

# Friends of PMM Newsletter

**JULY 2018**



## **The David Johnstone Pukemokemoke Bush Trust**

**C/o Guardian Trust ■ PO Box 1375 ■ Hamilton**

Dear Friends

### **Notes from the Chairman of the PMM Trust**

David Lloyd from the David Johnstone Trust told the Friends of PMM of their intention to increase financial support to PMM. Discussions with David Lloyd make it advisable that we develop a long-term plan for maintenance and development. A number of issues have arisen due to the increasing pressure of visitors, not the least of which are the toilet situation and the drive and parking area. We will develop a five-year draft plan for discussion over the next few months and share it with volunteers by way of the newsletter and working bee discussions. Watch this space!!

Warwick

### **July Working Bee**

There was a great turnout at the July working bee on the 21<sup>st</sup> with 19 Friends attending and it was a very productive and enjoyable day. Noel led a group carrying up gravel and spreading it on the tracks. One hundred natives were planted to tidy up and fill in areas that had been previously sprayed around the log hauler site. Natives were also planted on the walkway where the old track to the pa site has been closed. A stack of wood and rubbish behind the container was also cleared out and loaded onto a trailer. Eli used the mower to trundle many sacks of gravel along the lower track, then Jackson had fun with the water blaster to clean mower and trailer. (see pic below)

It was great to welcome back Perry Hicks to the working bee. Perry was a very loyal member of the team in the privet removal days. Nigel Binks, a PhD student at Waikato University spoke to the group about his project on insects and other small creatures at the bush.





A big thank you to everyone who attended the July working bee, your efforts were very much appreciated and it was wonderful to achieve so much.

**The next working bee will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August at 1pm.**

**Please hit the Reply to All button** to continue the conversation and suggest new approaches to enhance the reserve. **We'd love to get some more feedback from you.**

Kind regards  
Kate

### **Future Working Bee Dates**

- **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August**
- **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September**
- **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October**