

Friends of PMM Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2020



The David Johnstone Pukemokemoke Bush Trust

Dear Friends,

Thanks to everyone who attended the Working Bee last Saturday as you will read below a lot was accomplished during the day. Unless otherwise advised our next working bee will take place on Saturday 19th December.

Working bee on Saturday 21 November.

The working bee on Saturday last concentrated on the boardwalk extensions and on releasing the trees planted on the river flats. Tall grass and convolvulus at this time of year overwhelms young trees and we were in danger of losing many. In March it



was drought and now it is weeds. However Gina and her Rangers got stuck in and enjoyed the thrill of giving new life to fledgling trees. But not only that, Gina came back on Monday and spent the whole day finishing the job. It's a real joy to see how so many of our rimu, kahikatea, matai and pukatea are thriving. The pictures show Gina, sickle in hand, contemplating a rimu covered in the well named bindweed, then enjoying seeing it released and ready for a new summer.

The other major job was the boardwalk extension. There was a pile of timber to get into place, but by the time most of us arrived Gina's gang had carried it up into place. Noel has made great progress through this rather gnarly part of the track with a lot of steps requiring extra timber to make the rise. However we are now up the steep part and onto the flat. Hopefully one more working bee will see this part of the track completed. Well done and thanks to all who helped, Joe, Brian, Eli, Lu and Liz