

Memorandum



To: Mauao Project Steering Group

From: [REDACTED] s 7(2)(f)(ii)

Subject: MAUAO OPERATIONAL UPDATE – APRIL MAY 2012

Date: 17th May

The Purpose of this Report is to update the Mauao Project Steering Group on the operational activities on Mauao from April and May 2012

The most significant issue at this time, for Mauao is preparing for Base Track maintenance work and completing weed control.

With a wet summer the Autumn flush growth is rapid. Main weeds being targeted are wholly nightshade, gorse, pampas and fox glove. Worst areas are the paddocks and 2011 slip sites. They has bee no significant slips on Mauao since May 2011.

Visitors and Volunteers

The number of people walking around the base track:

- April 87642
- May Not known at this time

The number of people walking to the summit:

- April 14986
- May Not known at this time

The amount of volunteer hours and volunteer group's:

- April 60
- May Not known at this time

The Volunteer groups that have worked on Mauao over this period are the Forest and Bird Society who manage the rodent pest bait station lines.

Jorn Jetty and Stone Wharf

Matthews and Matthews Architects are completing a 'Condition and Maintenance Program' for both the Jetty and Wharf. The project came from the 1998 Mauao Management Plan

Easter Cross

TCC had in place a security guard at the reservoir from 7pm till midnight both Thursday and Friday nights. On Saturday [REDACTED] s 7(2)(f)(ii) went to the summit and found a large cross planted on the summit. This is the 4th year in a row the group has put a cross on the summit

without permission. Monitoring have been looking through CCTV footage to try and find the car responsible for bringing the cross to Mauao, with out success.

Pest control

Forest and Bird are continuing to feed the rodent bait stations. Contractors have been completing nigh shoots.

Donated Pohutukawa's

TCC have received 300 donated Pohutukawa's from s 7(2)(a) - Privacy I am awaiting a trust meeting to gain advice where they would like to see them planted.

Base track

Maintenance work is about to progress since visitor numbers have started to reduce. The contractor will keep the track open as long as it is safe to do so while completing their work.

Mauao Care Group

The care group will be starting up again 26th May. 10am at the Rangers Station. We will be completing weed control work.

The following activities are planned over the next 3 months

Mulching of tree waste from last years Arborist work. (Pilot Bay side).

Weed control.

Base track upgrade work.

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