



Coast Care Update for the Pukehina Community October 2024

Kia ora koutou,

Please find information below from our consultant Jim Dahm on the **final dune repair work** following Cyclones Lola and Gabrielle. Other areas of the beach have recovered well and for those people who planted post push ups in 2023 there is lots of growth and lengthy spinifex runners taking hold.

Please note that this upcoming work is for the area from 203-233 - Residents in this area have received an email. We will also have a message up on the community noticeboard opposite The Store from Labour Day.

"The remaining work is limited to a short length of beach (about 280m) extending from 203-233 Pukehina Parade. This work is building on the earlier interim works in this area. This was the most seriously affected area of the beach in the earlier erosion and to date we have only been able to reinstate a minimal dune width in this area. We had hoped to complete the reinstatement work in early 2024 however, adequate beach repair has only occurred over the last month. Weather permitting, the works will likely start on Tuesday 29 October when the tides are next suitable. We suspect the work will take 5-6 working days."

Please take care around the machines operating on the beach and follow the instructions of our contractors Readfields, and their onsite Health and Safety team.

Ahead of the push up:

- If you have some spinifex runners that have taken off and they are easy to pull back up towards your property please do so. NB it is not essential as they will grow up and through the sand

Actions post push up:

- Richard Glover has been watering trays of spinifex stored at his place for each place in this area.
- Once the salt has been washed out of the sand (give it 1-2 weeks or after a good rain) these plants can go into the new push up, as landward as possible.
- Please collect your tray, and a bag of fertiliser from Richard Glover's house 223 Pukehina Parade, text 027 212 3256 to arrange pick up
- Please do not build any new stair structures down the pushup. WBOPDC would like residents to use the formed beach accesses, esp if you are adjacent to these, or join up with another few properties to use existing stairs (like at 223).

If anyone has any questions re push up mahi, please reach out to Richard who is in touch with Jim Dahm.

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!

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