



Paradise created by nature and cared for by the community

Coast Care Pukehina Community Update Sept 2020

RECENT STORM

Two areas of Pukehina Beach bore the brunt of storm damage in mid August. The Pukehina Ratepayers and Residents Association, Coastal expert Jim Dahm and key community members are working together with affected property owners to assess this recent erosion. We will keep the community informed of progress and decisions for these areas.



HELPING TO BUILD HEALTHY DUNES

The dunes are the backbone of our beaches, the buffer between the land and the sea. Healthy dunes are wide, gently sloping and have many dune plants to help anchor them. Let's get Pukehina planted!

Some easy steps to your dune makeover:

1. Remove all weeds (iceplant & smothering plants)
2. Plant native sand-binding spinifex and pingao at the top of the dune
3. Keep an eye out for returning weeds and continue to remove
4. The following year, plant up the gaps, weed and fertilise. Just like your garden, dunes need work too!
5. Plant up a neighbouring property – we all love the beach so let's all help to look after it!

LAST PLANT ORDERS FOR 2020 SEASON!

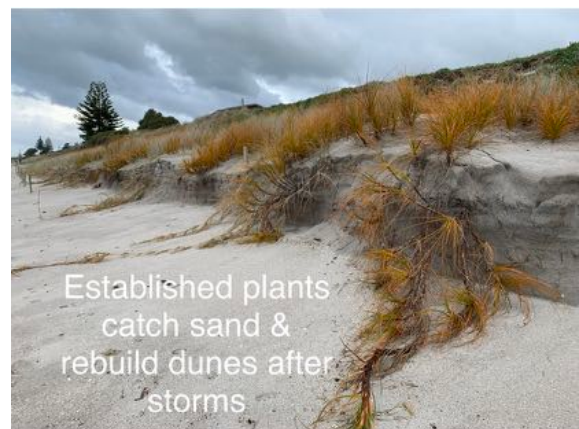
Dune planting season is now in the last month and along with Coast Care BOP we would encourage ALL beachfront property owners to arrange to get native plants dropped off and in the ground by the end of September.

We cannot control the ocean but we can help to mitigate the affects of storms by creating a healthy dune system in front of every section along the beach.

Contact Tania at Coast Care on 022 323 5267 and take action in your area of the beach!



Please note that Coast Care will not deliver plants for the bottom foredune on the beach front. Native sand-binding plants take a good 8 to 12 months to set their 2m deep roots and would likely be washed away before then. We encourage people to plant at the top of the dune and allow the runners to creep down the dune face and trap sand.



Coast Care also encourage people to aim for at least 10-15m of dune plants to provide the best protection. If you would like to retire some lawn and plant dune species further back ask Tania for a site visit to help you plan and achieve that for the 2012 planting season.

Coast Care BOP Programme

Solving Problems by Restoring Dunes

Motiti Road, Papamoa East

June 1997
Dune front erosion had been problematic for decades. In 1978 the BOP Catchment Commission advised residents there were no simple or cheap answers to address their erosion concerns at Papamoa East.

March 2004
Inexpensive planting of native dune species has re-created an accreting front dune, by Papamoa Coast Care helping to solve the erosion problems. This photo was taken the day after the impact of 10m waves from Cyclone Ivy.

working together to care for our coast

Enjoy the winter season - be kind, stay safe and let's all work together to protect the beach we love 😊