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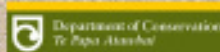
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*working together to care for our coast*

Coast Care  
BOP  
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# Coast Care Code



Papamoa Beach Dig, January 2002, Te Puke Times Photo

**Coast Care Information Brochure Number 10**

No Signs  
= No Plants



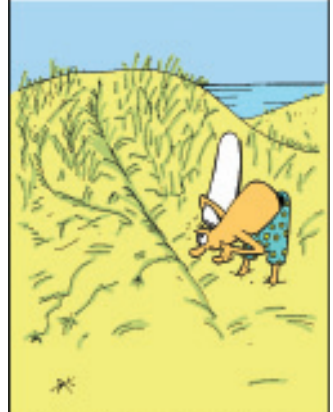
Signs show the best way to the beach

No Fences  
= No Plants



Fences protect plants

Sandboarding  
= No Plants



Surf the waves not the dunes

## 1. Look for the coast care signs

Signs show you the best and fastest way to the beach.

## 2. Respect the fences

Fences provide boundaries to help protect dune plants.

These plants maintain natural dune function; to naturally repair dunes after storm erosion.

Keep to your side of the fence to let the plants grow.

## 3. Surf the waves not the dunes

Sandboarding on the dunes destroys plants and loosens the sand, which allows wind erosion to occur.

# beaches and dunes in good condition...

Vehicles  
= No Plants



Vehicles destroy dune plants, animals and birds

No Plants  
= No Dunes



Plants protect dunes  
Feet kill plants

No Dunes  
= No Beach



Protect the dunes

## 4. Keep vehicles off the dunes

Important plants and creatures live in the dunes. Motorbikes and 4WD's kill them.

## 5. Look after the plants

Feet do kill plants. Coastal native plants hold the sand together. Dunes naturally protect our land and houses during storms and provide homes for insects, birds and lizards.

## 6. Look after the dunes

Sandy beaches are great places for you to have fun. By following these simple steps you can help to look after the dunes so that we can keep our fantastic beaches free of rocks and ugly seawalls.



*Papamoa Domain Coastal Protection.  
Native coastal plants protect dunes.  
Good dunes = Great beach*



*Shaw Road, Waihi Beach Coastal Protection  
No dunes = No beach*

## You can make a difference

- 1 Follow the 6 parts of the Coast Care code in this pamphlet.
- 2 Join your local Coast Care Group. Call Environment Bay of Plenty on 0800 368 267 for contacts in your area.
- 3 Encourage your friends and whanau to follow the 6 point code.
- 4 Learn more about dunes from our Coast Care Information Series:
  - See the nine adjacent titles
  - Coast Care Code posters
  - Life's a Beach secondary school education kit and video
- 5 Enjoy our wonderful beaches by protecting the dunes that keep our beaches in good condition for your pleasure.
6. Ask to receive the Coast Care BOP newsletter.

## Titles in this information series are:

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| No. 1  | Bay of Plenty Coast Care                          |
| No. 2  | Formation and Functions of Beaches and Sand Dunes |
| No. 3  | Foredune Vegetation                               |
| No. 4  | Dune Usage  |
| No. 5  | Coastal Plants - Pingao                           |
| No. 6  | Coastal Plants - Spinifex                         |
| No. 7  | Vehicle Damage in Sand Dunes                      |
| No. 8  | Sand Ladders - Getting you to the Beach           |
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