



# Friends of PMM Newsletter

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2019



## The David Johnstone Pukemokemoke Bush Trust

Dear Friends

### Notes from the Chairman of the PMM Trust

Here's a quick note about the working bee last month. About a dozen showed up and the main task was to release this year's newly planted trees from the fantastic growth of grass. It was a good time to do this because while the grass had grown long we were able to find the trees and finished the work within the afternoon. The plants are looking splendid, with particularly good growth by rimu and manuka. Des brought his tractor with blade and did a marvellous job on the driveway which shows what is possible with a good operator. Chris carried up more metal and Marlin attacked some fallen branches up high. See pic attached of some of the workers appropriately equipped with sickles.

Next working bee scheduled for 16 November is cancelled. Firstly because I won't be around, but mainly because on Tuesday 19 Nov we have a volunteer group from NZTE (wot's that I hear you ask?) They gave us a day while we were working on the kauri walkway and they did amazing work. The plan is to carry up and erect a viewing platform and seat at the end of the kauri grove walk. So bring hammers and a strong back. Meet at 9am. Noel will be in charge. There will be plenty of other activities, and by that time I am hoping we may be able to make a start on the new toilets.

Warwick

As Warwick mentioned above we had a successful working bee in October and also in September. Some photos of both are below.



September working bee tasks included Gina, and team giving the container a good sort out and tidy up, Jeremy continuing his war on privet – doing a great job! Warwick, Alan, Tyler and Linda cleaned up the boot cleaning station and filled in holes in the driveway and painted the seats and table in the pavilion. Sorry but didn't get a photo of the gang working on the track! They were still at it when the rest of us had finished....

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