



Coast Care Update for the Pukehina Community

May 2024

Kia ora koutou,

We hope that you have all enjoyed an amazing summer and settled weather to begin the year! A big difference from 2023 that's for sure! The beach is looking great in most places with a lot of sand build up and where there are plants, a lot of runners and growth are occurring.

Where are we at now?

- We've been working in the background with Chris Pronk of Coast Care and Jim Dham our consultant, to look at a planting plan and identify weedy sites in the push up property zones.
- Chris has been in contact with some of you separately and is working on dig and flip projects of large weeded reserve areas so this is great news too.
- We've been working with WBOPDC on Long term plan consultation coming up in July.
- We've assessed the most vulnerable area of the beach to complete the push up works from Dec (approx 205-229 Pukehina Parade)

Actions to share:

- Ahead of planting, Chris would like to do a spray where Indian dobe and kikuyu grass is coming thru the top of push up areas. Chris will be wearing high vis and be making his way along the beach over the next week. Please get in touch with him if you have any concerns - Chris.Pronk@boprc.govt.nz or 020 4116 2959
- We are pleased to share that Coast Care can now provide one tray of spinifex per push up property, to be planted over the next month. (We may have another tray available thru the nursery but just confirming that as there could be a cost attached, approx \$120 a tray - tbc)
 - Please collect your tray, and a bag of fertiliser from Richard Glovers house 223 Pukehina Parade. Richard is home this Saturday for collection or give him a text on 027 212 3256 to arrange pick up
 - Once spraying (and final push up in above mentioned area) has been completed pop the spinifex in as far inland as possible and fertiliser well.
- We will be in touch with people in final push up area once contractors are confirmed.

Where to from here?

- Host a community meeting to re-look at the strategy for funding push ups, and share the current science with coastal erosion, and the results of the latest Coast Care report. Date to be confirmed - July/Aug to fit with WBOPDC Long term plan consultation

If anyone has any questions re funding or push up mahi, please reach out to Richard or Esther.

Any questions re plants, weed spraying or suitability of planting back into sections please get in touch with Chris Pronk of Coast Care on Chris.Pronk@boprc.govt.nz or 020 4116 2959

Kia pai te rā, enjoy the day!

Ngā mihi

Esther and Richard

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