

Friends of PMM Newsletter

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The David Johnstone Pukemokemoke Bush Trust

Dear Friends

Sorry for the lack of Newsletters over the last few months. Each month I have been waiting to send one out after the working bee but since the one in May was cancelled due to inclement weather and then the June one was abandoned when the weather turned bad I thought I had better do one now as a catch up on what has been happening at Pukemokemoke.

At the end of March a group of 18 volunteers from the ANZ Bank spent the day helping build tracks and fill in metal along with Harpal, Kevin and Noel.



Noel estimated that 30 metres of track was metalled and another 20 metres was prepared for metal. He has put signs up inviting walkers to carry bags of metal down to fill in the track so if you are there please feel free to do this and to refill any empty sacks.

Thanks very much to the team at the ANZ what a great job they did!

If you know any businesses that are keen to carry out team building/voluntary work of this type please email us.



Chris noticed some track damage after stormy weather – Noel fixed that up in no time (with little assistance from Linda). If you are ever at Pukemokemoke and see any damage anywhere please let us know.

On the 5th May Rototuna High School held a non competitive educational event at Pukemokemoke for a group of over 50 students which incorporated physical activities and learning about the bush. By all accounts it went very well and may become an annual event.

Six children a teacher and 3 teacher aides from Patricia Avenue School came to Pukemokemoke on 7th June and had a great day in the wet and mud planting trees that they had propagated. Along with Gina, Ashleigh and Jeremy they got 150 plants in the ground – a great effort.

The Carpark area has finally been completed. Thanks to Allen Needham who have done all the legal work for no charge. It's great to have local businesses supporting us.



Weather conditions have made getting the 1210 new plants in the ground extremely difficult. Jeremy has more or less single handedly planted all of the plants. He has put a huge effort into the role of Plant Manager having spent the best part of 6 months preparing the areas for planting, (clearing privet, mowing, spraying out, staking out each plants position, drilling holes,). On top of that he has obtained bamboo stakes from up the road (normally DJPBT buys bamboo stakes), transporting plants from nursery, and because it's been so wet he has carried down all the plants from the track to the planting areas. One cannot express in words the passion and commitment Jeremy has for the environment of Pukemokemoke.



Hope you are managing to stay dry in this horrible weather. Fingers crossed our Working Bee on the 15th July will be able to go ahead. See you there!!