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Sandy Bay – an overview



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35 hectares
managed by
The Ngati
Tara Sandy
Bay Society.

Local people

DOC ,TRC

STOSS

Other
interested
people.

Mainly coastal dune fields with varying degrees of vegetation cover.

Oaonui Recreation Reserve-16.5 hectares currently administered by DOC.

A strip of local purpose Reserve owned and administered by the South Taranaki District Council

Private land 18.6 hectares. 9 hectares of this is protected under Open Space Covenant with the QE11 National Trust



Sandy Bay, Oaonui



Historical perspective

1976 - Pipeline Maui to Oaonui
Production Station.

1977- Creation of the Recreational
Reserve begins upon subdivision of
a Ngati Tara block

Sand stabilisation, marram plantings,
access limited from Kina Road
plantings such as pingao







2000 – Shell Todd oil services, STOSS propose a Legacy Project to commemorate 50 years of activity within the region.

- Gave funds
- Sought to involve the Community

2012 Community groups begin stage 1 – wind break fencing, marram grass and other plantings.

Community project

2004

The Ngati Tara
Sandy Bay
Society is
formed to
transfer
guardianship of
the project from
STOS to the
community



Key Issues

Loss of
biodiversity
values





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**Nesting site for the New Zealand
dotterel.**

Habitat loss, predation
by introduced
mammals and
disturbance during
breeding.





- Other birds nest there too - oyster catchers, black backed gulls.





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Pimelea carnososa or Pinatoro - host plant for
the *Notoreas* 'Taranaki' moth

Issue: Sand moving inland





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Aims of Ngati Tara Sandy Bay Society

Protection of these natural values

Protection of Cultural values

- eg the urupa located between the reserve and the covented area

To promote the area as a educational resource



So what's been done?





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22,000 spinifex over past 3 years



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