

Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao - Operational Report October 2018

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 October 2018.
Summary of issue	This report identifies the key operational issues and achievements over the reporting period August 2018 - October 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

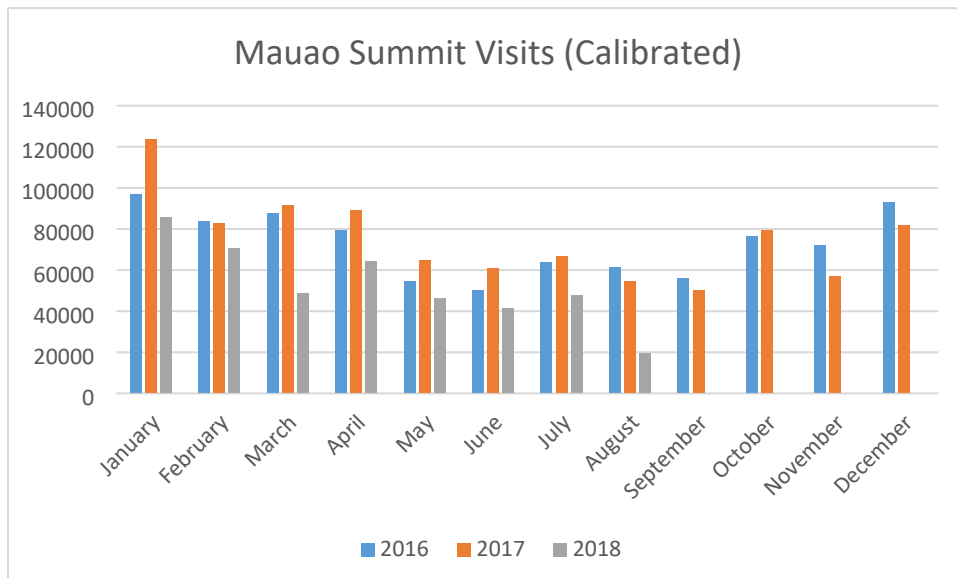
Visitor Numbers

1. Total visitor numbers

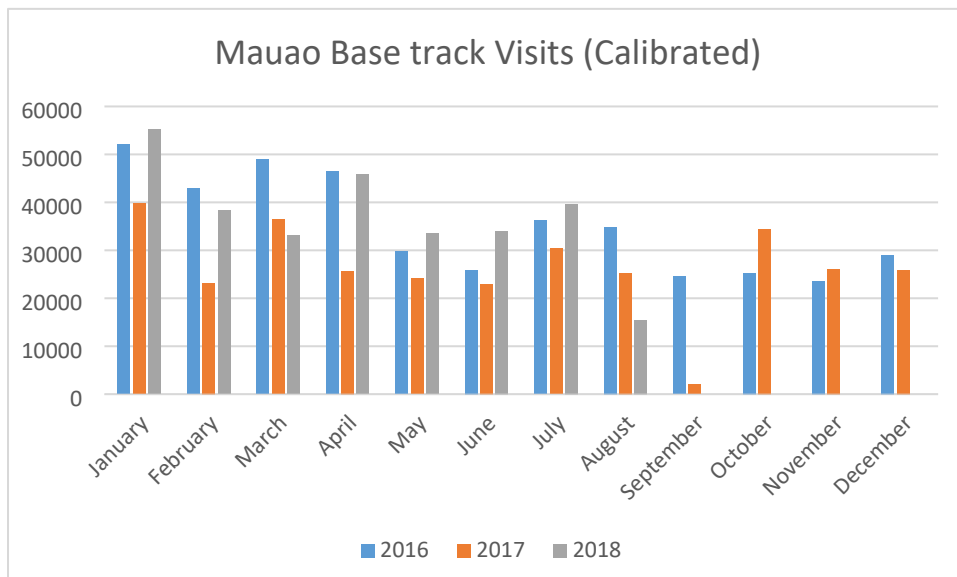
	Summit visits (calibrated)	Base Track visits	Total visits
2016	876,297	419,588	1,295,885
2017	903,604	339,031	1,242,635
2018 (YTD)	425,112	295,137	720,249

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**



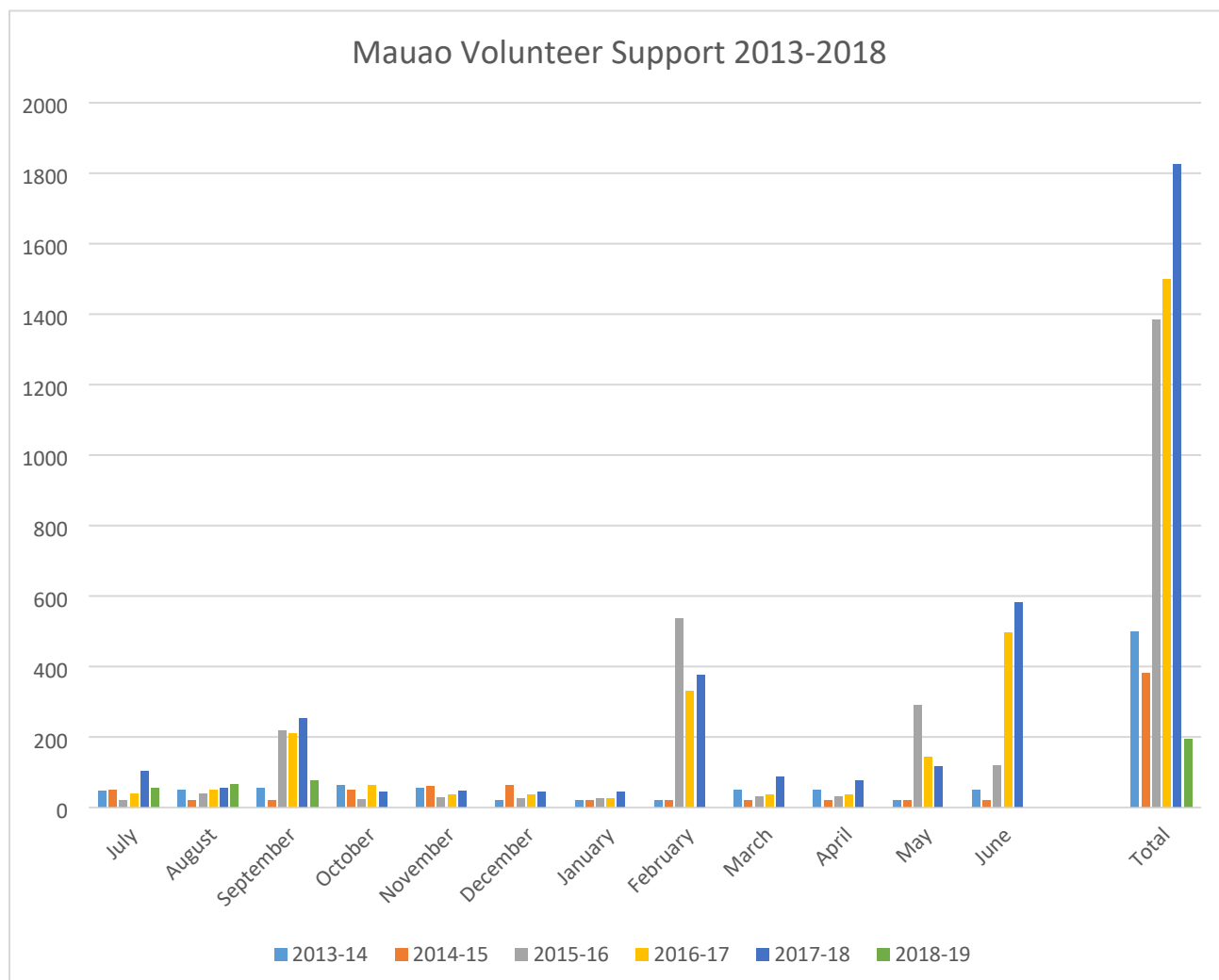
4. **Figure 1B: Graph showing Mauao Base Track visits**



Volunteer support

5. 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 Iwi support for myrtle rust surveillance.

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



Events at and around Mauao for the period of August to December 2018

7. **Figure 3:**

Description	Date
Hawaiian Airlines & Helloworld Mount Maunganui Half Marathon 2018	25/08/18
Tauranga International Marathon 2018	22/09/18
Mitre 10 Mega Tauranga City to Surf Fun Run/Walk 2018	04/11/18
TINMAN - Mt Maunganui 2018	02/12/18
The Santa Run 2018	05/12/18
King and Queen of the Mount 2018	26/12/18

Recent Successes

- The steps and track between the stone steps and the base track were upgraded this period as part of the asset renewals programme. The replacement steps were raised to improve water management and widened to allow for the high two-way use this sections gets (approximately 1,400,000 passes per year). The improvements will provide an improved level of access and reduce the impact of walkers walking outside the track alignment to safely pass each other.
- Animal pest control on Mauao continues to be successful. A very low persistence of rabbits has been detected with recent spring control. Low numbers of rodents, and 1 possum were controlled this period.

10. Sycamore weed tree removal on the base track and behind the camp was undertaken this period to prepare for future restoration planting works in both locations.
11. Control of weeds targeted weed in the grazing area was undertaken this period.
12. Lambing is underway and temporary signs have been installed at the key entrances to inform visitors to give the sheep some space for the benefit of the lambs.
13. Completion of annual the heritage monitoring report for the ongoing Heritage Authority (see the attached report in Appendix B). The report identifies some actions and some positive results from management activities on the reserve. The monitoring locations identified will be assessed annually to ensure ongoing protection of heritage features.

Planned work for the approaching period

14. A site visit was undertaken this period with Lynda Walter consultant archaeologist to access potential fencing alternatives for future restoration planting opportunities in restoring the cloak of Mauao and also to identify the scope of further Archaeological research requirements as outlined in the implementation plan
15. A key focus of the spring season will be on animal and plant pest control when this is most effective and avoids the busy summer season.

Myrtle Rust Update

16. 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.
17. On the 20th of October there is a Myrtle Rust Surveillance hikoi planned for Mauao to show people how to look for the rust. The set up will be located at the Pilot Bay side of Mauao at the base of the four-wheel drive track.

Four Wheel Drive Access

18. Investigation into options for a system to let pedestrians know when there is a vehicle on the road. A location has been identified and staff are looking into the options available for implementation as requested.
19. An annual driver induction is scheduled for the current designated drivers of the Bay of Plenty Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club.

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
A	Track Counter Report for October 2018 <i>Objective: Id: A9181399</i>
B	Mauao Historic reserve Archaeological Monitoring Report August 2018 <i>Objective Id: A9182973</i>

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