

Mauao Historic Reserve Management Plan Summary

Overview

Mauao is an historic reserve gazetted under the Reserves Act 1977 and is a wāhi tapu site under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.

Mauao is the sacred tupuna maunga of the three iwi of Tauranga Moana - Ngāi Te Rangi, Ngati Pukenga and Ngāti Ranginui – and Waitaha. It is also a significant and iconic landmark for the Tauranga Moana community.

Title to the Mauao Historic Reserve was vested in the trustees of the Mauao Trust in 2008. In 2013, the Mauao Trust, Waitaha and Tauranga City Council established a joint management arrangement for Mauao. Ngā Poutiriao o Mauao is the joint body that leads the management of Mauao.

The draft Mauao Historic Reserve Management Plan has been prepared in close collaboration with Ngā Poutiriao o Mauao and is the overarching tool to achieve integrated management of the reserve and positively affect the historical, cultural, ecological and recreational values of the reserve.

Objectives

The objectives of the draft Mauao Historic Reserve Management Plan are:

- To protect the historical and cultural values, and meet the cultural needs and aspirations of the tangata whenua
- To protect and enhance the landscape character and ecological values of the reserve
- To continue to meet the appropriate recreational and amenity needs of residents and visitors to the city

Examples: How the plan will achieve the objectives

- Rock climbers will no longer be allowed to use Mauao for climbing, unless a more suitable climbing location is found. The current location has safety risks, is close to a wahi tapu site and rare native vegetation that could be damaged.
- Enabling specific projects to enhance rangatiratanga, mana, kaitiaki and mauri of Mauao
- Protecting wahi tapu sites and sites of historic significance.
- Providing for concessionaire standards to be established for commercial activities.
- There is to be no scattering of ashes on Mauao, and no new memorial seats or plaques are to be placed on the maunga.
- Prohibiting further provision of utilities of any kind on the summit.
- Recognising and providing for the protection and interpretation of sites of historical or cultural significance.

Next steps

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The draft Mauao Historic Reserve Management Plan will be adopted for formal public consultation. Consultation is scheduled to occur in the middle of this year, for two-months. You will have another opportunity to provide comments on the draft plan at that time.

Comments / feedback

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