

DAIRY FLAT NEWSLETTER

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and the Dairy Flat Community Trust

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REDVALE LANDFILL COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

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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. Complaints should be forwarded to redvalecomplaints@wastemanagement.co.nz or 021 190 2018

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 can 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 for 2024 – 12 Feb, 13 May, 12 Aug and 11 Nov.

DAIRY FLAT COMMUNITY TRUST



Current Trustees:

Steven Earwaker
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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 – Tara Wiggill - Ph: 09 427 0600

VDI scale for reporting an odour complaint.

Feedback or Odour complaints can be reported to Redvale Landfill through three different methods,

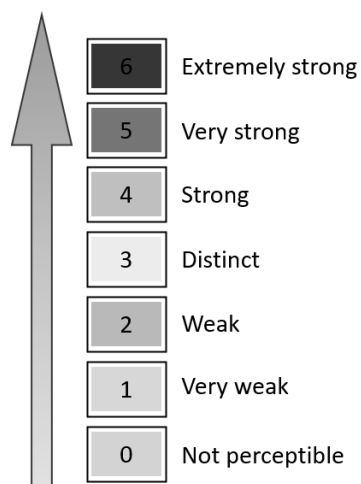
1. Email redvalecomplaints@wastemanagement.co.nz
2. Phone call 09 427 0600 or 021 190 2018
3. Text message 021 190 2018

To work with us, please provide constructive feedback only, which includes the following information,

1. Time and location of the odour
2. Type of the odour
3. Character and intensity of the odour
4. Frequency of the odour – how often it occurs, duration of the odour and time of exposure.

VDI scale example below on how to classify odour intensity.

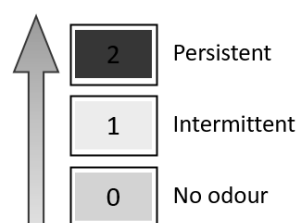
Odour Intensity



Odour Intensity: The perceived strength of an odour above its threshold. It is determined by an odour panel and is described in categories that progress from “Not perceptible”; “Very Weak”; “Weak”; “Distinct”, “Strong”, “Very Strong”, to “Extremely Strong”.

The best way of assessing odour is via the human nose. But everyone reacts to odours differently. One person may object strongly to an odour while another is not bothered by it. The only objective method to assess odours is a calibrated nose that has completed Olfactometric measurement.

Frequency Scale



Odour frequency: The perceived duration of time or exposure experienced.

Please feel free to access Redvale landfill weather station data by using the below link,

<https://app.outpostcentral.com/english/login2.aspx>

Username: redvaleguest

Password: community

Dear readers,

This is the second newsletter for this year and a third of the year has passed. I am writing this newsletter the day after May Day and reflecting on the state of the world and our position in it. The Russo-Ukrainian war lingers on and the Israeli conflict has expanded to include Iran and neither conflict seems to have an easy solution in sight.

Closer to home, there has also been some sabre rattling as well as rumblings of another kind ... a large magnitude earthquake affected Taiwan recently (with surprisingly low fatalities) and currently, volcanic activity in Indonesia has necessitated closure of airports and evacuation of populations close to the activity.

On the home front, there are signals that our economy is correcting itself, with inflation coming down and talk that the OCR may be reduced at the end of this year or early next year. Also, very close to home, Auckland Council have released an update on the Spatial Land Use Strategy for the Dairy Flat and Silverdale Future Urban Zones.

*For those who haven't seen this 18 April announcement, it is summarised as follows:
The key change is that the metropolitan/town centre is now located solely on the Rapid Transit Corridor (RTC) alignment and does not extend to the Green Road Park. In this location the centre avoids flood plains which was an issue raised in the feedback on the draft. The centre is centrally located in the Dairy Flat Future Urban Zone so will be accessible to a large number of future residents. It should be noted that the extent of the centre and the associated higher density residential area is conceptual and the boundaries are not rigid. The detailed location will be determined at the future structure planning stage **which may be 20 years away**. There are also changes in the Pine Valley area with two stations now proposed there. A range of other changes have also been made to the Strategy in response to the feedback.*

Our next Community Liaison Committee meeting is scheduled for 6.30pm on 13 May, a reminder to all readers that these meetings are open to the public. If intending to attend, please do let WM New Zealand know so that additional seating can be arranged.

In closing, I again appeal to all readers to please support the advertisers promoting their services in this newsletter.

Locals supporting locals is always a good thing!

Take care.

Warwick Hojem

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.

Heritage Garden

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Our Wellness Programme provides a safe, nurturing environment for those who have faced bereavement, trauma or loss, to experience the love and support that is so often missing during the seasons of grief. Our programme offers the opportunity to meet others who have had similar experiences; our team has huge hearts and understands that those grieving need tender loving care in a safe environment.

We have provided this much-needed service in our local area (including Dairy Flat) for many 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. We are very grateful to Waste Management who have helped us so much in the past and also very grateful for the support of the Dairy Flat Community Trust.

We have teams in Dairy Flat, Warkworth, Mangawhai, Dargaville, Rodney and Wellington. We are growing and we really need your help to be able to continue our programme. If you would like to volunteer, please contact us at volunteers@feelingfab.org.nz. We need help with admin work, committee members, hair stylists, makeup, nails, general help (and sometimes reiki and massage), organising food, support people on the day etc.

Our programme has expanded to include Men's Days and this year, Youth Days. We need your support and help to keep our programme afloat - not just volunteering but also sponsorship and funding opportunities. We have had the honour to work with Red Beach Hospice, Harbour 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 and Instagram pages and our website (www.feelingfab.org.nz) for more information, for testimonials, live-streamed videos etc. Please email us at hello@feelingfab.org.nz, or PM us via our Facebook page if you would like to help us in any way or have any questions. Thank you, from Elizabeth and the FF Team.

Kind regards,

**Elizabeth York
CEO/National Co-ordinator,
Feeling Fab Charitable Trust**



DAIRY FLAT COMMUNITY TRUST Nomination of Trustees

Three Trust members are retiring by rotation in terms of the Trust Deed. Any person 18 years and over and residing in the Dairy Flat area may nominate a Trustee or stand for election. Any nomination must be signed by the nominee and the nominator. Please include a short biography of the nominee and their contact phone numbers. Nominations open Thursday 6th June and close at 4:00pm on Tuesday 2nd July 2024.

Nomination forms are available from:
Email: dairyflatcommunitytrust@hotmail.co.nz
Website: www.dairyflatcommunitytrust.co.nz

Please post all nominations C/- WMNZ (or send via email)
WMNZ
PO Box 228
Silverdale 0944
Ph: (09) 427 0600

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Dairy Flat Community Trust will be held on Tuesday 23rd July 2024, 6.30pm at the WMNZ offices,
Landfill Access Rd, Dairy Flat.

Voting and the election of Trustees will take place at this meeting and only residents residing in the Dairy Flat area may vote. No absentee voting is to take place as per the Trust's Deed.

DAIRY FLAT COMMUNITY TRUST **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

**The Annual General Meeting of the Dairy Flat Community Trust will be held on Tuesday 23rd July 2024, 6.30pm at the Waste Management offices,
Landfill Access Rd, Dairy Flat.**

The election of Trustees will take place at this meeting.

For more information please refer to: www.dairyflatcommunitytrust.co.nz

DAIRY FLAT COMMUNITY TRUST FUNDING APPLICATIONS

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.

Applications can be submitted by post (PO Box 228, Silverdale) or scan and email to:
dairyflatcommunitytrust@hotmail.co.nz

Application forms available from: www.dairyflatcommunitytrust.co.nz or pop into the Redvale Landfill office and pick one up.

Applications open from Friday 19th July and close Friday 13th September 2024 @ 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 2024, 4.30pm at Redvale Landfill.

News from Local Clubs and Organizations

Contributions to the newsletter are welcome. The newsletter is printed every three months. Waste Management accepts no responsibility for the opinions expressed in the articles submitted to the newsletter.

Please contact: Tara at Waste Management NZ Ltd

Contributions can be emailed to: Twiggill@wm.nz

Discover Dairy Flat's Hidden Gem: The North Harbour Sports and Country Club!

Located at 36 Landfill Access Road, Dairy Flat, our Club offers a warm and inviting atmosphere, perfect for families looking for a great meal and a relaxing environment.

But that's not all! Our peaceful location, surrounded by beautiful grounds and ample car parking make us the perfect escape to the country. With friendly staff and delicious food, you'll feel right at home here.

As a club, we welcome both members and non-members.

Our team at De Hot Bar and Grill, led by Terri, is committed to providing good home-cooked meals at reasonable prices to all.

We pride ourselves on being family-friendly and providing a safe and relaxed environment for everyone.

The Pool heating is now turned **off** and the Fire turned **on**!

Join us on Friday Club night for Meat Raffles (bring cash) and for members, a chance to win up to \$1,000 in our cash draw!

We are now offering camping facilities for those travelling in self-contained motorhomes, RVs, campervans, or buses, with non-powered, overnight parking available for \$10 per person per night – please note must be self-contained and no hot showers available.

So whether you're looking for a drink, a meal, fire, or a place to camp out for the night, North Harbour Sports and Country Club has got you covered.

We can't wait to see you at "The Club" soon!

Website: dairyflatclub.co.nz

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dairyflatclub>

Email: info@dairyflatclub.co.nz

De Hot Bar and Grill (for reservations and enquiries) Terri 09-426 3391 or 022 048 3373

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We have 3 squash courts, clubrooms, a licensed bar and are open 24/7 for playing.

We offer a range of membership options to suit your needs, or you can play casually with no contract.

Club night every Thursday

Why not come down to our friendly club night on a Thursday from 7pm, meet other members and have a few fun games whilst keeping fit. We run 15-minute games and will match you with other players of similar ability. Not a member no problem you can try our club night two times before we ask you to become a member. We have a fully licenced bar so why not stay for a drink.

Introduction to Squash every Sunday afternoon

New to Squash? Ever wanted to have a go, then why not come down on a Sunday from 3pm and we will show you how to hold your racquet, how to hit the ball and match you with other players of similar ability. Don't have any gear – no problem wear comfortable clothes for running and non-marking shoes and we will provide you with a racquet and ball. Bookings essential so you will need to register call Jenny on 027 272 8530

Juniors

Junior coaching by Brian Barnett who has been a professional squash player and elite level coach with national coach roles in the Netherlands and Czech Republic. Now running every Tuesday from 3.30-7pm bookings essential call Brian 021 727 079

For further information on the club and memberships please contact Hollie on 021 701 456 or silverdalesquash.president@gmail.com

Rodney Local Board member.

I hope you have all had a great summer. Over the last couple of months, Auckland Council have been busy finalising the ten-year budget, which is not looking pretty, especially with the proposed rate rises.

To balance the budget, there will be several tough decisions to be made, including the fate of the North Harbour stadium. Many locals were involved in the fundraising for the stadium, and it was once a thriving venue for concerts and major sporting events. However, since Auckland Council took over the stadium's management in 2014, patronage and the facility itself has deteriorated significantly.

As a Local Board, we are advocating for the stadium to be retained, funding spent on repairs, and the operating management to be changed, but the ultimate decision lies with the Mayor and the twenty other Councillors.

On a more positive note, the draft 10-year budget does include 124 million for the unsealed road improvement program. This includes supporting innovative and low-cost techniques for improving/sealing our unsealed road network. As a Local Board, we are requesting that this funding be allocated evenly over the 10-year period. I will keep you updated on the progress.

Below is a quick update on what else has been happening in Dairy Flat.

Storm Recovery

It is hard to believe that we were ravaged by floods in Dairy Flat over a year ago. Many residents are still in limbo as they await categorisation from Auckland Council's flood recovery team, having chosen to opt into the Council's voluntary buyout program. This is a very emotional and difficult time for them and their neighbours. Below is a quick summary of the Council's voluntary buyout scheme.

'Auckland Council is offering significant financial support for owners of homes where there is an intolerable risk to life from future severe weather events. This is a risk-based program, and the funding available to homeowners depends on the Council's assessment of their property risk. The main risk categories are detailed below:

- Where there is an intolerable risk to life from future severe weather events, and nothing can be done to mitigate the risks feasibly, then Auckland council are offering a voluntary buy-out and these homes are classified as a Category 3 risk.
- Grant funding, available to do work on a property to reduce the risk to an acceptable level, such as raising homes. These homes are classified as Category 2P.
- Homes that are at an acceptable level of risk to life from future severe storm events are considered Category 1 and no direct financial assistance is available.

Property owners can opt-in to the voluntary categorisation programme via the online registration form at property.flooded.co.nz, or email propertycategory@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

To date, six properties in Dairy Flat have been assessed as category 3, and the Council is in negotiations to purchase the properties.

Once the properties have been purchased, the Council will begin removing any dwellings from the sites. What will happen to the land use long-term is still to be determined. These decisions will be much more straightforward in urban areas as the sites could be used for parkland. For rural areas we need to ensure that they do not become covered in weeds and other pests.

Many residents across Auckland in areas that have been identified as high risk have chosen not to opt into this process. Auckland Council is very concerned if there are another weather event people are living in very high-risk homes with an intolerable risk to life. Unfortunately, going forward managed retreat will be driven by the insurance industry. The cut-off date for opting into the Council buy out process has now been set to the 30th of September 2024.

Please get in contact if you have any questions about this. There is no easy solution here.

Planning for the Urbanisation of Dairy Flat

The spatial land use strategy for Dairy Flat has now been formally adopted by the Governing body. This is a high-level plan and details where the future town centres will be in Dairy Flat when it is urbanised. As a Local Board, we were very concerned that the proposed main town centre and rapid transport station are planned be located near Grace Hills, with the surrounding high-density housing planned next to major flood plains however this was not deemed a concern by the majority at the Governing body level.

In the strategy, another local centre and rapid transit station are proposed immediately to the west of Pine Valley Road, which adjoins the proposed industrial area. This station will include a park-and-ride with 500 vehicle spaces. It is designed to serve the large rural areas to the west along Pine Valley Road and Kahikatea Flat Road. An additional indicative local centre is also shown, with a possible second station located to the southwest, which will serve the likely future Pine Valley residential area in the south and west.

One very frustrating thing is that this strategy is so high-level, and detailed analysis will not happen for decades when the area is structure planned and this includes the detailed assessment of the integrated storm water management.

Dairy Flat is now not planned to be developed until 2050, so many may not be around to see the urbanisation. However, developers can still lodge out-of-sequence plan changes, and I understand that there are three in the pipeline, but these plan changes have not been formally lodged. However, these are closer to Milldale and the proposed industrial area of Dairy Flat.

Hearing for the Notice of Requirements

As part of the planning for the urbanisation of Dairy Flat and route protection, the Supporting Growth Alliance (Auckland Transport/Waka Kotahi and Council) has lodged 13 Notice of Requirements (NoR) with Auckland Council. Feedback has now closed, and 430 submissions were received on the NoRs. The hearing will start on Monday, 17 June, and will be held at the North Harbour Stadium. You will need to complete a registration form if you will be speaking. If you have submitted on the NoRs. I always think it is more powerful for independent commissioners to hear

feedback directly from residents rather than just reading a submission. I will be providing feedback on behalf of the Rodney Local Board.

Summary of the 13 NORs for Dairy Flat

NoR 1: New Rapid Transit Corridor between Albany bus station and Milldale via Dairy Flat, including a walking and cycling path.

NoR 2: New Rapid Transit Station at Milldale

NoR 3: New Rapid Transit Station at Pine Valley Road, including Park n Ride

NoR 4: State Highway 1 Improvements – Albany to Ōrewa and Alterations to Existing Designations 6751, 6760, 6759, 6761

NoR 5: New State Highway 1 Crossing at Dairy Stream

NoR 6: New Connection between Milldale and Grand Drive, Ōrewa

NoR 7: Upgrade to Pine Valley Road

NoR 8: Upgrade to Dairy Flat Highway between Silverdale and Dairy Flat

NoR 9: Upgrade to Dairy Flat Highway between Dairy Flat and Albany

NoR 10: Upgrade to Wainui Road

NoR 11: New Connection between Dairy Flat Highway and Wilks Road

NoR 12: Upgrade and Extension to Bawden Road

NoR13: Upgrade to East Coast Road between Silverdale and Redvale

Park at Green Road

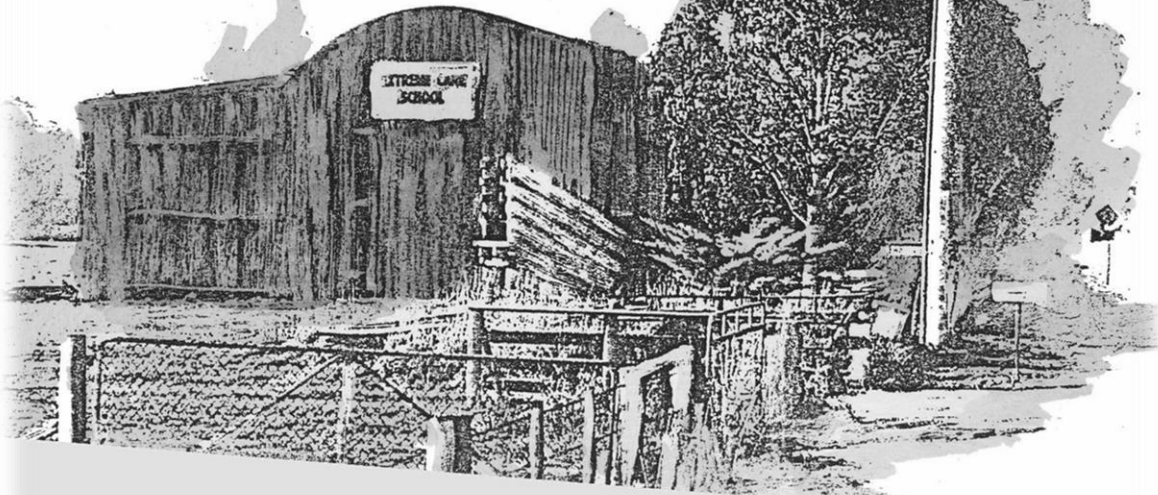
Our 154 Hectare Park at Green Road, Dairy Flat, is now open. There is a small carpark on the Green Roadside of the park.

Understandably, there have been a lot of complaints about the size of the carpark, especially if you are towing a horse float, which we are trying to address. A pathway and one of the bridges are due for construction later in the year. This park will be a work in progress for generations to come. Dogs on leads are welcome in the park. Walking the trails is like a DOC walk and a very good workout! We are due to have another 'Friends of Green Road' meeting coming up, but going forward, the Friends of Green Road may need to set up subcommittees, etc, and form an incorporated society to apply for external funding grants.

Please get in contact if you have any questions or concerns.

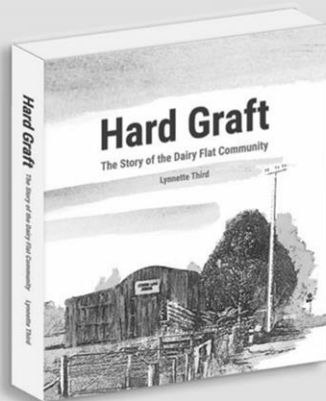
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