora and fauna, provide a buffer from storms and hold cultural significance for Maori. In an attempt to halt the decline of these special landscapes, over 100 community coast care groups are working to restore and protect sand dunes throughout New Zealand. Come along to find out about the local volunteers working to care for and restore Petone Beach, what they are doing and why their work is important.