

## Mauao Operational update

### Visitors and volunteers

Base track- April 09- 74870 May 09- 63964

Summit- April 09- 14386 May 09- 12478

Volunteers Hours April 09 - **135** May 09 - **100**  
 Volunteer groups, Forest and bird rodent lines, community service worker and volunteer shepherd.

**Mauao Care Group**, The first planting happened early May with 35 volunteers turning up and planted 300 native plants. The 2<sup>nd</sup> working bee in early June. Weed control will be the main focus from now on.

**Mauao Trustee's site visit**, Trustee's have visited Mauao. They identified an area which they wish to have some additional plants put in.

**Planting**, has been completed. 5000 native plants went in.

**Pest control**, Targeted pindone poisoning and night shoots are continuing, with numbers being quite low at the moment.

There was a report of a stoat on Mauao summit. In the last check of the mustalid traps on the petrel line there was a stoat. Hopefully this is the only one.

Forest and Bird volunteers are being kept busy as there has been an increase in rodent bait take.

**Base track work**, has started again with the main area to be worked on being the concrete slope. This is the hardest area for wheelchair users to get passed.

**Lamb incident**, The 3 lads accused of killing the sheep have denied it. The matter is in the police hands.

**Summit upgrade**, The project on the summit has gone very well. Unusual to have such large machinery on Mauao, so I was please to see them leave. 95% of the feedback has been positive. The temporary fences which are protecting the grass will be up till the spring when the couch grass starts to grow.