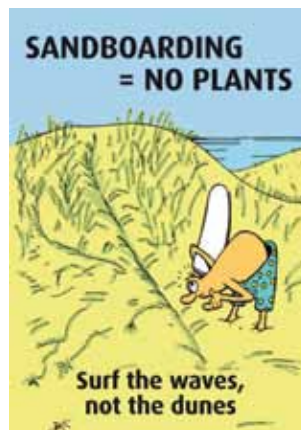
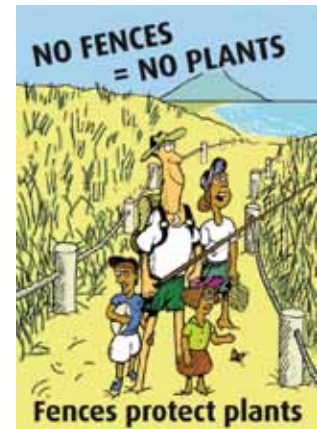




Coast Care Code

- 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.
- 4 Keep vehicles off the dunes**
Important plants and creatures live in the dunes. Motorbikes and 4WD's and quad bikes 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 you and others can continue to enjoy our fantastic beaches.





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

You can make a difference

- 1 Follow the six parts of the Coast Care code in this pamphlet.
- 2 Join your local Coast Care Group. Call Bay of Plenty Regional Council on 0800 884 880 or email coastcare@boprc.govt.nz for contacts in your area.
- 3 Encourage your friends and whanau to follow the six point code.
- 4 Learn more about dunes from our Coast Care Information Series:
 - See the six adjacent titles
 - Life's a Beach is an education kit aimed at teachers and students living in the coastal Bay of Plenty.
- 5 Enjoy our wonderful beaches by protecting the dunes that keep our beaches in good condition for your pleasure.
6. Ask to receive the six-monthly Coast Care newsletter.



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

Getting involved

About 1,200 coastal residents like you are members of a programme called Coast Care. This is a partnership between local communities and local government agencies in the Bay of Plenty to restore and protect dunes, both for their biodiversity value and their role as a natural buffer from the hazards of the sea.

We do things like:

- weed and rabbit control
- planting of native dune plants
- beach clean-ups
- fencing and fertiliser application

We'd love it if you joined us. Help us set objectives for your area's dunes and then work with like-minded locals to improve the dunes for everybody.

Other titles in this information series available at www.boprc.govt.nz are:

- No. 1 Bay of Plenty Coast Care
- No. 2 Formation and Functions of Beaches and Sand Dunes
- No. 3 Dune Plants
- No. 4 Vehicle damage in sand dunes
- No. 5 Sand Ladders – Getting you to the beach
- No. 6 Coast Care Code**
- No. 7 Backyard Buffers

Living on a Sandcastle
(A guide for sandcastle residents)

Life's a Beach is an education resource aimed at teachers and students living in coastal Bay of Plenty. Contact us for more information on this resource.



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Find out more

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