



Mauao Operational Report July 2016

Purpose

1. To inform Nga Poutiriao o Mauao (Mauao Joint Administration Board) of operational matters from the previous period (June 2016 to the end of July 2016) and for the forthcoming period.

Executive Summary

2. This report identifies the key operational issues and achievements over the reporting period June – July 2016.
3. The report highlights up and coming operational work of interest to the Board, ongoing visitor counter records and an up to date events calendar for the Mauao, Main Beach and Pilot Bay areas.

Recommendation/s

- (a) That Nga Poutiriao o Mauao receive the operational report for July 2016.

Discussion

4. Environmental and Pest management Contract

As of 1 July 2016 a new Environmental and Pest Management Contract is in place 38/15. This contract includes the contracted weed control, re-vegetation and pest control activities on Mauao. The incumbent contractor Full Circle Abourculture Ltd was the successful applicant in this case. The operational team will be working with them to ensure ongoing and progressive improvements on Mauao within the scope of the contract and resources available.

5. Fertiliser Application Completed

Annual Organic Granular Fertilizer application was completed on the accessible pasture.

6. 2016-17 Renewals Items

Planning is underway for Parks and Environment 2016/17 Surface and Structure Renewals. This year for Mauao this will include some signage and timber box step replacements and also the resurfacing of the Waikorire Track, currently planned for August 2016. The track resurfacing is a large and difficult job and will require track closure for the duration of the works estimated at two weeks initially

7. Geotechnical Stability monitoring and mitigation of rock fall hazards

The next phase of monitoring and scaling is scheduled for August 2016 and will focus on the Oruahine Bluff area above the track to eliminate potential rock fall onto the track area below. This on site assessment and mitigation will also include a risk assessment of the existing

recreational rock climbing activities for consideration in the Mauao Reserve Management Plan review process.

8. Hydroseeding of slip site

The small slip immediately behind the Mount Beachside Holiday Park will be hydroseeded in July / August 2016 to help stabilise the area and prevent further erosion. This area is currently grazed and this option is viable due to the good access from the camp. See the below image for details.



9. Visitor numbers

Total visitor numbers for the reporting period 1 Jan 2016 – 18 July 2016 are:

Base track – 269,014

Total number of visitors to the summit – 492,414

01/01/2016 - 18/07/2016	Mauao 4wd Track	Mauao Base Track	Oruahine Track	Waikorire Track
Total	121897	269014	186763	407154
Peak Day	Mon 4 Jan 2016 (1,641)	Wed 2 Mar 2016 (4,074)	Sun 17 Jan 2016 (3,422)	Mon 4 Jan 2016 (4,576)
Minimum Day	Thu 5 May 2016 (0)	Thu 14 Jan 2016 (6)	Thu 14 Jan 2016 (1)	Mon 18 Jan 2016 (5)
Max Day of the Week	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
Hourly Average	26	56	39	85
Daily Average	613	1352	939	2046
Monthly Average	18644	41146	28566	62275

10. Event Calendar

See the below calendar of events planned to the end of October 2016

06/08/16	08:00 a.m.	06/08/16	01:30 p.m.	Pilot Bay Reserve	Mauao Ocean Hoe Series - Race 3
20/08/16	12:00 a.m.	20/08/16	12:00 a.m.	Mt Maunganui Main Beach	Fredriksson Wedding
21/08/16	09:00 a.m.	21/08/16	12:00 p.m.	Mt Maunganui Main Beach	SLSNZ - BOP Winter Series Round 1
27/08/16	08:00 a.m.	27/08/16	12:30 p.m.	Mt Maunganui Main Beach	Hawaiian Airlines Mount Maunganui Half Marathon
03/09/16	08:00 a.m.	03/09/16	01:30 p.m.	Pilot Bay Reserve	Mauao Ocean Hoe Series - Race 4
25/09/16	11:00 a.m.	25/09/16	02:00 p.m.	Marine Park	Mainfreight Tauranga City to Surf Fun Run 2016
08/10/16	07:00 a.m.	08/10/16	07:00 p.m.	Mt Maunganui Main Beach	Mauao Beach Volleyball #1 2016
16/10/16	09:00 a.m.	16/10/16	12:00 p.m.	Mt Maunganui Main Beach	SLSNZ - BOP Winter Series Round 3
22/10/16	07:00 a.m.	22/10/16	07:00 p.m.	Mt Maunganui Main Beach	Mauao Beach Volleyball #2 2016
29/10/16	08:30 a.m.	29/10/16	10:00 p.m.	Mt Maunganui Main Beach	BOP Surf Spring Series #1 2016

11. Update on temporary Seal signage development

The following design of the temporary seal signage for Mauao has been approved for production by the chair of the Nga Pouitiriao o Mauao and the Mauao Trust for production. The signage should be in place in July / August 2016. As previously highlighted this sign will be in place during the busy seal season; mid-May to mid-October each year.



Kia ora, I'm Oscar!

It's normal for me to . . .

- Sleep – a lot
- Have weepy eyes, cuts or abrasions/scratches
- Look skinny or malnourished

So just chill and leave me be.

Watch from 20 metres away and keep your dog on a lead near seals.

Only call the Department of Conservation if a seal is being harassed, or is severely injured or entangled.

DOC HOTline
0800 362 468
Report any safety hazards or conservation emergencies
For Fire and Search and Rescue Call 111

Seal numbers in the Bay of Plenty have steadily increased since the 1800s, when seals were hunted to the brink of extinction. Over winter many more South Island seals holiday here, and stay to feed and gain strength before the breeding season. We will be sharing our beaches and coastal walks with seals more often.

Seals can be real clowns. They often play in the water and sleep on rocks – watch and take photos from a safe distance.

Seals spend most of their energy feeding at sea, so when they come to shore they sleep for long periods of time.

The young ones may look malnourished or unhealthy, but that's just part of their natural lifecycle. Leave them be!

Oscar the Seal

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12. Planting Programme Planning

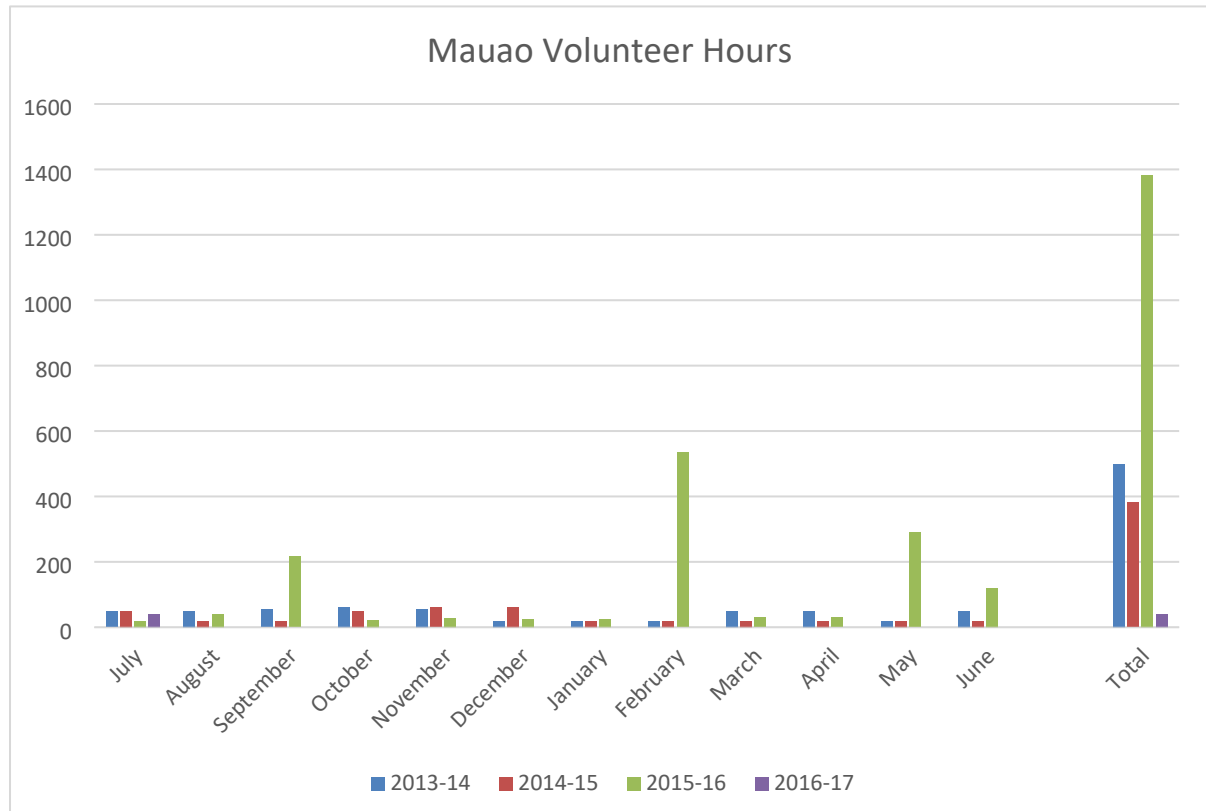
Planting is complete for the 2016 planting season. Planting plans have been produced for the 2017 season and plants will be ordered in August for installation in May 2017. Specific planting locations for the following season include:

- Fringe areas adjacent to the base track
- Infill requirements of existing planted areas
- Erosion protection of existing slip features (note fencing solution will be required)
- The extension of the NE Base Track planted margin as shown in the image below. Note a minor fencing adjustment will be required before planting this area.



13. Volunteer Hours

Volunteer hours on Mauao are made up by a number of ongoing support groups and one off community events. The nature of the support includes the maintenance of rodent lines, tree planting, and rubbish removal clean-ups. The 2016 peaks are September planting events, a February clean up event and the May and June planting support.



14. Routine Maintenance Undertaken this Period

- plant and animal pest control
- four wheel drive track maintenance
- walkway maintenance – including resurfacing on the base track
- sign and structure maintenance ongoing

Attachments

No.	Title
A	<i>July 2016 Mauao Track Counter Report for Mauao Operational Report</i> <i>Objective ID: A7215701</i>

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Committee Report Approval

Name of Committee: Nga Poutiriao o Mauao			Report #:	Date of Meeting: 1 June 16	
Sign Off		Signature		Date	
* Report Writer(s) (Name(s)) – s 7(2)(f)(ii) Financial Implications (please circle) NO				18 July 2016	
*Checked by Team Leader – s 7(2)(f)(ii)				18 July 2016	
* Checked by Divisional Manager – s 7(2)(f)(ii)				18 July 2016	
* Checked by General Manager Financial Implications (please circle) YES NO					
* Checked by Finance (if significant General Manager to sign off)					
* Checked by General Manager: Strategy All reports except RMA					
* Checked by General Manager: Infrastructure Services Projects Updates (for City Delivery)					
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Corporate Solicitor					
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