

Friends of PMM Newsletter

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WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



The David Johnstone Pukemokemoke Bush Trust

Dear Pukemokemoke Friends.

It is time to wrap up another remarkably successful and productive year for the reserve. It has been a good one and there are many things and people to be thankful for. This newsletter covers three areas, firstly a final working bee, Secondly progress and finally we have a lot to be thankful for.

1. Working Bee, Yes we need another working bee on Saturday, While we made great progress on releasing trees at the last bee, and Gina did great mahi the following day, the convolvulus does not sleep and the grass is as high as an elephant's eye. So please can you come on Saturday at 1pm to finish off the big releasing job.

2. Progress.

Many tasks have been completed and milestones achieved this year.

Here are just a few.

Firstly the new 50m **wooden walkway** from the log hauler site has been completed. This was designed to cover a section of rapidly degrading track that became quite dangerous. Noel has again led a great team of workers in completing this section. Already it is planned, and funds are to hand, to extend the kauri walkway up to the track junction. Watch this space.

We have to report that progress has finally been made on extending the car park.

Carpark The surveyors CKL are working on the survey as we speak. The land donated by our neighbour Jim Anniss will be made available early in the new year. Des Hansen has located three large pipes to extend the drain and we hope to have this completed during 2021.



Planting, Another 300 trees were planted this year and while we lost a number in the drought it is heartwarming to see the survival of many of our larger rimu, kahikatea, pukatea and matai trees amongst the manuka cover.

Toilets, This has been quite a milestone. It had been on our agenda for a long time, Funding from WDC gave us the opportunity to upgrade our facilities and Jack sourced these great little composting toilets which seem to be fitting the bill so far. Many thanks to Nick for keeping them neat and clean.



3. Thanks

So much has happened during 2020, in our lives and at the bush, Firstly the big dry, then the shut down during covid. But during all this we have made great strides with thanks to many....

Firstly to all the volunteers who have faithfully joined in the working bees. I'm sure you get as much enjoyment as I do in watching the reserve develop into a singular example of NZ native forest with access to all. Thank you

Secondly thanks to a number of donors. We have received from PMM friends \$10,000 for irrigation equipment and \$4,000 for the video production. WOW!!

WEL Energy Trust for their Grant of \$15,000 for carpark extensions

Awarua Trust for their Grant of \$10,000 for boardwalk extensions

ANZ Staff Foundation for their Grant of \$10,000 for boardwalk extensions

WDC for funding the toilets, for this years planting and for remission of fees for the carpark subdivision.

Thirdly Those Businesses that have supported us by donating their time free of charge.

Mark and Carleen Jackson of **Marks Mobile Engineering** for Mark's time and effort in keeping the Tractor running

BCD Group who are Consulting Engineers and Planners. They reviewed the structural integrity of the Platform.

Please consider these businesses should you require their expertise that they provide

Thanks to all once again and look forward to seeing you on Saturday
Warwick