



Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao - Operational Report December 2018

Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao (Mauao Joint Administration Board)

4 December 2018

Objective

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Executive summary

Recommendation	That the Nga Poutiriao o Mauao: (a) Receives the operational report for December 2018.
Summary of issue	This report identifies the key operational issues and achievements over the reporting period October 2018 - December 2018. It identifies up and coming work of interest to Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao, including ongoing visitor records and an up to date events calendar for Mauao, Main Beach and Waikorire (Pilot Bay) Reserves.

Discussion

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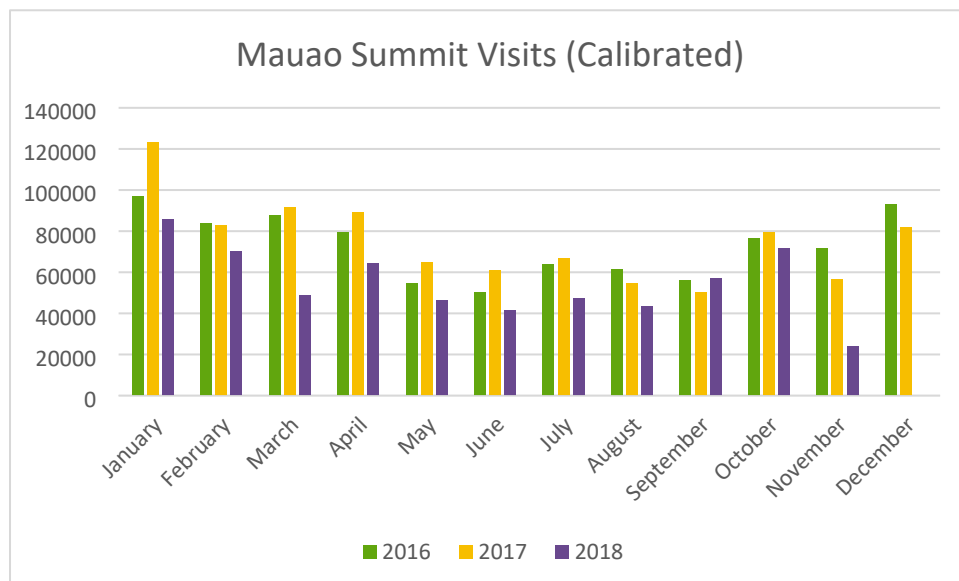
Visitor Numbers

1. Total visitor numbers

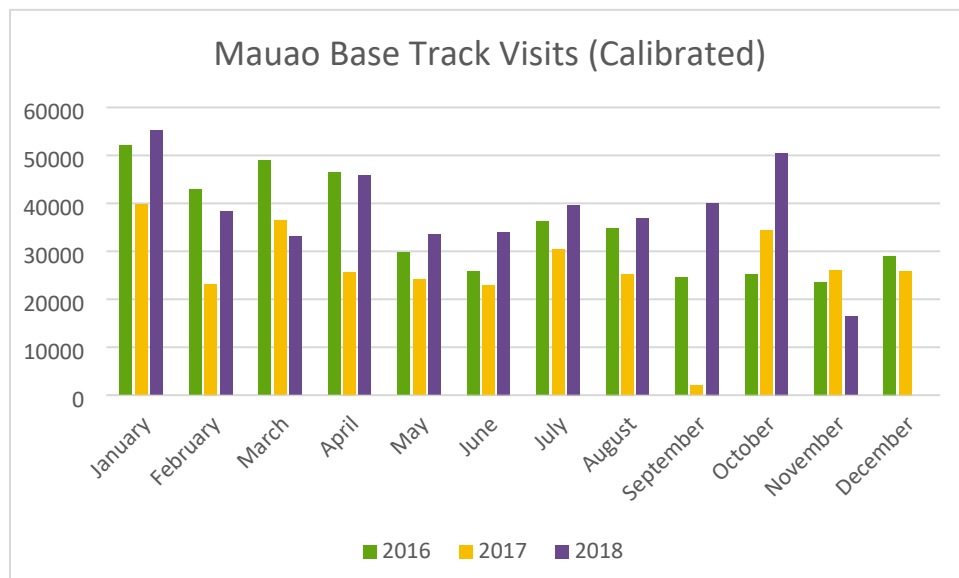
	Summit visits (calibrated)	Base Track visits	Total visits
2016	876,297	419,588	1,295,885
2017	903,604	339,031	1,242,635
2018 (YTD)	601,854	423,451	1,025,305

2. **Figures 1A and 1B** below show Mauao Summit and Base Track visits since the installation of the electronic counter technology. For more detail, see the attached track counter data report in Appendix A.

3. **Figure 1A: Graph showing Mauao Summit visits**



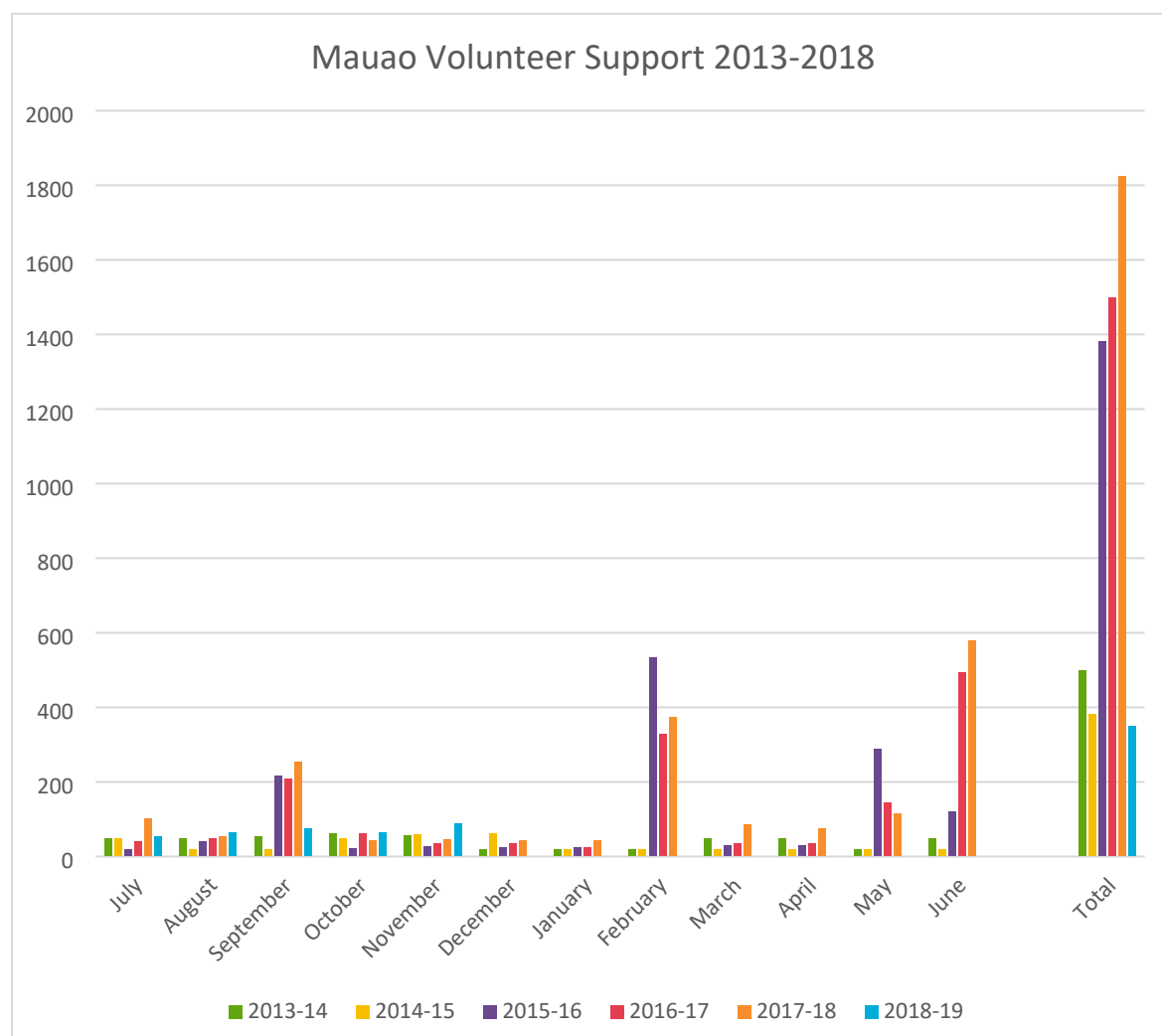
4. **Figure 1B: Graph showing Mauao Base Track visits**



Volunteer support

- Volunteer hours on Mauao are made up of a number of ongoing support groups and one-off community events. This includes maintenance of animal pest control devices, revegetation planting, and rubbish removal. The peaks in the volunteer hours are generally planting support and coordinated coastal clean ups, and more recently lwi support for myrtle rust surveillance.

6. **Figure 2: Volunteer Support Hours Per Month**



Events at and around Mauao for the period of November to February 2018

7. **Figure 3:**

04/11/18	Mitre 10 Mega Tauranga City to Surf Fun Run/Walk 2018
15/11/18	WBOP Inter-School Orienteering Event 2018
02/12/18	TINMAN - Mt Maunganui 2018
05/12/18	The Santa Run 2018
26/12/18	King and Queen of the Mount 2018
12/01/19	Mount Festival of Multisport (MFOM) 2019
20/01/19	Round the Mount Swim 2019
26/01/19	Rockman
09/02/19	New Zealand Ocean Swim Series - Sand To Surf
24/02/19	Generation Homes Women's Triathlon 2018

Recent Successes

8. Consultant Archaeologist [s 7(2)(a) - Privacy] has been engaged to undertake an archaeological mapping exercise to update and ground truth the Mauao archaeological features layer (captured in TCC's GIS database) to ensure all known heritage features on the Maunga are mapped to ensure their protection in the ongoing management of the reserve.
9. The track from the shearing shed and fire store to the top of the stone steps was re-surfaced to improve drainage and the level of service this period as part of the asset renewals programme.
10. Animal pest control on Mauao continues to be successful. Low numbers of rabbits and rats, and two feral cats were controlled this period.
11. Ongoing pest plant control was undertaken this period with a particular focus on the pasture weeds, maintenance of planting sites and high profile areas such as the base track.
12. Planting areas for next season's restoration planting have been identified this period. Staff are working through some fencing adjustments and exotic tree removals before the season begins. There will be a particular focus on the significant Puna (springs).
13. Temporary electric exclusion fencing trails for the protections of exposed shell mound features and slip plantings in the grazed area have proven to be a successful tactic.

Planned work for the approaching period

14. A key focus of the spring – summer season will be on plant pest control when this is most effective. Through the months of December – February, the focus will be on the more difficult to access locations to avoid the busy visitor activities.
15. A scheduled regular monitoring of rock fall hazard areas on Mauao will be undertaken this period by Avalon Industrial Services Ltd.
16. Implementation of the planned fencing alterations for the 2019 planting season.

Myrtle Rust Update

17. Monthly surveillance assessments continue for Myrtle Rust on Mauao with a focus on the Pohutukawa. At this stage, no discoveries or suspected discoveries have been made on Mauao.

Four Wheel Drive Access

18. Investigation into options for a system to let pedestrians know when there is a vehicle on the road in ongoing. Installation locations have been identified, and staff are looking into the options available to ensure the best possible result.
19. The annual driver induction for the current designated drivers of the Bay of Plenty Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club members was undertaken this period. The details are recorded in a spreadsheet on file.

Ongoing Maintenance

20. Ongoing maintenance continues on the following aspects of the reserve:
 - restoration plantings
 - plant and animal pest control
 - stock and pasture management
 - walkway maintenance
 - sign and structure maintenance
 - four wheel drive track maintenance
 - geotechnical rock stability monitoring and scaling to maintain visitor safety.

Appendices

No.	Title
	Nga Poutiriao o Mauao Visitor Counter Report for December 2018 Objective ID: A9488498

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