

Friends of PMM Newsletter

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Dear Friends

September Working Bee

There was a great turn out at the working bee on the 16th, with 20 friends helping out at PMM. A lot of work was done on the driveway and all the potholes are now filled, which is fantastic! Gina and two Rangers ran wires around the top of the gazebo at the log hauler site to inhibit bird roosting. Spraying wasn't able to be undertaken unfortunately as it was too wet. Thank you to everyone for your wonderful work.

Please note that we have changed the date of the October working bee, due to Labour Day and it will be held on **Saturday the 28th of October.**



Notes from the Chairman of the PMM Trust

Rain and floods have been a dismal feature of the scene out at the bush. Despite that, since the last working bee a number of things have happened. Morrinsville Intermediate School visited on Friday the 22nd, bringing 29 students and were determined to help with a project. Noel and Chris took on the task of supervising and Noel reports that they worked exceeding well. Noel had arranged for a skip of metal from the quarry to be dumped at the old container site. With bags donated by Harpal the students lugged metal from there to assist with track renovation.

So this is the beginning of some serious work on the tracks. They are in very bad condition and we will be making some long term decisions on how to cope with increasing traffic and increasing rainfall over the next few years.

In the meantime Mark has done really amazing work on the container. It now has a roof, which will help enormously with the internal climate of the container. Spouting is installed and Mark has conjured up two 1000 litre containers to provide the water we need for spraying. Mark has fully mastered the mower and the log hauler lawn looks a treat.

Now the next working bee on the 28th of October will be a mammoth weeding bee, an attack on the privet as well as the invasive convolvulus. Anyone have any spare downpipe or drain coil that might be used to plumb in the spouting to the new drums???

Warwick

Future Working Bee Dates for 2017

- **Saturday 28th of October**
- **Saturday 18th of November**
- **Saturday 16th of December**

Kind regards
Kate