

# Friends of PMM Newsletter

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## The David Johnstone Pukemokemoke Bush Trust



*Keeping Agriculture Moving*



Dear Friends

Our March working bee was spent marking stakes with colours for the different trees and distributing them ready for next month's plantings. Unfortunately, we had to cancel this month's working bee due to the bad weather – very annoying! Below please see photos from March.



Following on from the WEL Networks Substation team building day, mentioned in the last newsletter, approximately 50 members of the WEL Networks Lines Team spent 2.5 hours constructing more steps and transferring metal from the heap to the newly constructed steps.

They then used the Log Haulers site for a bbq.

A big thank you to Hamish Thomson and his team for their efforts.

Harpal, Kevin and Eli supervised the proceedings.



Also, we must mention the goodwill of Alan McDonald and Stevenson Quarries for their efforts in transporting 60 tonne of metal to the summit of Pukemokemoke. A huge undertaking which involved the upgrading of the track from the quarry to the summit.

Thank you Alan for the time arranging this work. It has sure made the repairs and maintenance of the tracks much more user friendly for the volunteers.

As you may be aware the David Johnstone Pukemokemoke Bush Trust is inviting primary, intermediate and area schools to apply for funding to support environmental, ecological and sustainability projects within the Waikato Region. Please refer to our website for details of this and to see how some schools have benefitted already from the fund. If you know of any schools who would be interested in this please refer them to the website: [www.pukemokemoke.nz/education-fund/](http://www.pukemokemoke.nz/education-fund/)

If you are walking up Pukemokemoke and can spare some extra time we would be most grateful if you could fill a bag or two with metal from the pile and empty it on the new steps.

**The next Working Bee will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. At this and the next Working Bee on 15<sup>th</sup> June we will have a lot of planting to do so really need a good turn out. Hope you can make it!**