



Kia ora koutou, Welcome to this update for
Sumner Environment Group

Coastcare project

Best Community project award

The Environment Group recently won 'Best Community Project' at the National Dunes Trust awards for restoration of the Sumner dunes. Tau ke!

New restoration area ready for June 8 planting day

The sun was shining for the latest working bee with over 20 people turning up. Over 300 plants went into the ground courtesy of CCC. This almost completes the restoration of these areas with the final touches being a few more rengarenga lilies along the footpath edge to increase the street appeal!



Thanks to URS

Thanks to URS an engineering consultancy who sent a big crew of volunteers to help at the last dunes day.

This is an excellent team building exercise away from the office, contact Freya to register your work place today!



Restored dunes looking good

The May monitoring showed the best results yet for the newly restored area. The sand binders have grown noticeably and built up the front dune from this time a year ago, and more than in the year before that. The native dune plants are all doing well and the number of weeds has been reducing.



Pingao – golden sedge

Plus ... for the first time in decades some self-seeded *Spinifex* plants have been found on Sumner beach. This is the first time this has happened since *Spinifex* became extinct in the area. This shows that the restored area is now producing viable seed and is starting to look after itself!



After 1 year:



After 2 years:

Community planting day Saturday June 8

The **planting day** is happening June 8 - start time 10am.

FREE BBQ from CCC,

Tools also provided or byo. Bring suitable shoes and clothing and a drink.

Hoping for another sunny day!

The main job is to plant out the new restoration area with 3 lines of *Spinifex* plus pingao and other plants further back.



The new restoration area - ready for planting

Coming up:

Saturday June 8 - Community Planting day 10am – at Sumner dunes

meet near the Marriner St – Esplanade cnr – FREE BBQ...

Saturday June 29 – next Dunes working bee – 10am – 1pm

Dune's working bees --- * byo drinks and tools! - last Saturday every month 10am – 1pm

Look out for further news on email and on the Sumner Environment facebook page

Sumner Environment Group

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