

Kia ora e hoa!

Welcome to this Summer update for  
**Sumner Environment Group**



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... there's been lots going on

## Sumner Coastcare Project wins Weedbusters Award!



A big thanks to Environment Canterbury for recognising Sumner Coastcare at the Weedbusters Awards. The project was winner of the 2014 Weedbusters Best Project on Public Land award ... all thanks to the combined efforts of many community volunteers.

Thanks to everyone who's helped with the project

... it was not long ago that Sumner Beach was nearly all weeds!

Weedbusters is a weeds awareness and education programme that aims to protect New Zealand's environment from the increasing weed problem. Pest animals and plants (weeds) are *the* greatest threat to New Zealand's biodiversity. People play a large part in spreading environmental weeds, often without knowing it, and Weedbusters aims to educate people and raise awareness to turn this problem around.

Checkout the Weedbsuters site at [www.weedbusters.org.nz](http://www.weedbusters.org.nz)



## taylors re-vege

It's looking good at Taylors too.

The last couple of working bees have 'found' all the lost plants through the backdunes and knocked back the marram in time for Summer.



## Seaweeek antics

This year's Seaweeek theme was *Look beneath the surface - Papatai ō roto - Papatai ō raro* so for the beach cleanup we looked even harder for rubbish!

Thanks to Marnie and the SCRA community van the kids got door to door service too!



Have you checked out the waves lately?

Thanks to some solid **east swell** Christchurch beaches have been producing some exceptional **quality surf**



<< it's good to stay local!

**Pegasus Health Volunteer Day** >> Also keeping it local is



**Pegasus Health** who help out with community projects around town.



They joined us to give some TLC to the new **Sumner Dunes** restoration area.

30 plus staff made short work of it on a stunning day at the beach ... cheers guys!

The new native plants down there are growing really well and have already grown a bunch this season.





Coming up at Coastcare  
- 2015 planting days -



This year we have tons of plants coming from Environment Canterbury and Trees for Canterbury.

Look out for the June and July planting days when we'll be completing the final stage of restoring natives to the beach!

Coming up at Mahoe-nui  
- plant restoration working bee -  
Saturday 28 March 1-3pm

# Mahoe-nui Bush

## Restoration Project

### Volunteer Days

We've got thousands of native plants at Mahoe-nui Bush that need your help to survive!

Reforested corridors from mountain to sea



#### Volunteer Days – 1-3pm

##### Autumn Plant care days

28 Mar Upper site

2 May Lower site

Plant maintenance / weeding / releasing, tidy up site.

##### Planting days

4 July Upper site

18 July Lower site

We need plenty of hands to get 300+ plants in the ground per site.

##### Spring Plant care days

19 Sept Upper site

28 Nov Lower site

Cut back the spring growth of weeds / grass and mulch the native plants.

**Bring:** Wear gumboots or sturdy boots, bring a drink bottle, warm clothes, a rainjacket and a snack/drink. Afternoon tea provided.

**Equipment.** Tools and gloves provided by CCC rangers, however feel free to bring gardening gloves / sharp hedge clippers / sharp spade if you prefer to use your own.

**How to get there.** Go up to Evans Pass (behind Sumner), Lower site is at big hairpin bend halfway up. For Upper site, turn right onto the Summit Rd, the site is 900m on the left.

Please carpool to the site, or park at Evans Pass at 12:45 to shuttle to the site. Please aim to arrive a few minutes early for the safety briefing.

**Further info.** Please contact Vanessa (021 0255 6918) or Peter (021 0235 4473 / 326 6831) or visit our website.



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## **Volunteer your team!**

We have an excellent range of tasks needing willing **volunteers this summer.**



Contributing to the **Coastcare project** is an excellent team building exercise away from the office which is quite easy to organise. Always a good excuse for a BBQ at the beach! We can usually arrange all equipment and supervision needed, and usually can organise custom dates to suit your team.

Over the last year we've had an increasing amount of support from volunteer groups including staff volunteer days from local businesses. Cheers guys! Corporate and community groups can also help out on working bee and public planting days.

**Contact Freya to register your work place today and keep us in mind if you have willing volunteers looking for a worthy project!**

## **Join Sumner Environment**

To join the Sumner Environment mail list

>>email us at [environment@sumnercommunity.org.nz](mailto:environment@sumnercommunity.org.nz)

We send out 2-3 of these Updates per year and the occasional news about upcoming events.

Please feel welcome to forward this newsletter to anyone interested in helping these projects

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