

Friends of PMM Newsletter

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

DECEMBER
2019



The David Johnstone Pukemokemoke Bush Trust

Dear Friends

Notes from the Chairman of the PMM Trust

We had an amazing and most productive working bee with the NZTE guys. Seven very fit NZTE staff plus Vitus, Jack, Noel, Eli and Warwick carried the prefabricated platform up the hill to the end of the kauri grove. Noel had pre-cut everything so both the carry up and the construction were pretty easy, thank you Noel. It all went together well and we also carried up Alan's seat which is now installed at the kauri grove on the viewing platform. The visitors were very impressed with the reserve and have indicated they would like to come back.

Now plans for the next couple of months.....

There will be no working bee in December, but there is plenty that could be done. Can I suggest that we all potter up there at sometime during the month and do our own thing. The following need attention:-

1. Releasing the trees we planted this year. We did a good job on this last month but the grass has grown outrageously and they all need another dose of weeding. There is a bag of bamboo sticks in the shed by the container, if you could mark the trees that you release that would be much appreciated.
2. Privet control. The privet is flowering and you can see a number of shrubs scattered about, particularly along the stream. Loppers and pruning saw would be helpful in dealing with these.
3. Tracks along the stream are overgrown both in the bush and outside. Hedge cutters would be helpful for that chore.

We will be in touch again in January, when we will all be much invigorated. It has been a good year, and we look forward to putting in new toilets and expanding parking.

Thanks for all the good work and good companionship. Enjoy the festive season and look after PMM. Warwick

