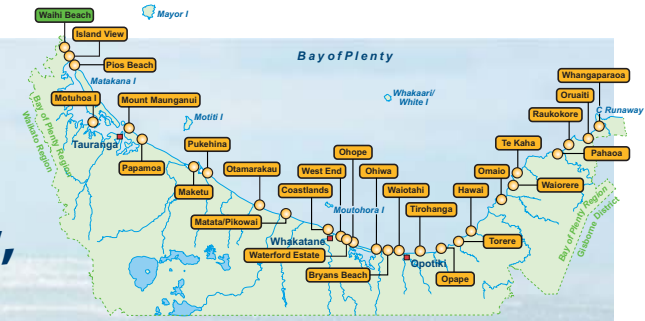


How can it be?

Both photos were taken at Waihi Beach on the same day, on the same tide and only 250m apart.

The Norfolk Island Pine tree circled in photo 2, is the same tree in photo 1.



Waves Smashing Into Rocks At The Loop

Turbulence resulting from wave impact has stripped sand off the beach, lowered the level of the beach, which allows waves to reach close to the houses. This situation can not improve unless functional dunes are re-established.



Affected But Secure Foredune

Native dune plants have resisted wave attack and minimised erosion. Note how wide the beach is at exactly the same tide time as Photo 1. Natural dune function is providing a stable and safe beach that is self-sustaining.