

Friends of PMM Newsletter

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The David Johnstone Pukemokemoke Bush Trust

Dear Friends

Thanks to everyone who attended the Working Bees in May and June.



In May Gina and co cleared privet on the flats around the EcoQuest Bridge while Noel and others did some track work which included repairing the bridge in the wetland.

In June approximately 800 trees were planted in wet and rainy



conditions. Many thanks to Jeremy for all his hard work preparing the planting area by spraying it out, deciding on layout, staking it out, and creating holes with a post hole borer. He did an exceptional job. The tractor that Gilltrap Agrizone provided at a very good cost and the carryall tray that Keith Holmes kindly donated was invaluable to Jeremy

for transportation of equipment and plants to the Kowhai Flats. Jeremy and his wife Cushla also returned on 24th June to finish planting the rest of the trees so a total of 1000 trees were planted in all.



In addition to the above trees Warwick and others planted a 2 metre tall kauri tree in the specimen tree area just above the gazebo. This had been donated by Nicky Pervan – thanks very much Nicky.

Thanks to the Waikato District Council who have funded the cost of the plants through their Conservation Fund. They have just approved a grant of \$14999 plus gst to cover the plants just planted and for the years 2023 and 2024. This will go a long way to assist in the continued restoration of the Pukemokemoke Reserve.

Kim from the Waikato Regional Council agreed to fund an overhaul of the boot cleaning station which had become very rundown. Warwick organized this and it was carried out by MW Design. Kim advised WRC will fund a regular maintenance visit. Des has agreed to oversee this. The system is now in full operation with everything working well. Thanks for organizing this Warwick.

CKL Surveyors have finally completed all the necessary survey work and made the application to Waikato District Council to signoff so the transfer of land that Jim Anniss has donated for the additional carparking can be legally facilitated.

**If you know anyone who may be interested in receiving our newsletter and/or helping at working bees please can you reply to this email.
Thanks Linda**

Our next Working Bee is on the 16th July. You will receive an email reminder closer to the time.