

# Friends of PMM Newsletter

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## The David Johnstone Pukemokemoke Bush Trust

Dear Friends

Subsequent to our last newsletter a large group from Waikato Regional Council came to Pukemokemoke for a team building exercise which Jeremy facilitated. Their hard work was much appreciated.

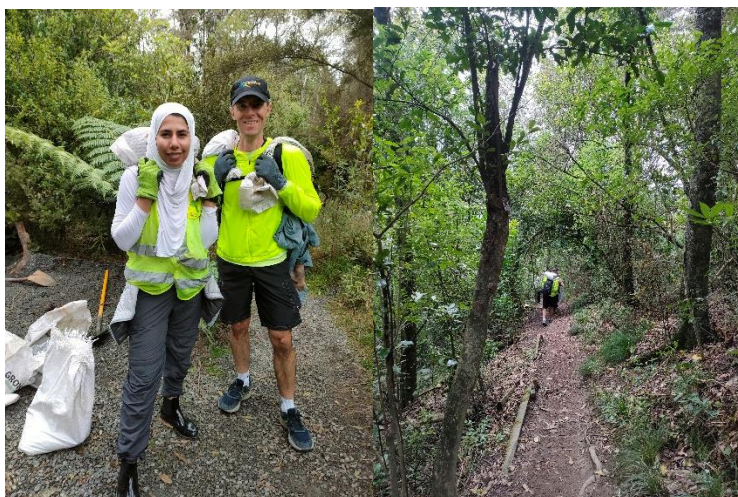
Fortunately the weather was good enough in July and Saturday just gone for our Working Bees to go ahead. In July we had a great team of helpers assisting Jeremy to plant out a good number of the tree seedlings he has grown and all in all about 350 were planted. There was also some work done on the track so a lot was accomplished.





At both yesterday and July's Working Bees we had new Friends join us which was fantastic. Some were through contacts with other Friends and others through visiting Pukemokemoke and then looking on our website. It is gratifying to see that all the hard work that has been put into creating our website is paying off and wonderful to see the enthusiasm of our new members - a big welcome to you all and thanks for joining us.

Yesterday's Working Bee involved track work – we went up to the top of the Maunga where there is still gravel from the helicopter drop. Numerous bags were carried down to fill in the track, it was a very successful afternoon.



Following the publicity from the break in to the container we have had numerous kind offers of donations of either equipment or money to help replace what was stolen. Many thanks to those of you who have offered to help. We are looking at different security options and will let you know how things progress.

After the deluge on Saturday night and Sunday currently Pukemokemoke is inaccessible due to the car park being flooded. The water usually subsides pretty quickly. Updates will appear on our website.

Thanks to everyone for your support. Hope to see you at our next Working Bee on the 16<sup>th</sup> September.