

# Friends of PMM Newsletter

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## The David Johnstone Pukemokemoke Bush Trust

Dear Friends

### Notes from the Chairman of the PMM Trust

Saturday 15th February was the big push to attempt to save so many of our new plantings at PMM. So much thanks needs to go first to Nick for getting this underway by his sole bucketing from the river recently. Then also to Des in getting the 1000L containers on site and ferrying them around the site on his trailer. A lot of the work was enhanced by the pump offered by Wayne Bennet and used to good effect to pump up from the Mangatea stream, which by the way has precious water in it and v little flow. A 100m alkathene pipe, recently purchased gave masses of water across much of the flats and was used to fill up buckets. I estimate that upwards of 1000 buckets of water were spread today, giving life to as many as 1000 trees. Wonderful effort by a wonderful group of friends. Mentioned in despatches must be Nathan and Heather who brought their two kids Tristan and Maia, who worked all day carrying buckets and enjoying giving life to dying plants. Fantastic family activity.

I dare to say we have we have turned things around. But we may have to repeat the exercise in a couple of weeks if we don't have rain. Watch this space.



**Unless another emergency working bee is needed the next working bee is on Saturday 21st March. You will receive an email reminder nearer the time.**