

DAIRY FLAT NEWSLETTER

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and the Dairy Flat Community Trust

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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 meetings at the Waste Management Office – 15 Nov 2021.

DAIRY FLAT COMMUNITY TRUST



Current Trustees:

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The Dairy Flat Community Trust is a charitable Trust to administer and distribute monies provided for the Community of Dairy Flat by Waste Management NZ Ltd.

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

A comment from the Dairy Flat Community Liaison Chairman

Dear readers,

This is the third quarterly newsletter of the year and I write this in the last week of July 2021. Following on from the last newsletter, it is still business as usual with Waste Management aiming to complete the fill within the designated time and then proceeding to the capping, planting and restoration of the site by the end of 2028. Every quarter, the complaints register is tabled at the quarterly CLC meeting and actions taken by Waste Management and/or Auckland Council Compliance are discussed. Currently, there are also discussions around Stockpile 4, the new leachate evaporator (Benevap) and the bypass road, to name a few agenda items.

On the local front, Dairy Flat Primary School has farewelled Debbie Marshall after being at the helm for 14 years and on the first day of this term, Katie Hills was welcomed in as the new principal. Talking about the school, it has had confirmation from Auckland Transport that the safety issues around the drop off and pickup of children are to be implemented this and next month, including moving the bus stop outside the school (Phase 1) about 20 metres to the south of the school, freeing up parking spaces where the public busses would normally stop.

Users of Dairy Flat Highway will have noticed areas of the road where the speed limit was temporarily reduced to 30kph and this was due to safety barriers being installed just prior to Dairy Flat Village and just after Wilks Road turnoff heading towards Silverdale.

Auckland Transport has also installed a safety system either side of the one-way bridge on Blackbridge Road. Sadly, the system does not work most of the time, even though it is one of the conditions imposed by the Environment Court for the safe working of the managed fill at 294 Blackbridge Road.

In terms of COVID, the vaccine rollout is speeding up and hopefully, with the vast majority of people vaccinated by year end, the world as we knew it prior to COVID will slowly start reverting back to how it was.

Till next time
Warwick Hojem

A message from Blair Macfarlane – Regional Manager, Redvale Landfill

This year Waste Management is contributing \$91,450 to the Dairy Flat Community Trust and funding applications are now open.

We are particularly asking applicants to consider projects that will benefit the community after Redvale closes – and the parkland it will become. Find out how to apply on page three of this newsletter.

Post closure, Redvale will continue to generate electricity from gas generation. Projections show that in 2032, the landfill site will be producing as much electricity from waste as it does now.

Currently we are capturing and utilising 92.6% of the greenhouse gasses emitted from the waste. In 2021 we are expecting to generate over 90,000 Megawatts of electricity from the 7,000m³/hr of gas that is currently drawn from the landfill. That's enough to power around 15,000 homes, and we expect generation on site to remain viable out to 2050.

There has been a lot of discussion in the media recently about 'waste to energy' plants. As a Class One Landfill, Redvale really is a waste to energy plant. In fact, we are proudly the ninth largest natural power gas generation plant in New Zealand, and the largest renewable energy facility in Auckland.

In the last two months we have hosted a number of high-profile visitors to the site – including MPs from the Labour Party, the Green Party, and executive members of the Sustainable Business Council, all of whom were impressed and excited by the realities of a Class One Landfill, the energy produced by the anaerobic digestion of waste in the landfill, and the environmental standards we maintain around the relatively small operational footprint of the disposal cell (where waste is taken each day).

As I write this, it is bucketing down with rain outside, and our dedicated teams are out there attending to the 4,000 tonnes of waste we are currently receiving daily, maintaining our environmental protection systems and facilities, and checking our infrastructure for damage from the storm earlier in the week. I'm sure when I catch up with them today there will be plenty of commentary on the rain and the mud. We're all looking forward to November, when we can switch to complaining about the sun and the dust!

Dairy Flat Community Trust funding applications close Friday 17 September 2021, so please do refer below about how you can apply.

Stay safe everyone, Noho haumaru me ngā mihi atawhai.

DAIRY FLAT COMMUNITY TRUST

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.

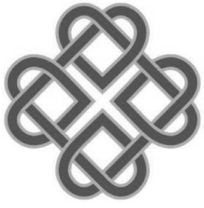
All application forms available from: www.dairyflatcommunitytrust.co.nz

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 23rd July and close Friday 17th September 2021 @ 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 28th November 2021, 4.30pm at Redvale Landfill.



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For more information contact me on nicola@tietheknotnz.com mobile 0272 698 025.

Let's catch up and see if we can work together - no obligation, no charge to have a chat.

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Silverdale Pony Club

While our grounds at Green Road have been closed for the winter, many of the Silverdale Pony Club riders have used the off-season to continue their training and compete in show jumping and show hunter winter series. Congratulations to those riders, we can't wait to see the progress you have made with your horses and ponies.

Throughout the wet winter, the committee has been planning for the upcoming 2021 /22 season. We hope to have our grounds at Green Road open again by October and have opened enrolments for last season's members. If you would like to be part of a fun, family-focused club, then we may be the club for you! We cater for all ages and abilities and even hold an adults-only ride during the week. During the riding season we host ribbon days, games days, show jumping events and have a great cross country course. If you are interested in joining as a new riding member, please email membershipsilverdaleponyclub@gmail.com

Silverdale Pony Club is not a riding school so you do need your own pony to attend. For those without a mount, we run a 'Riders without Horses' programme, which is a fabulous way to learn all about the management and care involved in owning a pony. Please note this is not a riding based course, but still offers plenty of pony contact. This will begin later on in the season, so keep an eye on our public Facebook page or website for updates.

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We are a non-profit organisation who provide pamper days for those who have experienced grief, trauma or loss, caregivers and individuals who are in need through a variety of unfortunate circumstances. We have provided this much needed service in our local area for five years now and we have been consistently told - and seen and heard for ourselves - how vital our programme is for those travelling along their journey of grief. As we are growing and hoping to expand from the local area here (Dairy Flat and Warkworth) to throughout Auckland, with our goal of taking our programme NZ-wide, we are looking for volunteers (hair stylists, makeup, nails, general help and sometimes reiki and massage), sponsors and funding opportunities - we need your help to keep our programme afloat! We have had the honour to work with Red Beach Hospice, Women's Refuge Rodney, Sweet Louise, Race 4 Life and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, just to name a few throughout our Rodney area.

Please check out our Facebook page and our website (www.feelingfab.co.nz) for more information, for testimonials, live streamed videos etc.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Please email us on feelingfab2010@gmail.com, or PM us via our Facebook page



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

Louise Johnston: Rodney Local Board (Dairy Flat Subdivision)

As we start our new financial term at council, it is a great opportunity to update everybody about the projects impacting our area.

Transport: Auckland Transport (AT) finalized its 10-year budget a couple of months ago and it is very clear that there is not enough money for large scale greenfield developments in Auckland, especially in Rodney where we don't even have the basic infrastructure. When AT's draft budget came out residents were extremely disappointed that the widening of Dairy Flat Highway (DFH) to 4 lanes from Stevenson's Cres to Gills Road and the signalisation at the Avenue and DFH intersection had lost its ring-fenced funding. AT received 630 submissions on the draft budget requesting that the DFH and the Avenue project be put back on the table and funded in the final 10-year budget. It is a direct result of this feedback that the final budget was revised, and AT allocated \$12.5 million to this project. This is great news but unfortunately the \$12.5 million will not solve the congestion issues. The total cost of the project including the new two-lane road between Oteha Valley and Gills Road and the replacement of the Lucas Creek bridge is estimated to cost \$53 Million.

AT have indicated that the project will be delivered in a phased approach with the \$12.5 Million allocated to address safety and efficiency issues with the DFH and Avenue intersection. While safety is very important, the congestion is going to get a lot worse with all the surrounding development. When the 10 years budget is refreshed in three years, we need to ensure that the next phase of the project i.e., widening of DFH to 4 lanes is included and funded.

The long-awaited footpath and safety improvements outside of Dairy Flat School and carpark has finally started. The final design was a collaboration between the school and the AT safety engineers. Last year this project lost its funding as a result of the emergency budget and was refunded from the Local Board transport targeted rate. When the project went out for initial tender there were no applicants, and the budget has had to be increased by \$100K. Unfortunately, rising construction costs are impacting many of AT's projects. This project is well overdue but if AT are serious about safety, the speed limit outside of the school needs to be lowered permanently to 60km/hr and 40km/hr at school pick and drop off time. This is a dangerous stretch of road and if this school was in urban Auckland, they would have traffic lights, footpaths, pedestrian crossings and a 30km/hr. speed limit. It makes no sense to me why it is so difficult to drop the speed limit outside of a rural school on an extremely busy and dangerous road.

Green Road: One of the barriers for opening of the new 154-hectare park at Green Road has always been the safety issues around many of the dead and diseased trees. At the end of Council's financial year, the local board allocated over a \$100K from underspends in other projects to tree maintenance at Green Road. This work has been completed and this year we will be doing a trail network plan. The trees and landscaping will make Green Road a great park. In our recent Greenfield development in Auckland, parks almost feel like a bit of an afterthought and the landscaping takes decades to establish. However, with the park at Green Road, Council already owns the land and there are established trees. We need to plant out and landscape areas throughout the park now so that when Dairy Flat is urbanized and 69,000 people call it home, they will have an oasis amongst the dense housing.

Supporting Growth: Last year because of Covid several projects to plan for the growth of Dairy Flat were put on hold but they are now back on. This includes the Council initiated unitary plan change for phase 1 of the future urban, Dairy Flat light industrial area. This is now scheduled to be publicly notified in the 2nd quarter of 2022. As part of this process, an integrated transport assessment (ITA) is required. The ITA assesses the transport effects of the development proposal. However, before the ITA can progress council need to get more clarity on the Rapid Transit Network (RTN) route first and this work is occurring at present. There are some good examples of well-planned Industrial estates in Auckland such as Highgate, but I am concerned about the number of rural properties in the area that are already being used for industrial sites especially on Dairy Flat Highway close to the Silverdale interchange. This area needs to be well planned with cohesive landscaping, walking, cycling and good connections to public transport but this is more difficult to achieve if it happens on an ad hoc basis.

The other project that is back on the table is the Supporting Growth Project for Dairy Flat and Milldale. This is a collaboration between NZTA, Council and AT. It is a 30-year plan for the transport networks for North Auckland and includes a rapid transport network, walking and cycling connections. Many Dairy Flat residents were notified pre Covid that their properties were in the study area of the proposed new transport connections, and it will be a relief that this project has started again as nobody likes uncertainty. It is important that this project gains momentum and that there are no more delays as more and more houses are being built in Milldale with no firm plans for public transport or cycling or walking connections to the Silverdale Park n Ride. It is hard to grasp how big Milldale is going to be. They have the basic infrastructure (water, waste and roading) for 4000 dwellings in Milldale and 5000 in the surrounding future urban area. The Silverdale interchange is already chaos and this planning should have happened before the Milldale development even started.

Airport: North Shore Aero Club's application to become an Airport Authority has been delayed again. The Ministry of Transport are currently working on the Civil Aviation Bill and will complete the work on the application once the Bill is introduced into Parliament. The Civil Aviation Bill will replace the existing Airport Authorities Act 1966 and The Civil Aviation Act 1990, but the Ministry have said that at this stage the application will still be assessed under the Airport Authorities Act 1966.

Please get in touch via email if you have any questions or issues.

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Why learn how to speak in public?

Are you one of the 80% of people who dive for cover when asked to 'say a word'? I used to be. My friend Faatai Venu died last Monday at the age of 88. I received the surprise call from his daughter stating that, before 'Venu' died he had nominated me to speak at his funeral. "Can you?" she asked, to which I was able to give an immediate "Sure I will".

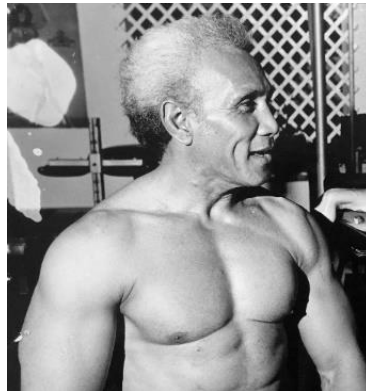
Years earlier I would have made every excuse not to. But, over the years I've been learning some of the skills of public speaking. The same skills available to YOU, right here in Dairy Flat.

I was able to highlight many of the experiences that we have shared with Venu for the interest, amazement and amusement of the audience. And since the final years were tough for his family with Venu suffering from Dementia, I was able to highlight and help his five children to relive some highly positive times and stories of his leadership ability and his passion for fitness.

It was a huge honour to do this. Toastmasters has been a continuing and invaluable 'confidence workout' each fortnight.

Why not come along to the next session as our Guest? It's at Dairy Flat Hall – alternate Tuesdays 7.25pm. Text for the next session 027 2917989

Paul Richards



Dairy Flat Community Hall

Contact details: Please E-mail info@DairyFlatLive.com

Hall is available for community use 7 days a week. If you like to start classes or other activities in the Hall, the Hall committee will support you, with low starting rates.

Activities in the Hall

- Yoga on Monday
- Toast masters on Tuesday/ fortnightly
- Every Friday night Rock & Roll on live music/ full bands people travel from all over great Auckland to Dairy Flat for those nights.

Check out what's on: www.DFlat.info

Many locals are very surprised, when they find out what's going on in the Hall on Friday nights. Licensed Bar with Club prices. Cover charge for bands applies.

Hall hire

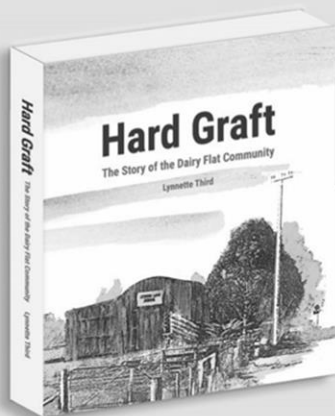
Hall is available for Parties on Saturday nights. Sorry we don't support 18th and 21st birthday parties in the Hall.

The Story of the Dairy Flat Community



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By Lynnette Third



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