

REGIONAL ROUND-UP

Coast Care Bay of Plenty 2015

Eastern - Ōtamarākau to Whangaparaoa



2015 Planting Season

23,000 dune plants planted

Put in by over 1000 volunteers

Beaches in Whakātane
and Ōpōtiki districts

Opotiki Playcentre planting session at Bryans Beach



Waiōtahe Beach 2001 – 2015



2001 (left): Before dune planting commenced, the area consisted mainly of mown kikuyu and other weeds.



Present (right): As spinifex coverage has increased, emphasis has turned to enriching the fore dunes with pīngao and hinarepe, as well as reinstatement of back dune species.

Coastlands Beach



Left: 1996 - before dune planting commenced.

Bottom: Present - 20 years on, there are considerable gains in dune height and width.



Bryans Beach



Top: 1995 before dune planting commenced.

Below left & right: (20 years on) dune accretion of 175m at nearby monitoring site.



Rare and endangered plants



Euphorbia glauca at Waiōtahe Beach



Pimelea villosa at Bryans Beach

Pest plant & animal control



Volunteers from Trident High Special Needs Unit pull out South African ice plant.



Naughty bunnies!

Fencing, accessways & signage



Volunteers from Fonterra put in a new track at Thornton beach.

Thornton School's sign at Thornton Beach, where they have planted since 1998.



Beach cleanups



Waiōtahe Valley School beach cleanup at Waiōtahe Beach.
This school has been regularly involved with Coast Care BOP for over 20 years.

Education



Classroom session at Otamarakau School – students love the Dune Care jigsaw puzzles