

South Coast Climate Adaptation Briefing Hapori Takutai – Huringa Āhuarangi



Agenda

Sunday 21 May 2023 at 3.00 - 4.30pm

Wellington South Baptist Church Hall
284 The Parade Island Bay

90 minute information session

We will have a few speakers to bring us up to speed with a number of climate-related issues.

Professor Jonathan Boston, ONZM

Our key speaker is Professor Boston, a member of the Expert Working Group on Managed Retreat, which is advising our Ministry for the Environment on how NZ should prepare for the storms of the future and accelerating sea level rise.

Jonathan spent several days recently in Napier/Hawkes Bay surveying some of the extensive damage from Cyclone Gabrielle, which struck in mid-February.

“Some of the destruction and devastation we witnessed near Napier was sobering, confronting ... almost unbelievable. It is a terrible harbinger of what is in store for countless communities around the world over the coming decades and beyond, especially those living on or near the coast and in river valleys and flood plains. This is why it is essential to take precautionary measures to move people and property out of harm's way ... and, of course, reduce our GHG emissions.”

Wellington City Council

We will have a short update from WCC on where we are at with much-needed impact assessments, and the City's Climate Change Adaptation road map.

Julie Anne Genter MP

Green MP Julie Anne Genter will give her perspective on the The Big Picture – the factors that are driving climate change, as well as what it means to communities like ours, and the need to devolve funding and responsibility to local levels – the need to resource communities.

Fleur Fitzsimons

Former Councillor and candidate for Rongotai, Fleur Fitzsimons will share her thoughts on the need for communities to organise to face these kinds of challenges.

Come and find out and ask questions. If you can't make it, let us know and send your questions to: 4cwelly@gmail.com.