

DAIRY FLAT NEWSLETTER

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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 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 May, 14 Aug & 13 Nov 2023.

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: 09 427 0600

Dear readers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2023, written on the last day of January and while in a red heavy rain warning, expecting a “rain river” (perhaps not as much rain as this past Friday), but, this one comes with strong northerly winds as well and it is anticipated that the strong winds, coupled with sodden soil will lead to a few trees being uprooted. People are being asked to please stay off the roads if possible and schools have been told to only re-open on 7 February.

Before writing this piece, I thought it an idea to look back at what I had written in 2020, 2021 and 2022 and extracting snippets from each, in 2020, I mentioned Auckland was experiencing its driest January in 72 years, in 2021, Covid was a main talking point, but reference was also made to the fact that we were six weeks into the annual summer drought and in 2022, I mentioned that “it has been dry since mid-December”. Today’s 6pm news mentioned that we had had 454mm of rain so far this year, being 816% more than the average January rainfall in Auckland and equivalent to 41% of Auckland’s annual rainfall (and the month still has a few hours to run).

The above all said, there are people within the Dairy Flat community who have been badly affected by the flooding on Friday of the Rangitopuni stream (and other water courses in the area) and it has been fantastic to see the community coming together, offering to help people in need.

On the Waste Management front, it is business as usual. The Community Liaison Committee meets quarterly on site and members get updated about how the landfill is progressing as well as working through the complaints register. Most of the complaints revolve around odour with complainants reporting odour beyond the confines of the landfill boundary. We also hear about pest control and this includes which pests have been identified and what is being done to eradicate or reduce their impact.

I had a recent meeting with the Chairman of the Dairy Flat Community Hall and he is very pleased with the fact that after nearly three years of Covid impacted events, the hall is back to business as usual, hosting live music almost every Friday evening as well as a Jam session on the first Thursday of each month. I attended one of these in the latter part of last year and was very impressed with the musicians who jammed and can highly recommend the community attending one or more of these sessions ... the cover charge is \$2.00 per person!

In closing, I do hope that 2023 improves on the weather front as we progress into it.

Take care
Warwick

VDI scale for reporting an odour complaint

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

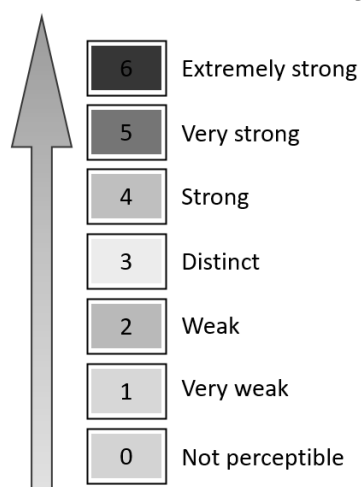
1. Email redvalecomplaints@wastemanagement.co.nz
2. Phone call 09 427 0600 or 021 190 2018
3. Text message 021 190 2018

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

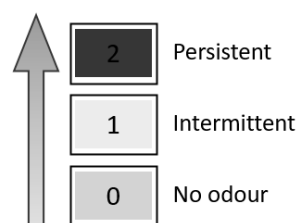
Odour Intensity



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



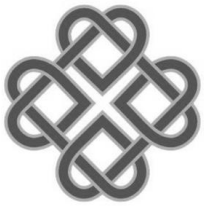
Odour frequency: The perceived duration of time or exposure experienced.

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



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Weddings cost a fortune but if you want something affordable – would you consider the North Harbour Sports and Country Club with Catering by De Hot Bar and Grill – right here in your back yard?

My aim is to help provide as little or as much help as you need with your event arrangements. You might simply only need my services as a Celebrant, or you may require more involvement like venue arrangements, catering, and photography.

Also available as a Celebrant in the greater Auckland area at your venue of choice.

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

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.

Feeling Fab Charitable Trust

12 Aileron Rise
Dairy Flat, Auckland 0794

www.feelingfab.org.nz



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 and 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 seven 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. A huge thank you to Waste Management for the unconditional use of their rooms and the support of the Dairy Flat Community Trust.

We now have teams in Dairy Flat, Warkworth, Mangawhai, Dargaville, Rodney and Wellington. We are growing rapidly as we cover the whole of Auckland and we really need your help in being 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).

We are also now doing Men's Days, which is much needed, our first one was a huge success. 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.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Please email us at hello@feelingfab.org.nz, or PM us via our Facebook page if you would like to discuss this further. Thank you, from Elizabeth and the FF Team.

Kind regards,

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



An update from Louise Johnston

It has now been a week since Dairy Flat was ravaged by flooding. Our area was one of the first regions in Auckland to be hit from the terrifying events that unfolded on the Friday. It has been a rollercoaster of emotions. As we start the clean up and move into the recovery stage there will be widespread disruptions. There are lessons that need to be learnt but we cannot afford to wait for an official Council review. Changes that need to be made, must be made immediately!

On the Friday, I was caught in the flood waters on Blackbridge Road while driving at 4:20 pm in an area which I have never seen flooded before. From that time on I was making desperate calls, emails, texts and trying to get this 'severe weather event' escalated and get assistance for the area. Our local Facebook groups became the source of information, and it was frightening the calls for help as people became trapped, roads became impassable. There were local heroes that saved people's lives from flooded cars, and rescued people trapped in their homes with rising water levels. Many farm animals have been lost, homes destroyed, and communities cut off but, in our area, we are very lucky that nobody died.

A big shout out to Neville Brother's that provided traffic management and a detour route, the AT contractors working around the clock, vector and the emergency services that were out there battling the elements and saving lives.

Going forward, we need to move away from the centralised Civil Defence of the super city. As a Dairy Flat Community, we need to develop a plan and ensure that we can get access to the Dairy Flat Hall in an emergency. As a priority we need to push for all homes to have good mobile phone coverage. For roads that are prone to flooding, locals need to be empowered to close them when they become impassable. We need to do a review of the communications within the Council's Accident Emergency Management team. Council and AT must prioritise the clearing of streams and roadside culverts. Ironically, my article pre flood detailed notes from a meeting that Chris Penk organised with AT and NZTA that said 'pothole repairs are only a temporary fix and are a sign that the road is failing, and water/rain is the real enemy.' On the planning side, council need to go back to the drawing board regarding the urban planning for Dairy Flat. Much of the land in Dairy Flat that has been ear marked for intensification was covered in deep flood waters and this is the third time in three years. We need to work with the natural water flow not against it. Our new townships must be climate resilient! Planners cannot ignore these facts and decisions need to be made.

The rebuild will take time, but the red tape is being cut and projects that would have taken years to plan are happening in a matter of days. The collaboration between Council, Auckland Transport, our local MPs, Government, and elected members makes me proud. The installation of the temporary bailey bridge at Mill Flat Road is a great example of this.

Please make sure you log any road slide slips with Auckland Transport. I have requested that all our rural bridges within the rural road network are checked for structural integrity as many of these were hit by large debris during the flooding.

Over the next couple of weeks emotions will be running high and with the slips, our roads will be chaotic. So please take care, it is going to take longer to commute.

Please get in contact if you have any questions or just want a general chat.

My contact details are: 021 729 739 or Louise.Johnston@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Silverdale Squash Club - Now open to the Public

Casual bookings \$30 per court per hour

To book and pay please go to www.silverdalesquash.helloclub.com/register

We are located in the Silverdale Rugby Club building at 6 Hibiscus Coast Highway opposite the Hibiscus Coast Bus Station.

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 members 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 and beers are only \$5 on club night.

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 - www.silverdalesquash.helloclub.com/register

Juniors

Junior Club night is every Friday during term time and Junior coaching is run during term 2 and term 3 each year. For more information contact our club coach Lara on 021 029 06345.

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

Silverdale Pony Club

Well, the 2022 /23 season has certainly kept us on our toes here at Silverdale Pony Club! The recent rain meant that both our annual events were postponed due to wet ground conditions. Our much-anticipated Show Jumping Day has been moved to March 19 and our Fun Day will be held on 16th April.

Our club is bursting at the seams with new riders. Every age group is well represented from lead rein riders to our more 'vintage' riders in the adult section. The 'Riders without ponies' group started a couple of weeks ago with an eager group of children learning about pony care and handling. This is a great way to learn about the care and responsibilities of looking after a pony before deciding to embark upon pony ownership.

We are looking forward to the rain letting up as we would love to utilise the three dressage arenas, show hunter ring and a show jump courses that have all been set up for members to use. The committee is in the process of deciding which jumps in our cross-country course will be upgraded. Watch this space, we have great plans in the pipeline for our Green Road cross country course over the next few years!

While the rain has cancelled events all over Auckland recently, we had a great group of Silverdale dressage riders travel to Kihikihi to compete at the NZPCA Champs week in January. Congratulations to Jade Douglas, Tessa Horne, Alexis Durham and Natalie James for representing the area with such professionalism and bringing home 4th place against some tough competition!

Luckily the sun came out for our Christmas rally which was a combined North Harbour event hosted by Kaukapakapa Pony Club. The riders had a great time playing Christmas games on horseback and having a shared feast. Blyth Tait was also on hand to judge the festive dress up event and present prizes to the top fundraisers in each club. Thank you to our friends at Kaukapakapa for having us for the night.

Finally, this season, we would like to acknowledge our new sponsor, Telos Group Real Estate, who have come on board as our main sponsor for the 2022 /23 season. We thank them for the support they are giving our young riders and their commitment to the continual improvement of our grounds at Green Road.



Hard Graft

The story of Dairy Flat

Jeffs Road was the centre of the community with a general store, post office and school, hard to imagine when you look at it today from Dairy Stream road.

An excerpt from the pages of Hard Graft

Early Settlers

Elizabeth's husband Joseph Body had been successful in the goldfields of Australia and returned to Cornwall wealthy enough to marry Elizabeth (Eliza), before the couple immigrated to New Zealand in 1882 aboard the S.S. British King.

They bought their land holding in Dairy Flat in time and had their new kauri home built by their neighbour Mr Jeffs. Both hard working and entrepreneurial they soon had a dairy, gumstore, general store and bakehouse built close to their home and the couple worked at these businesses. The general store provided everything from clothing, crockery and provisions to gum spears and spades. The Body's also had the first 'separate' post office from 1889 in a lean-to attached to the house and later they operated the first telephone exchange. Joseph had a licence to carry a revolver, possibly because he had money on the premises, and with no police close by he would have had to defend himself if he was set upon.

Next Time; Goldmine and Grapes in Dairy Flat.

Education

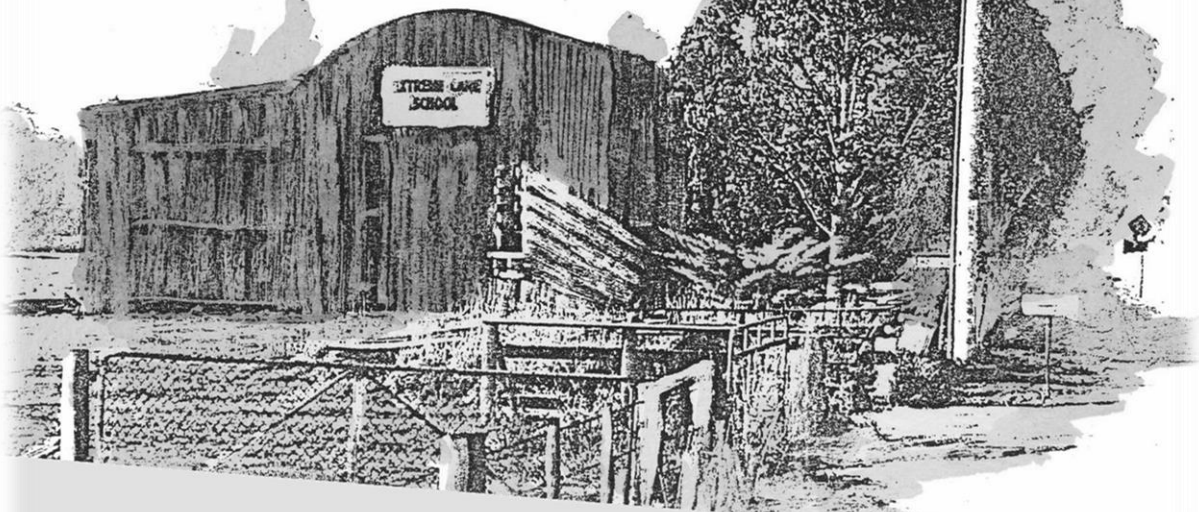
By 1877 school became compulsory for children from the age of seven who lived less than 2 miles by public road from school. This created an even more pressing need to build new schools and a corresponding shortage of qualified teachers to meet the ever-increasing demand of the rapidly populating colony. The placement of the school was of intense interest to families arriving in the district and fuelled continual debate. However, the group proposing the Jeffs Road site ultimately won and during 1877 the school moved to the nearby black house (Bawdens) pending the completion of the school nearby on an acre of land donated by Mr Charles Jeffs.

The school building, made of weatherboard with shingle roof and surrounded by a post and rail fence, was completed by Mr Thomas Lees in April 1878 at a cost of 139 pounds. At 24 feet in length with a small front porch, about 30 children could be accommodated. It had a small water tank and there was even a fireplace to keep the room warm in winter and allow hot water to be boiled for cocoa.



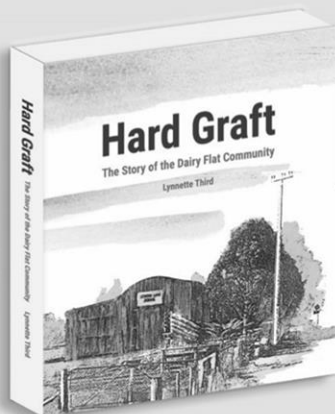
Jeffs Road

The Story of the Dairy Flat Community



Hard Graft

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