

# Memorandum



**To:** Mauao Project Steering Group  
**From:** [REDACTED] s 7(2)(f)(ii)  
**Subject:** MAUAO OPERATIONAL UPDATE –AUGUST SEPTEMBER 2011  
**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> September

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The Purpose of this Report is to update the Mauao Project Steering Group on the operational activities on Mauao from August/September 2011

Since the opening of the Base track there have been no more slips, and Tauranga has experienced a couple of heavy rains since. The temporary repair (at slip 5) has been working well with no issues. The design work for the Oruahine track has been completed. Historic Places Trust (HPT) have asked for an HPT Authority to continue this project. The project manager is working through the paperwork.

Contractors have started Spring weed control. Thistles and gorse in the paddocks have been targeted. Contractors are about to complete weed control on the bluff's off the ocean side of the summit.

## **Visitors and Volunteers**

The number of people walking around the base track:

- August 73548
- September Not known at this time

The number of people walking to the summit:

- August 12482
- September Not known at this time

The amount of volunteer hours and volunteer group's:

- August 100
- September 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, a community service worker and the Mauao Care Group.

## **Fertilising Mauao paddocks**

I have met with a biological education specialist with regards to organically fertilising the slopes of Mauao. Upon approval from the Steering group and the Mauao Trust we will trail a hectare of paddocks with fertilising with worm vermicast. The vermicast will come from a new worm farm being built adjacent to the main Tauranga City Council (TCC) office.

### **Mauao Care Group**

The Mauao Care group met on the 13<sup>th</sup> August and members planted 400 native re-veg plants in slip 4. The plants were purchased from Mangatawa nursery. This care group day was well supported.

### **Kowhai's in flower**

The kowhai tree's above the reservoir have started to flower. This brings in a lot of Tui's. Well worth a visit.

### **Lambing**

We are in the middle of the lambing season. There have been minimal issues with the public, although we did have a ewe slaughtered for meat. This has been reported to the Mount Police.

### **Community Service worker**

A community service worker completed 30 hours of community work. He completed the change of Forest and Bird bait stations, vegetation control and litter collecting. Please see TCC 4163392 for induction and time sheet.

### **The following activities are planned over the next 3 months**

Continuation of slip repair work on the Oruahine track.

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

Summit Bluff spraying.

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