

PUKEHINA BEACH RATEPAYERS' & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Coast Care and September Storm Erosion Update December 2020

Kia ora koutou,

In September and November, we updated our members and the Pukehina community about the erosion that had occurred along the beach following a large storm event. We shared information about Coast Care and the recommended actions from Coastal expert Jim Dham to help mitigate some of the damage to the beach and affected properties.

This update shares some photos of the progress made in mid-November with the **first step of the sand push-up to reinstate the eroded dune** in the worst affected areas (71-89, 151-207, 283-329 and 375-381 Pukehina Parade).

This work was completed by Readfields Ltd from Paengaroa and involved pushing up accumulated sand from below the low tide mark up to the toe of the dune, and re-distributing this to create a sloped frontage.



The second step is to reshape the steep dune face behind the push-up and then complete planting. We cannot do this work before summer as the design process requires more planning and consultation so reshaping of the upper dune areas and all the planting will occur in autumn 2021. 8000 plants have been allocated for the push-up area with 6000 additional plants set aside for other beachfront properties who wish to continue their great planting efforts. NB: Plants are free from Coast Care but work out at \$2 per spinifex or pingao plant.

In 2021 we will continue to work with Coast Care and wish to develop a strategic planting plant and community Coast Care rūpu/group to amplify action on the ground to protect our beach. If you have any questions on this please email PRRA at pukehinabra@gmail.com

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