

DAIRY FLAT NEWSLETTER

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REDALE LANDFILL COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

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Lewis Morgan ----- Waste Management
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The Committee's role is to allow issues and concerns relating to the operation of the landfill to be debated and negotiated. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding Redvale Landfill please contact Reception on 09 427 0600 or your nearest Liaison Committee member.

Members were elected to the Committee by the community or have been appointed to represent particular interest groups. **Minutes of the meetings are available for perusal at the Waste Management NZ Ltd office.** Any member of the public is able to attend and be heard at these meetings as long as at least two days' notice is given to the Secretary, Steph, via email - Redvale@wastemanagement.co.nz

Our next scheduled meeting at the Waste Management Office – 26 Aug & 25 Nov 2019.



Current Trustees:

Julie Earwaker *Steven Earwaker*
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Please see our Trust website:

www.dairyflatcommunitytrust.co.nz

Should you have any questions concerning the Trust, please contact:

Secretary – Steph Dryland - Ph: 427 0600

Community Liaison Chairman's Comment

Dear readers,

Welcome to this, the third newsletter for 2019. It is early August and despite the cold snaps and numerous squalls (some accompanied by fine hail), spring is starting to make itself known; ewes are lambing, spring bulbs are flowering, fruit trees are putting out their first leaf buds and yesterday, I heard a cuckoo calling.

In terms of the Redvale Community Liaison Committee's Council representative, we got to meet Laura Taylor at our last committee meeting. She has taken over from Nigel Donovan and it is hoped that she will get up to speed rapidly and represent the Council's position well.

In the last newsletter, I mentioned that the speed limit had been reduced from 100 km per hour to 80 km per hour over the entire length of Dairy Flat Highway and, the introduction of a 60 km per hour zone in what is now shown as Dairy Flat Village, i.e. the intersection of the highway with Kahikatea Valley Road.

Late last year, we also saw the introduction of a 60 km per hour zone around the intersection of the highway with the Coatesville/Riverhead highway. This was a temporary measure while geotechnical analysis was completed around the intersection as, long term, Auckland Transport is installing a roundabout at this intersection and, at the time of writing, work has now commenced on building the roundabout. I haven't been impacted by the roadworks as yet, but am wondering if, as the intersection works progress, as to whether alternate routes will have to be used by all who live and work in the area.

In the last newsletter, mention was made about Council's consultation with interested parties about the Silverdale West Dairy Flat Industrial Area Structure Plan In this week, parties who provided e-mail address during the consultation sessions were contacted about further developments around the SWDFIA Structure plan, which stated that "Since the draft structure plan was released, an opportunity has arisen more quickly than expected to combine the delivery of water and waste water with the construction of the new Argent Lane road extension. This extends from Milldale to Pine Valley Road across a new bridge over the Weiti River. The advantage of this approach would be that infrastructure services could be available earlier and possibly more economically, than previously envisaged. This work could result in different servicing options to those currently outlined in the draft structure plan so these are worth addressing before finalising the structure plan".

Through Dairy Flat Primary School, I had the opportunity at the beginning of August to be part of the Trees That Count Program. One of our local land owners has partnered with Trees That Count and school children plus a teacher or two plus a number of parents help land owners plant native trees in areas that have been stock-proofed and in terms of this specific landowner, more than 12,000 young trees have been planted in the past four years.

If any readers wish to plant native trees on their property and need to fence off an area, please note that both Trees That Count as well as the Dairy Flat Community Trust may be in a position to help with providing funding for fencing. The Dairy Flat Community Trust is also open for members of our community to approach it for funding for university studies, research projects and similar. Please approach the Trust for more information and how to apply.

And, especially for readers new to our area, we have two halls which members of the community are encouraged to use as they belong to the community. Please contact the respective hall keyholders to check availability and cost.

In closing, I reiterate that it is the Redvale Community Liaison Committee's role to be the forum through which the Redvale community, which is impacted by the landfill, can bring matters/complaints to the attention of those who sit on this committee and for it to then look for workable solutions and I urge all readers to please use this forum to achieve the goals as envisioned.

Till the next newsletter

Warwick Hojem

Chairman, Redvale Community Liaison Committee



Feeling Fab Charitable Trust

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I would like to introduce you to the Feeling Fab Charitable Trust established November 2016.

We are a non-profit organisation who provide pamper days for those who have experienced grief, caregivers and individuals who are in need through a variety of unfortunate circumstances.

Our aim is to provide a safe nurturing environment for women to experience a full day of pampering.

We are here to help them to leave the blanket of grief and their worries at the door. They will be pampered by our most caring and understanding volunteers. Starting with a massage/Reiki or healing and followed by a makeover and hair styling. There are also goodie bags for them to be able to take home and enjoy. Yummy food is provided throughout the day.

Our aim is to give back some of the love, support and tenderness that seems to disappear when we are faced with grief or overwhelmed by life. This is also a great opportunity to connect with others who are going through similar experiences, something which bereaved people generally find really helpful.

We have received fantastic feedback from the women who have attended and the volunteers who have given up their time freely to support them and make these days possible.

Please take a moment to have a look at the short video that is on our website at www.feelingfab.co.nz as this will give you an example of what our pamper days entail.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us on the days and any donations of goodies to put in the giveaway bags for our ladies.

*Kind Regards,
Elizabeth York,
Founder,
Feeling Fab Charitable Trust*

Greenpark Preschool

Term 2 2019

Kia Ora

This term we have been learning how to look after our planet and environment. We learned about the importance of recycling to save the Earth's precious natural resources.

The children got into the spirit by bringing along their family recycling for us to use for our art work. We spent a whole term collecting and making. The glue guns worked overtime making plastic lid mobiles, milk bottle faces and planters. We used fabric scraps to make peg dolls and wind socks, hobby horses from old socks, treasure boxes and lots more.

The children put in an enormous effort and were very proud of all their work. We learned some recycling songs and even made up our own recycling rap. At the end of the term we invited our families along to see the children's amazing art work and celebrated with a special morning tea.

We have also been using natural and recycled materials for our activities and games. The children have enjoyed working with lots of natural wood and stones for construction, imaginative and loose parts play.

This term we are looking forward to our annual Gumboot Day and preparations are already underway.

For more information about Greenpark Preschool, visit our website www.greenpark.net.nz

Silverdale Squash Club

Winter is a great time to play squash – in fact that is when our interclub leagues are most busy. The only way you can get wet is if you build up a sweat – but the reward for that is the hot shower afterwards and that feeling of having had a good workout. Time to get fit before summer!

Come and try playing squash here at Silverdale Squash Club, just opposite the Silverdale Park and Ride. It doesn't matter if you have never played before – we can show you how. It also doesn't matter how old you are. Young or old – all welcome ☺

In mid-August (16 – 18th) we have our masters tournament. This is open to everyone 35 and over – we have active players aged over 60 (70 in some cases) so you are never too old. We are an active, social club with players at all levels. If you would like coaching (often a good way to get back into the game), our coach Trina Moore can coach all levels.

For juniors, our kids' club night is on Wednesdays 5pm – 6.15pm. Come and try it out! We've got lots of keen juniors taking part. Also tuition is still being run by the club's coach – so if anyone under 16 is interested, email the club at tonyforde@hotmail.co.nz or see our Facebook page.

We are always looking for new members – new to the game or experienced. Come along to our friendly Club Night on Thursday evenings 7pm onwards and give it a go.

For more information, contact the club president Tony Forde at tonyforde@hotmail.co.nz

Dairy Flat Primary School

During term 2 the Dairy Flat School biannual Arts Festival was held. Children participated in a variety of visual art experiences. The senior students created a piece of art over three days and the junior students were able to make six pieces of art over the same three days. Many family members of the school and people from the wider community contributed their time to run or assist with groups. In the afternoons the students were entertained by musicians. A few weeks later we held an Art Exhibition for parents and the community to showcase the student's art. Some pieces were then selected to be exhibited at the Northern Bays Schools Arts Festival held at the Bruce Mason Theatre. A group of students also performed a dance as part of this festival.

The beginning of term 3 the Environment Groups comprising of students from Years 3-6 had the opportunity to participate in the Trees for Survival planting day. A group of 40 students, parents and teachers planted approximately 500 native trees which had grown from seedlings at the school. This day made a connection with the community and helped the environment, habitat and protection for waterways.

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Applications for funding assistance are now being called for from individuals and organisations for projects that fall within the general objectives of the Community Trust.

This objective states "for purposes beneficial to those people whose principal place of residence is Dairy Flat."

Applications for post-secondary education scholarships from Dairy Flat residents are also being accepted at this time.

All application forms available from: www.dairyflatcommunitytrust.co.nz

Applications can be submitted by post: Dairy Flat Community Trust
PO Box 228
SILVERDALE 0944

Or scan and email to: dairyflatcommunitytrust@hotmail.co.nz

Applications open from Friday 26th July and close Friday 20th September 2019 @ 5pm.
Only applications received by this closing date (as indicated by postmark or email) will be considered for funding.

Funding allocations will be presented on Sunday 1st December 2019, 4.30pm at Redvale Landfill.

What would you do, alone with your children and there is an intruder?

Dairy Flat local Cathy Aldridge took us through three hair-raising scenarios she experienced while living in South Africa.

A teacher by profession, Cathy is skilled in drama and was able to accentuate the feelings and the fright she had at the time. So glad now, to be living in peaceful New Zealand. Cathy received a certificate late July having completed her first ten speeches with the Dairy Flat group. (Pictured here being awarded by new club President, Josh Gross of Kaukapakapa)



Two months ago, member Courtney Davies brought in a set of wonderful virtual reality sets. A passionate conservationist, Courtney took the team through the current conditions of the seas around Auckland. Being able to see actual footage taken from any angle at the turn of our heads, Toastmasters received a graphic message of how urgent it is that we begin to respect and to save our oceans.



Apparently only a very minor percentage of our seas are protected. But the difference in viewing underwater between protected and other local sea is like looking at white vs black.

The final group pic is of Toastmasters Leadership Training in August 2019. Toastmasters is part of a Worldwide organisation, well-structured with extra events and speaking contests.



Dairy Flat Toastmasters will build your leadership ability, help you to gain skills and confidence in speaking and to meet many other interesting people from your local community. Surely, almost everyone should be keen to come along?

If YOU would like to, text Paul at 027 291 7989 for the next fortnightly meeting. Dairy Flat Hall, alternate Tuesday nights 7.30pm-8.45pm

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Do **you** choose quality or price?

When this question was asked at a local Auckland Business group meeting last week it drew surprising results. Kitchen renovator **Rosemary Mahoney** asked the group *"Which two things do you look for when making a purchasing decision. **Price, quality or service?**"* While price is often one of the first things people ask about, given the choice, fifteen out of sixteen people chose quality and service as being more important.

Most people it seems, would prefer to pay a little more to be able to enjoy and be confident in the product they have chosen. How about you? **Sir Winston Churchill** said of his own choices, "I don't want much in life. But what I do want, I want the best."

Rolls Royce cars were for a long time known as 'the best'. Its engines were meticulously engineered and tested. Famous marketer **David Ogilvy** was commissioned to advertise the car and devoted three weeks into studying how the cars were made. Ogilvy talked to the engineers, the customers, he test drove them and finally came up with the infamous and memorable headline; *'At 60 miles an hour the loudest noise in this new Rolls-Royce comes from the electric clock'*.

Far more important than any car, is **your own priceless body**. The most valuable action you can take to maximise your life, your health and longevity right now is to eat healthily and exercise **daily**. Aim to instil these values into your own life. Isn't your body far more important than any Rolls Royce? Demand a quality effort from yourself. And you will never regret it.



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Silverdale Pony Club

We have managed to have a very mild winter so far with our grounds being open until a few weeks ago...which is amazing... but now the mud has set in and the arctic weather is upon us!

We have a very busy committee planning for the upcoming season, we are looking forward to welcoming back our existing members and have our first unmounted rally booked for 24th September with mounted rally's starting after the September/October school holidays.

We have some exciting events planned this season with Offsite camps, a Show jumping day, our famous FUN day ... all in the planning and we can't wait for another season of friendships and fun. We will also be holding the Waitemata Rodney area dressage championships in February.

Silverdale Pony Club are very fortunate to be celebrating our **50TH YEAR** this November and planning for some exceptional celebrations are underway...watch this space...

We are looking forward to a great 2019/2020 season!!

Find us at www.silverdaleponyclub.com fb Silverdale Pony Club or silverdaleponyclub@gmail.com

Update from Louise Johnston, Rodney Local Board.

As winter seems to have finally arrived, it is hard to believe that my electoral term is almost over. It has been a great privilege to be able to serve the community. Over the last three years, I have met some amazing locals and together we have been able to make some positive changes for our area. Below is the final update for my term.

New Transport Networks

The Supporting Growth team is a collaboration between Auckland Transport (AT), Council and the NZ Transport Agency. The team have recently released the indicative transport networks for the future urban areas of Dairy Flat, Wainui and Silverdale (refer to map). The population of Dairy Flat by 2046 is predicted to soar from 6,400 to over 112,000. These indicative transport networks are designed to cater for this growth. They still require technical investigation; engagement with communities and landowners before the final detail, location and land requirement is confirmed. At this stage, the projects are not funded and delivery will be over the next 10 to 30 years.

At all the Local Board workshops we have had with this team, I have stressed how important it is for landowners to have certainty. If you need more information about these transport networks, please do not hesitate to contact the supporting growth team, they are here to help. 0800-4769-255, info@supportinggrowth.nz or <https://www.supportinggrowth.govt.nz>.

Structure plan for Industrial area of Dairy Flat

Council have delayed finalising the structure plan for the new industrial/business area of Dairy Flat. This is because an opportunity has arisen to combine the delivery of water and wastewater with the construction of the new Argent Lane road extension. This new road extends from Milldale to Pine Valley Road across a new bridge over the Weiti River. This potentially could mean that infrastructure is available earlier and cheaper than initially planned. Council are now expecting to release the final plan in early 2020.

Footpath outside of Dairy Flat School

One of my main concerns has always been about parents having to walk on Dairy Flat Highway with their young children because there is insufficient parking at Dairy Flat School. This is more of a problem after school because the morning drop off is more staggered. The Local Board allocated funding for a footpath outside the school, however, AT would not progress this project as they said the Ministry of Education would not support a footpath, as they believed it would encourage parents to use it as a drop off zone. I have made it very clear that parents only use the highway out of necessity. The Local Board have now funded a traffic safety report for Dairy Flat School and we are still awaiting the results of this report. I do strongly believe that the speed limit should be permanently lowered outside of the school, a footpath installed, or at the very least, the drains should be piped and gravelled.

Future park at Green Road

Council presented the draft master plan for the 154 Hectare, future Park at Green Road to the Local Board last month. It had some amazing trails for horse riding, cycling, and walking, however, because of the upcoming local election it cannot be opened for public feedback until later this year. Council have to be very careful around this time so as not to advantage candidates etc. It is great to see the Community, Council and Local Board so excited about this project. In the latest Council budget, funding has been allocated out of development contributions for further planning. The 154 Hectares of land has now been transferred from the property arm of Council (Panuku) to the Council Parks team. This project needs to be priority for the next electoral term, as I believe it will transform Dairy Flat.

Park n Ride in Albany

The Northern bus lane is an amazing service into town. For locals, this means that you are able to work in the City and still enjoy a rural lifestyle. However, because Dairy Flat does not have a regular feeder bus service, we are forced to drive to the park n ride. That is great if you can get there before 7.30am but this is impossible for working parents. AT recently conducted a survey of the cars parked at the Albany Park n Ride. The majority of the cars parked, lived near regular feeder bus services (every 15 minutes), however, these residents are choosing not to use these services. In the short term, I believe that AT need to look at incentivising residents to use the feeder bus services. In the long term, AT need to build more car parks. The 135 car spaces that AT recently opened at the Albany park n ride have the foundations to be a multi-story car park. At this stage there is no funding allocated for this project in the 10-year budget and this does need to change.

Roundabout at Coatesville Riverhead and Dairy Flat Highway

Construction of the roundabout has finally started. This is a big project due to the geotechnical challenges of the ridge. Some of the concrete piles for the retaining wall have to be drilled 15 metres into the ground. This project is due for completion mid-2020.

Dairy Flat Residents and Ratepayers

Dairy Flat does not have a residents and ratepayers group. There are a lot of community groups within Dairy Flat and many of them have been set up to fight various resource consents or land zoning changes. There is so much going on in our area , it would be great have a collective body especially now the planning is underway for new park at Green Road and trail network plans (Greenways) for our area have been finalised. Please contact me if you would be interested in joining and we can organise a meeting in September/October. For the Coatesville Ratepayers, I attend their meeting as the Local Board representative on a monthly basis and it does work incredibly well.

Once again thank you for all help, from letting me know about local issues, to providing feedback to Council. I do feel that Dairy Flat now have a voice and Council are starting to listen. I hope that I will be back next term but if not thank you so much for this opportunity. Please let me know if you have any questions. My contact details are louise.johnston@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz mobile: 021 729 739