

OUTREACH PROGRAMME FOR RESTORATION OF DUNES

Providing Support for Coastal Communities

The Coastal Restoration Trust is providing technical support to two regions - Gisborne and Otago - with the aim of encouraging development of self-sustaining Coastcare programmes within local communities.



Wainui Beach, Gisborne

What we are doing?

Field Advisors have been engaged in each of the two target regions to assist in implementing this outreach programme.

The work will include:

- Liaison with management agency staff and local community groups to promote and build support for Coastcare dune restoration
- Workshops in each region for local communities and relevant management agencies (e.g. councillors and staff) and other interested parties such as NGOs
- Field visits to local dune systems to provide site-specific advice with local experts and advocates illustrating approaches to consider in dune restoration and management

Targeted advice

Field Advisors will also run site-specific workshops to cover both theory and practical application of dune restoration in local contexts.

Site-specific advice to address:

- Restoration priorities for local degraded dune systems (e.g. recovery of locally threatened species and specific dune habitats)
- Best practice options for the work required at each site
- Management requirements
- Maintenance and monitoring techniques



Tolaga Bay, East Coast



Whangara Beach, East Coast



Aromoana, Otago Peninsula



Harington Beach, Otago Peninsula

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

- Raised community and management agency understanding of the importance and benefits of dunes and dune ecosystems
 - Increased proportion of degraded sand dune ecosystems under effective restoration and management
 - Focus on planting and managing appropriate native plant communities
- Local initiatives provide more habitat for rare and threatened species, both fauna and flora
 - Improved awareness of the cultural and archaeological values of local dune systems
 - Coastal communities building resilience against natural events

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