

9.3 Annual Report

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Mauao Historic Reserve and the Mauao Joint Administration Board (Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao) requires Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao (Ngā Poutiriao) to provide an annual report to Council. The last annual report to Council covered the 2021/22 financial year. Accordingly, this report covers the 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years and presents information recommended to be provided to Council in accordance with the MOU

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao:

- (a) Receives the report "Annual Report".
- (b) Approves that the information included in this report will form the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao Annual Report for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 for presentation to Council.
- (c) Authorises staff to make any amendments to the annual report as agreed at this meeting prior to presentation to Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. This Annual Information Report, prepared in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Mauao Trust and Tauranga City Council (TCC), presents a summary of Ngā Poutiriao's activities for the 2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024/25 financial years.
3. Ngā Poutiriao is composed of eight appointed members, equally representing the Mauao Trust and TCC, and also includes representation from the iwi Waitaha. The Board is responsible for overseeing the management of Mauao.
4. Over the reporting period, Ngā Poutiriao met seven times, fulfilling the MOU's requirement for biannual meetings. Key areas of focus included governance appointments and succession planning, cultural heritage protection, placemaking initiatives, pest and plant management, infrastructure upgrades/renewals, visitor safety improvements, event management, vandalism response, and ongoing community engagement through Kaitiaki and education programmes.

GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUMMARY

Background

5. Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao is the Joint Administration Board for the Mauao Historic Reserve, established under the MOU between the Mauao Trust and Tauranga City Council (TCC). Mauao is owned by the Mauao Trust (Ngāi Te Rangi, Ngāti Pūkenga, Ngāti Ranginui) with Waitaha representation on Ngā Poutiriao. Under the MOU, eight members are appointed—four by the Mauao Trust and four by TCC.

6. Mauao Trust representatives: s 7(2)(a) - Privacy Ngāti Pūkenga (Chairperson); s 7(2)(a) - Privacy (Chair) (Ngāti Pūkenga), s 7(2)(a) - Privacy (Ngai Te Rangi), s 7(2)(a) - Privacy (Ngāti Ranginui), s 7(2)(a) - Privacy (Waitaha a Hei).
7. TCC representatives: Cr Hautapu Baker (Deputy Chair), Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Rod Taylor, Cr Hēmi Rolleston.
8. Mauao Trustees currently include: s 7(2)(a) - Privacy s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

Meeting Summary Since July 2022

9. The MOU requires at least two meetings per year. Since the last annual report, Ngā Poutiriao met seven times: Aug 2022; May & Aug 2023; Feb, May & Oct 2024; Jun 2025.
10. The MOU also requires Ngā Poutiriao to meet with Mauao Trustees no less than twice a year, which was also fulfilled.
11. At the meetings, Ngā Poutiriao considered a range of matters including:
- governance appointments and succession
 - MOU review
 - cultural heritage and archaeological research
 - placemaking and interpretation delivery
 - pest and plant management
 - track renewals and erosion control
 - visitor-safety improvements (e.g., helicopter landing zone)
 - event decision-making principles
 - vandalism response (including CCTV)
 - Kaitiaki programmes
 - education programmes.
12. Detailed issues by year are provided in **Attachment 1**.

Ngā Poutiriao activities towards delivering the Mauao Trust Strategic Plan

13. One of Ngā Poutiriao's functions is to assist implementing the Mauao Trust Strategic Plan.
14. Over June 2022–June 2025, activities included:

Mauao Trust Strategic Plan Goal	Activities
Restore the cloak of Mauao	Approving/monitoring annual restoration planting and pest control; ecological projects and track maintenance; erosion control and rock stability monitoring.
Preserve and revitalise knowledge and history	Archaeological research and annual site monitoring; delivering the Placemaking & Interpretation programme; protecting wāhi tapu and cultural sites; advancing digital storytelling upgrades.
Connect whānau to Mauao	Supporting the Kaitiaki Programme; enabling community planting days; recognising volunteer contributions.
Govern effectively	Review the Implementation Plan; maintaining transparent reporting to the Trust.

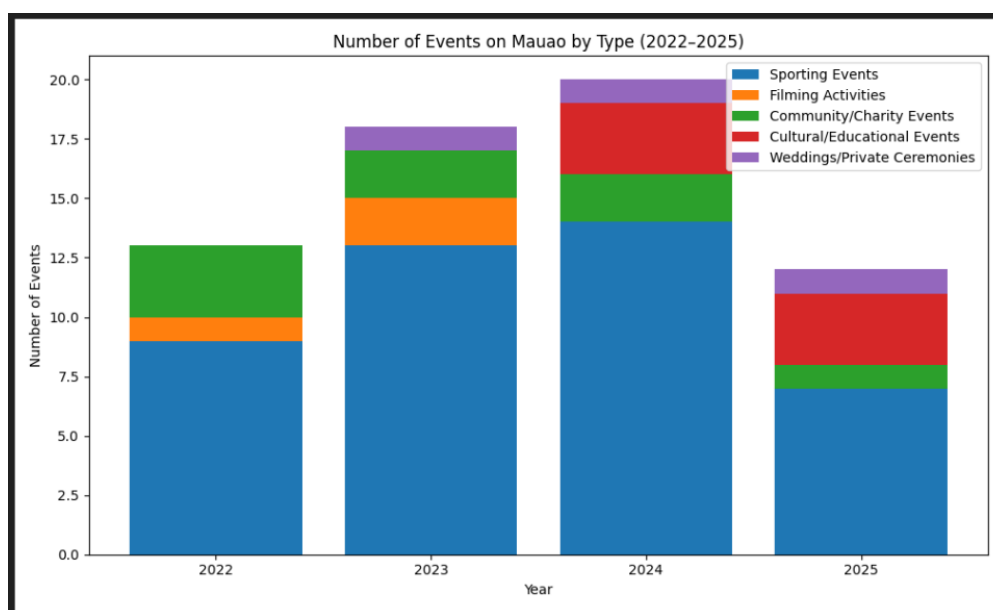
Enhance collective identity and presence	Event decision-making processes reflecting Trust aspirations; support for cultural events and storytelling.
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Delivery of Te Mahere Whakamahinga o Mauao (Mauao Implementation Plan)

15. The Implementation Plan operationalises the Mauao Historic Reserve Management Plan and the Mauao Trust Strategic Plan. It is a living document, reviewed annually with a comprehensive review every three years in line with TCC budgeting timeframes; all amendments are approved by Ngā Poutiriao.
- Review: A comprehensive review was initiated in June 2025.
 - Status: Delivery of the current plan is approximately two thirds complete in terms of the absolute number of projects. The upcoming comprehensive review will enable a better understanding of outstanding projects/activities.
 - Highlights: Placemaking and interpretation are substantially complete; archaeological research strategy is drafted pending mātauranga Māori review; restoration planting is ongoing and adaptive; pest control pulses have sustained low indices; rāhui/resting periods and fatality management are in train.
16. A line-by-line status of all projects/activities appears in **Attachment 2**.

OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

17. **Events and filming approvals** - An overview graph is provided below. A summary of events and filming activities is included at **Attachment 3**.
18. Note 2025 only represents 6 months.



19. Operational spotlights:

- 2022/23: >1M visits; planting of 7,500+ natives; helicopter removal of 18 exotics from sensitive archaeological features; “pulse” pest control introduced; rabbit and burrow control; archaeological research initiated; track upgrades/erosion control; myrtle rust monitoring and management implemented.
- 2023/24: >1.2M visits; Major placemaking delivered (signage, summit compass, mid-track seating); community relations to reduce vandalism; pulse method achieved 0% rats with mice rebound managed; 1,200+ plants near walkways; helicopter exotics removal

continued; rabbit control maintained; Kaitiaki supported Cyclone Gabrielle closures; events resumed with cruise-ship return.

- 2024/25: >1.3M visits; major events continued with non-exclusive access conditions; Waikorire renewal via helicopter aggregate; behavioural signage replaced; walkway upgrades; rock-stability supplier transition; pest pulses maintained 0% rats and reduced mice; 730 rabbits controlled in the year; ongoing planting and heritage monitoring; Kaitiaki and schools engaged.
- 2025: >500k visits for half year; lower summit levelled for safer rescues; accessibility improvements; annual planting plan delivered; pest pulses sustained low indices; CCTV installed (four entry points).

NEXT STEPS

20. Upon approval of the contents of this report by Ngā Poutiriao, a report will be prepared and presented to Council by the Chair of Ngā Poutiriao.
21. Ngā Poutiriao and the Mauao Trust will be invited to attend that Council meeting, which will fulfil the requirement for Ngā Poutiriao to meet at least once a year with both Mauao Trust and Council at the same meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Attachment 1 - Summary of Nga Poutiriao o Mauao meetings 2022 to 2025 - A18694514**
2. **Attachment 2 - Implementation Plan - detailed status 2022-2025 - A18694532**
3. **Attachment 3 - Events and Filming Summary (2022 to 2025) - A18694548**