

# Friends of PMM Newsletter

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## The David Johnstone Pukemokemoke Bush Trust



Dear Friends

The latter part of February and March have seen lots of activity at Pukemokemoke. At the end of February a helicopter from Rotor Work came and spent nearly 3 hours transferring metal and timber for track building to various points at the top of the maunga. An extremely skilful job – looking at where the metal has been dropped one wonders how they managed it. Big thanks to those that were involved on the Day from Chris Field (Pilot/Manager) of Rotor Work, 2 of his staff, Des Hansen for delivery of Timber, Kevin Swney, Noel Sandford, Eli Martin, Craig Stobie and John Dinnan. The Trust is very fortunate that Chris and the team at Rotor Work discounted their services to enable this huge undertaking to be completed. Thanks must also go to Martin Pizzini for his delivery of the 16 cu of metal that was lifted up the maunga by helicopter.



After the severe weather events of the last couple of months, the driveway required a lot of maintenance. Jim Anniss and Colin Leslie reformed the driveway, and Martin also carted and spread the metal that was required to provide the good surface it now has. It is great to have the support of Martin who provided his services free of charge, and Stevenson's Quarries likewise for the metal.

At the beginning of March, a team from Fonterra came and helped distribute the metal ready for track building. We have another team of volunteers coming on Friday from ANZ bank to help with track building.



Thanks to everyone who attended this month's working bee last Saturday. Whilst one team did track building, Gina, Ashleigh and Hannah released trees.



In February you received an email from Chris one of our Friends telling you about his Relay for Life Team. Thought you might like to know that over \$140,000 was raised in total and his team raised over \$2000 for the Cancer Society. A great effort! Well done Chris and team.

Morrinsville School come to Pukemokemoke every year to walk up the maunga. Here is a picture of the students, teachers and whanau this year ready to start their walk.



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