

Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao - Operational Report June 2019

Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao (Mauao Joint Administration Board)

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Tauranga City

Executive summary

Recommendation	That the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao: (a) Receives the operational report for June 2019.
Summary of issue	This report identifies the key operational issues and achievements over the reporting period 1 April 2019 – 31 May 2019. 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

Visitor numbers

1. Total visitor numbers 2016 - 2019 (For specific detail on the reporting period 1 Jan – 31 May 2019, see the attached track counter data report in Appendix A.)

	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	702,665	489,667	1,192,332
2019 (YTD)	439,140 (YTD)	237,407 (YTD)	676,547 (YTD)

2. **Figures 1A and 1B** below show the annual Mauao summit and base track visits.

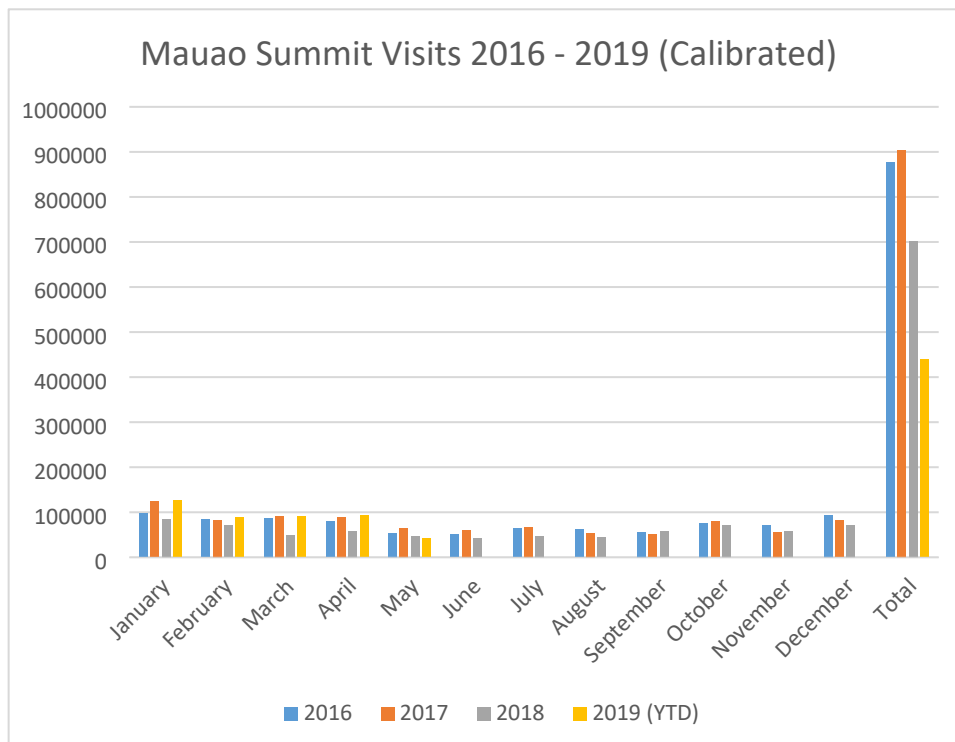


Figure 1A: Graph showing Mauao summit visits

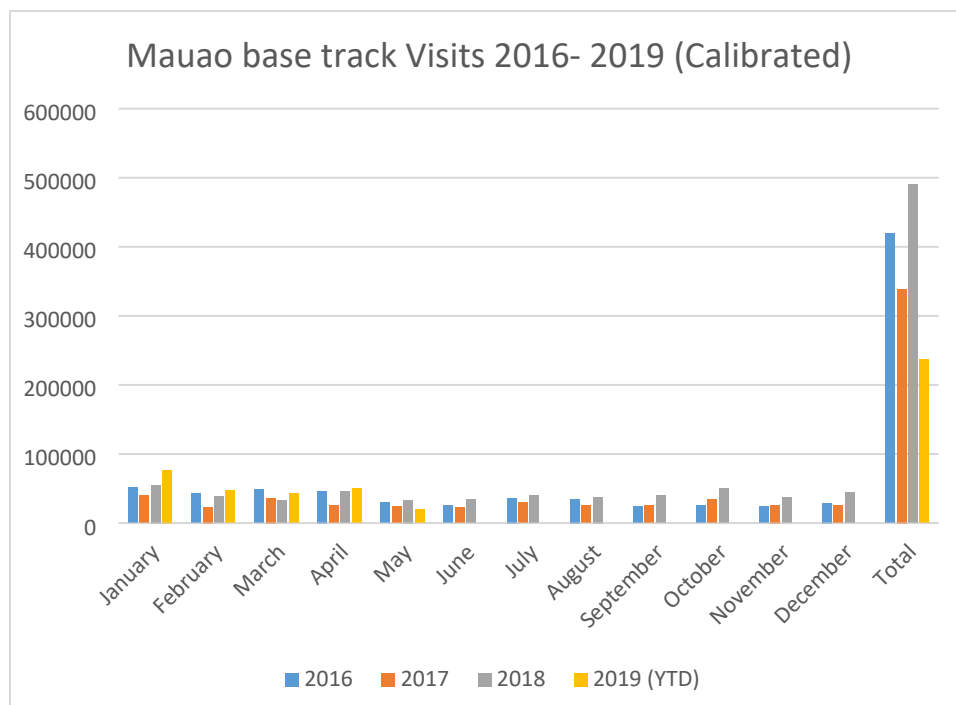


Figure 1B: Graph showing Mauao base track visits

Volunteer support

- Volunteer hours on Mauao consist of a number of ongoing support groups and one-off community events. This includes the 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.

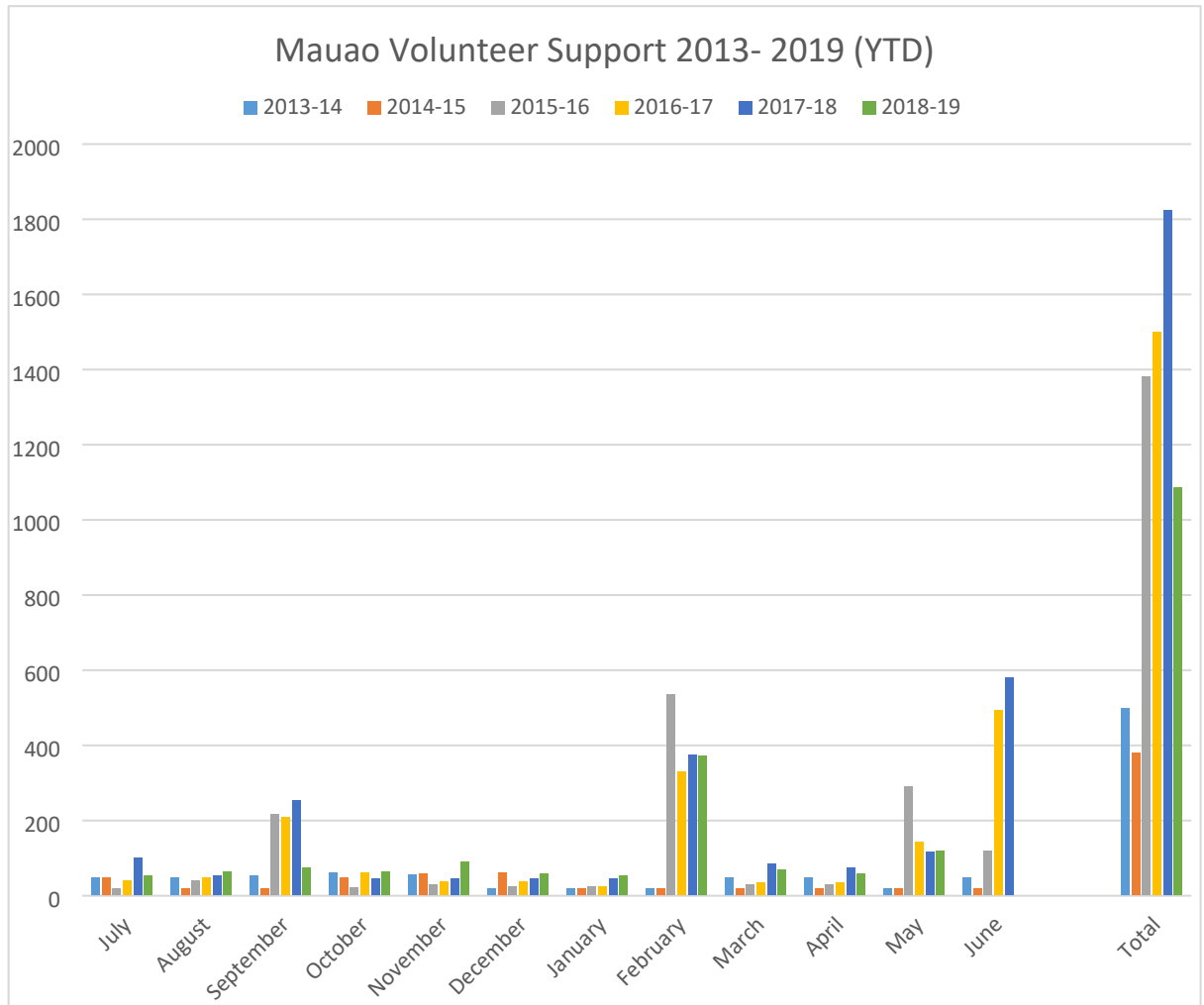


Figure 2: Volunteer support hours per month

Events

4. Events, filming and weddings on and around Mauao for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 June 2019.

Description	Start Date	Type
Tauranga Girls College Round the Mount Relay	29/05/19	Event
Mount Runners And Walkers Half Marathon 2019	02/06/19	Event
Te Amokura Productions	07/07/19	Filming
Tourism BOP – filming on and around Mauao	06/02/19	Filming
Tourism NZ Filming	28/04/19	Filming
Living By The Stars: Matariki (film shoot)	27/05/19	Filming

Figure 3: Calendar showing events, filming and weddings on and around Mauao from 1 April 2019 to 31 June 2019

Recent successes

5. Revegetation planting began this reporting period with support from Amnesty International and Forest and Bird Tauranga on 28 May, planting 200 plants towards the Korowai objective.
6. Animal pest control on Mauao continues to be successful. Low numbers of rabbits, cats, weasels and rats controlled this period.
7. Ongoing pest plant control continued this period with a particular focus on the pasture weeds, and the preparation and maintenance of planting sites.

Planned work for the approaching period 1 June 2019 – 31 July 2019

8. The completion revegetation planting for the 2019 season is planned and programmed for the next reporting period (June – July 2019). Planned dates for community plantings are:
 - 12 June – Omanu and Maungatapu school groups
 - 15 June – Matariki Te Korowai o Mauao community planting with Tangata Whenua of Tauranga Moana
 - Date TBC – BOP Paragliding and Hang-gliding Association
 - Date TBC – Mount Maunganui rock climbing community
 - 25 June – Papamoa Kindergarten
 - Date TBC – Corporate planting day with Zespri and Trust Power
9. Contractors will take advantage of the quieter winter months to undertake remedial track maintenance, tree works and plant pest control around high profile areas that are otherwise difficult to maintain.
10. Planning for structure and surface renewal items will be undertaken in this reporting period. The priorities identified will be included in the next operational report.
11. Wildlands Consultants Limited were successful in winning the new Environmental Management Contract 127 / 17 which includes Plant and Animal Pest Control and restoration activities on Mauao as part of the wider parks and reserves network. The new contract begins on 1 July 2019. Part of Wildlands induction will include a specific induction for Mauao to ensure a smooth transition to the work programme and a clear understanding of the significance of the site in relation to their work.
12. Planning for the removal of the failing exotic Pine and Macrocarpa trees adjacent to the four-wheel drive entry will be undertaken in the upcoming period. These trees have been identified for removal in the Mauao Conservation Plan and they need to be removed for visitor safety, the protection of heritage features, and to allow restoration planting to take place in the area above the four-wheel drive track where they are located. This activity is covered specifically under the

existing heritage authority and will require specialist arbour culture services and equipment to ensure the lowest possible impact on the Maunga. There will be a significant volume of timber generated in the removal.

Myrtle rust update

13. At this stage, there have been no discoveries of myrtle rust on Mauao or any other Tauranga City Council managed reserves of Pohutukawa. Formal scheduled surveillance for myrtle rust on Mauao has ceased. In the event that any reports of myrtle rust are received, they will be taken seriously and staff and contractors will continue to be vigilant in looking for the rust.

Ongoing maintenance

14. 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
A	Track Counter Report for June 2019 <i>Objective: A10156185</i>

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