

Friends of PMM Newsletter

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The David Johnstone Pukemokemoke Bush Trust



Dear Friends

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2025.

Since the beginning of the year we have had 2 working bees in February and March and both have concentrated on our ongoing battle with privet. We had a better turn out in February than March however a good deal of privet was cut and poisoned both days so a good effort. If you are walking at Pukemokemoke and see small privet plants growing at the side of the track if you are able please can you pull them out (the larger ones are impossible to pull and will need cutting and poisoning however there are a lot of small ones too.) As you probably know privet has dark green leaves which are exactly opposite. Some other plants are similar but the leaves are not exactly opposite each other.



This is privet

Below are photos of both working bees.

February



March



East West Students visit.

20 students from East West College came to Pukemokemoke on 16th January and spent an hour and a half pulling out privet. Harpal was there to supervise and said they did a great job.



We encourage Friends to support our sponsors Giltrap AgriZone and those listed below should you need any of their professional services they provide. Without their support Pukemokemoke Bush Reserve would not be the great taonga that it is. Thanks also to all our Friends who support us at working bees, your hard work is much appreciated.



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CHARITABLE TRUST



Due to Easter holidays and Anzac day falling in the second half of April our next working bee will be on the 12th April 2025.