

Mauao Steering Group Minutes

Thursday 19 April 2007 – 1pm
Te Awanui Room – Tauranga City Council

Attendees:

§ 7(2)(a) - Privacy

§ 7(2)(f)(iii)

§ 7(2)(f)(ii)

(TCC)

§ 7(2)(f)(ii)

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§ 7(2)(f)(ii)

1. Karakia

§ 7(2)(a) - opened the meeting with a karakia at 1.05pm.

2. Apologies

§ 7(2)(f)(ii)

§ 7(2)(a) - Privacy

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3. Park Ranger Update

- Night shoots / pendone poisoning programme have been carried out. Will be spraying on Mauao after visitor numbers drop.
- Nordic walking event went well in March. There were 40 walkers of all ages with 18 marshalls on site. No complaints, track checked immediately after by § 7(2)(f)(ii) and no change observed. Another event was requested for 23 September and the group had no problem with this. This will be around the beach area with one lap of the base track being included as part of the race.
- 5000 plants being planted around Oruahine track – plants are from Naturally Native.
- Mauao Care Group: first working bee postponed because of bad weather. There are already groups wanting to do regular work – perhaps weeding work above Hot Pools. § 7(2)(f)(ii) would start group up, § 7(2)(a) - Privacy would provide specialist plant knowledge, § 7(2)(a) - Privacy (Environment Centre) would be the contact person for the group. § 7(2)(f)(ii) sought permission from the group to go ahead with running care groups (local people). Suggested putting signs advertising care group working bees around the base track for regular users to see. § 7(2)(f)(ii) suggested placing a local lwi branding on the sign too – § 7(2)(a) - Privacy and § 7(2)(a) - Privacy agreed this was a good idea.

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) said it would be good to let the care group decide things eg. regularity of working bees and what work they want to do etc so they feel a sense of ownership. Groups should eventually run themselves with a team leader.

§ 7(2)(a) - Privacy expressed concern that workers could go outside the boundaries – § 7(2)(f)(ii) suggested putting up signs to distinguish them as being authorised to

be working on Mauao. Could also use the team leaders as supervisors.
There is a meeting about this on Thursday 26th April 2007, 7 – 8.30pm at the Surf Club.

For communication to the public, § 7(2)(f)(ii) had the Bay News on standby (waiting for group approval), signs on base track gates and § 7(2)(a) - Privacy as the contact person. He was meeting with § 7(2)(f)(ii) to discuss an ad in the City Views.

- Visitor numbers to Mauao

Base track:

February 101,000

March 79,000 (10,000 more than March 2006)

Summit track:

February 25,000

March 22,000

- Section E in the Stability Assessment Report by Ice, Geo & Civil gave an estimate of § 7(2)(b)(i) - Comment to fix priority areas on the base track, without design costs and resource consents. This amount is not allowed for in the next financial year. § 7(2)(f)(ii) will meet with § 7(2)(f)(ii) and determine the highest priority works that can be undertaken within the maintenance budget. The total maintenance budget for Mauao over a year is just under \$500,000.

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) asked how long the lifespan of the track would be once repairs are done. § 7(2)(f)(ii) suggested doing a 10-15 year optimum plan and then working back from that. There was some discussion on possible funding sources. § 7(2)(f)(ii) suggested, if it is confirmed as being a capital account, taking it out of the capital account for Reserve Development. This investigation may get handed to § 7(2)(f)(ii) replacement. § 7(2)(a) - Privacy noted that the group must look at the increasing foot traffic on Mauao, and see these repairs as an investment.

- § 7(2)(f)(ii) is meeting with an HPT representative regarding the possibility of small retaining barriers between the track and middens. Still investigating strong base track options/results with whenua/cement/lime mixes. § 7(2)(f)(ii) showed the group a sample paver that hadn't been successful.
- § 7(2)(f)(ii) suggested interpretation signage on/around Mauao – detailing history etc. § 7(2)(f)(ii) will be meeting with § 7(2)(a) - Privacy to discuss options – § 7(2)(a) - Privacy did the interpretation signs on The Strand. § 7(2)(a) - Privacy noted that from a DOC perspective it is helpful to have flora/fauna details of the area on these signs. She also noted that the BOP Polytech Marine Studies students were keen to be involved.

Placement for signs around Mauao? § 7(2)(f)(ii) sought group feedback:

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) thought by the start of the boardwalk, by the Mount Surf Club, would be a good place. § 7(2)(f)(ii) suggested signs could include

a Perspex box on the front to hold Mauao information brochures that visitors could take and use as a reference when walking on Mauao. These signs and boxes could be at each end of the base track. There was a suggestion for an artist's interpretation of the historic pa site on Mauao.

It was suggested that Tourism BOP act as an interim Visitor Information Centre. The group agreed that there is a need for an appropriate, well produced brochure/booklet on Mauao.

§ 7(2)(a) - Privacy suggested § 7(2)(a) - P do an Interpretation Plan for Mauao – so it is a stage by stage process towards the end product. § 7(2)(f)(ii) **will report on this topic to the group at the next meeting, as the signage work must be completed by 30 June 2007.**

- Rubbish bins on Mauao feedback from public was 50/50. The Solid Waste department were not keen on the idea of another bin. There are frequent complaints about the bin on the harbour side overflowing. Possible solutions could be to put larger rubbish bins at the start and end of the track, or to change the style of the bin currently overflowing, to a double bin.

One idea was to remove the bins from Mauao completely, and to encourage the “pack in – pack out” principle. The group agreed that if this was to be done, it would require a good deal of publicity. § 7(2)(f)(ii) was keen on this idea; § 7(2)(f)(ii) and § 7(2)(f)(ii) and § 7(2)(a) - Privacy were keen to have a 12 month trial run. It was suggested that there could be bins at the start and end of the track, with signs saying, for example: “We’re proud of this place – please take your rubbish with you to the bins at the end of the track”. § 7(2)(f)(ii) **will discuss this with § 7(2)(f)(ii) of the Solid Waste department**, and said the bins will be able to be bigger at the ends of the track because the contractor’s truck can reach them. § 7(2)(a) - Privacy also suggested a potential tie-in with Clean-Up New Zealand Week during September.

- Retaining Wall at Pilot Bay programmed for this financial year. § 7(2)(f)(ii) § 7(2)(f)(ii) asked if there had been feedback on the road closure of Pilot Quay. § 7(2)(f)(ii) said no, and that most people had got used to it. It was suggested that the road be open to maintenance vehicles and commercial fisherman only. § 7(2)(f)(ii) **will follow decisions up with § 7(2)(f)(ii) in Property department and see plans.**

4. Other Business

- § 7(2)(a) - Privacy asked if there had been feedback on the campground or cabin proposals. It was stated that there had been some negative feedback, but mostly from non-locals.
- § 7(2)(f)(ii) asked the group to think about what they’d like to do with the quarter acre of land by the stream.
- § 7(2)(f)(ii) asked if there was a Signage History Strategy, and the group replied there was none. It was agreed this needs to be led by Iwi, and that an Iwi representative attend the meeting the following week with § 7(2)(f)(ii)

and s 7(2)(f)(ii) to discuss this s 7(2)(f)(ii) ***will get back to*** s 7(2)(a) - Privacy ***and*** s 7(2)(a) - P ***about this meeting date.*** There is \$32,000 for signage planning and implementation to be spent by 30 June 2007.

s 7(2)(f)(ii) said when the Visitor Information Centre at the base of Mauao is to be built, there will be more extensive investigation into this.

s 7(2)(a) - P said it is important for Iwi representatives to attend these meetings to determine which stories are told.

5. Closing karakia by s 7(2)(a) - Privacy at 2.30pm.