Reclassification of Island Bay dunes to Scenic Reserve

To enhance dune restoration

Island Bay Coast Care

Over the last six years, we have been working to turn:



into this...





by planting...



In the winter, we plant pingao, spinifex and other native plants.

by weeding...



Throughout the year, we remove weeds such as Marram grass, African daisy, and non-native iceplant.

by protecting.



A sand ladder to get to the beach and a fence to protect the fragile dune plants.

Native dune plants





Spinifex Native dune plants have become rare as introduced weeds have taken over.

Pingao

Shape of dune – native plants

Spinifex and pingao form low, wide dunes

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Dune dynamics – before storm

Dunes store sand, sand builds up, waves break on the sand bar



Hesp (2000), Coastal Sand Dunes, Form and Function Nordstrom et al (1990) Coastal Dunes, Form and Process

Dune dynamics – during storm

The water rises up to foredune, sand is transported to the sea forming an offshore bar



Dune dynamics – beach recovery

Waves displace sand and sand is transported back to the beach



Dune dynamics – dune recovery

Foredune revegetate as plants grow back through the sand while wind blows sand on the dunes.



Seawalls and other structures



Roads on dunes



Carparks on dunes



Houses to close to sea



Seawalls cause houses to lose garden

Sustainable solutions

Restoring dune by planting native dune plants



June 1997: eroding dune prior to replanting.

Coastal Care Project in Bay of Plenty (Photos and text by Greg Jenks)

March 2004: the day after 10m waves from Cyclone Ivy

Protect the Island Bay Dunes

From Open Space B to Scenic B reserve





Reserves around the bays



Thanks from our volunteers









Island Bay Coast Care - Community planting day on Saturday 4 July