



Mauao Operational Report July 2015

Purpose

1. To inform Nga Poutiriao o Mauao (Mauao Joint Administration Board) of operational matters from June 2015 to end of July 2015.

Executive Summary

2. Providing Nga Poutiriao o Mauao with the Mauao operational report for June 2015 and July 2015. Routine maintenance has been undertaken over this period including pest control (animal and plant) via contractors and volunteers, 4wd track maintenance and walkway maintenance via contracts.

Recommendation

That the Nga Poutiriao o Mauao:

- (a) Receive the Mauao operational report.

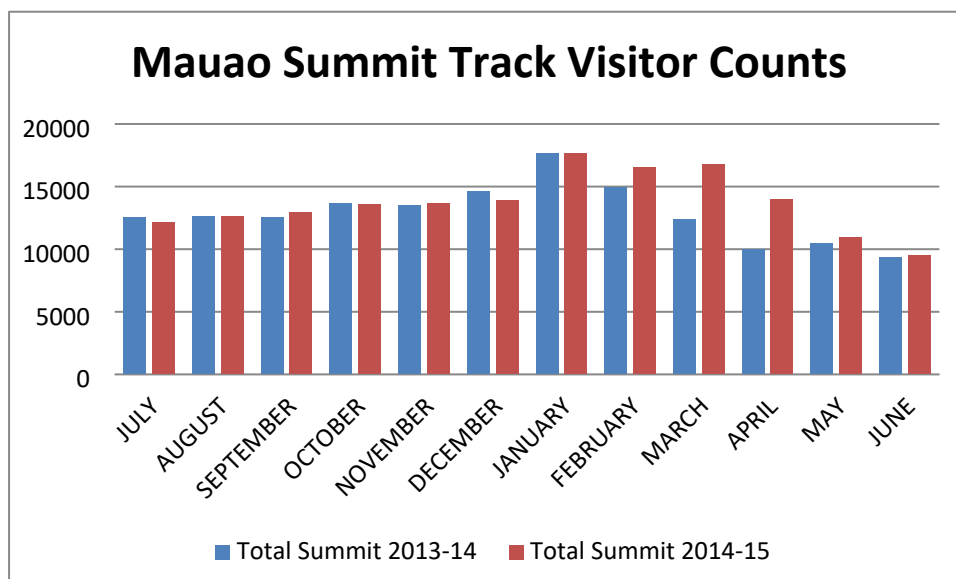
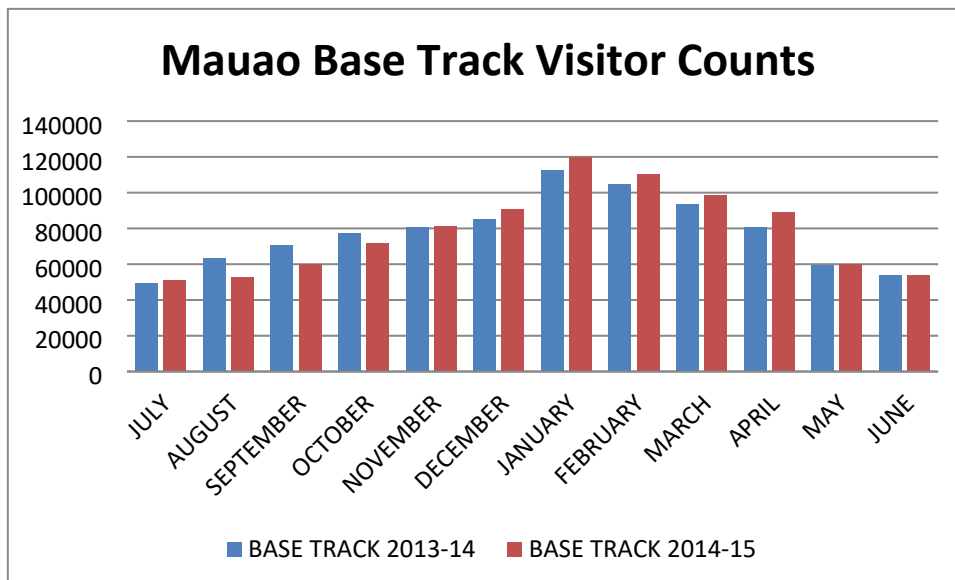
Discussion

3. The long serving § 7(2)(f)(iii) recently resigned from his position at TCC this month. Mark is in the process of setting up his own business and has been successful in recently winning the contract for the management of Papamoa Hills for the Bay of Plenty Regional Council. He will be involved in a handover with the new occupant to ensure a smooth transition and continuation of the good work.
4. The recruitment process has been completed for § 7(2)(f)(ii) replacement and the new Parks Asset Coordinator – Mauao is § 7(2)(a) - Privacy has been employed in the Recreation Facilities Advisor Role for TCC over the last three months and saw this opportunity as a chance to become part of a great team and pursue his passion for parks and asset management in the Tauranga Moana region. § 7(2)(f)(iii) has many years' experience in similar roles for the Department of Conservation both in Tauranga and wider New Zealand. He is well aware of the significance of Mauao and looking forward to establishing strong relationships with key stakeholders to ensure the best possible outcomes on the ground for all parties.
5. As per the actions from the last meeting and in line with the existing MOU the operational team is currently working on: preparing a monitoring report for Council, preparing some draft operational management protocols and researching the cost and viability of establishing a predator proof fence. An update on progress on these items will be reported back to the board as developments occur over the coming period.
6. Walkway contractors re-surfaced the summit steps which received a lot of great feedback from walkers on top of scheduled maintenance items. A walkthrough inspection of the current condition of all walkway tracks was undertaken in July with the contractor to identify key maintenance issues and work required for the coming financial year.

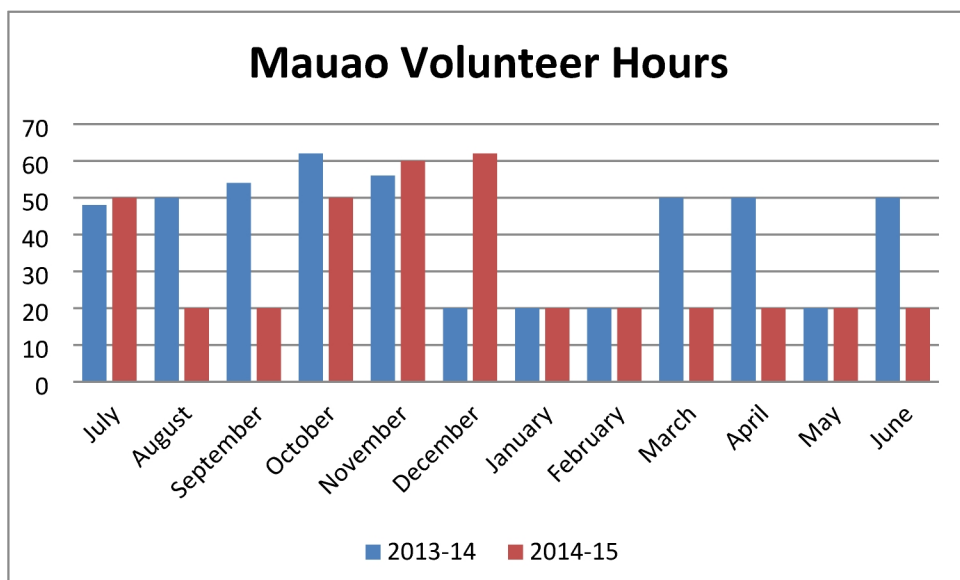
7. Pest control activities continue on Mauao with night shoots to control rabbits continuing into July. Rabbit numbers encountered are reducing due to the completed two stages of poisoning.
8. There has been continued servicing of the Petrels pest control line targeting rats and mustelids by Forest and Bird.
9. Walkway contractors installed three new cesspits at the entrance points of some existing culverts to allow effective water management, improve the walking surface width, and remove the slip hazard for users. Four other locations have been identified where this improvement can be made in the coming year. See the attached photos for an example.



10. The development of new safety and closure signage for the better management of peak weather and swell events is underway. A permanent sign is planned to be located on the surf club (managed by the surf club) and two temporary ones will be purchased and placed as and when required by TCC staff or contractors. TCC are working with the sign writers and surf club representatives to finalise the details and hope to have the signs in hand by the end of August.
11. The operations team is in the process of looking into costs and feasibility of predator proof fence alternatives to report back to the board as requested.
12. The base track total count for the 2013/14 year was 1,087 616 and 940 787 for 2014/15. The summit track total count for the 2013-14 year was 154 636 and 164 490 for the 2014-15 year. Visitor numbers for years 2013/14 and current year 2014/15 are shown in graph form as follows:



13. Volunteers have been Forest and Bird Volunteers filling the rodent bait stations on Mauao. Total volunteer hours for the 2013/14 year was 500 and 382 for the 2014/15 year:



14. Work on the horizon includes: weed control and revegetation planned for this coming spring season, continuation of the rabbit control programme, education programmes, and the assessment of asset surface and structure renewals items due for replacement in the coming financial year. Planned works that stems from this process will be identified in the next reporting period.

Signatories

Authors	§ 7(2)(f)(ii)
Authorisers	§ 7(2)(f)(ii)

Sign off Slip

Committee Report Approval		
Name of Committee:	Report #: DC	Date of Meeting:
Sign Off	Signature	Date
* Report Writer(s) (Name(s)) Financial Implications (please circle) YES NO		
* Checked by Divisional Manager		
* 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 Strategy & Policy, Projects & Monitoring, Tangata Whenua, WBOPDC/TCC Joint Committee only		
* Checked by General Manager: Infrastructure Services Projects Updates (for Projects & Monitoring)		
Governance		
Chief Executive		
Meeting Presentation Requirements	Name of presenter(s)	Time required
* Who will be presenting at meeting? (Internal & External)		
* Have you notified interested parties of agenda item and date? (Internal & External)	Y / N	
* What equipment will you require e.g. data projector, white board etc Include equipment that is also available in the Chambers		
Amendments (Governance to complete)	Amended by:	
What changes have been made after the General Manager sign off?		
General Manager and report writer aware of content changes?		