

DAIRY FLAT NEWSLETTER

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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 Feb, 17 May, 16 Aug, and 15 Nov 2021.



Current Trustees:

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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

A comment from the Dairy Flat Community Liaison Chairman

Dear readers,

This is the first quarterly newsletter of the year and already, one month of 2021 has passed. I don't have a crystal ball but we can be sure that COVID is still going to be around for the rest of this year and perhaps for a few years to come, especially as we now know that it has the ability to mutate. Please continue to hand wash, scan or sign into businesses you visit and be considerate to all.

We are also about six weeks into the annual summer drought and although we had near record rains in November, rain water tanks are not being replenished naturally and if we don't get rains soon, some of us will be buying in tanker water. For those who run stock, the heat and lack of moisture is retarding grass regrowth and again, some of us may be looking at buying in some fodder (if we didn't produce hay of our own).

Although the above two paragraphs are rather negative, the reality is that if we are cautious and prepared, we should be able to navigate our way well into this year and even beyond and we all have so much to be thankful for ... we are one of very few countries which are basically COVID free and thinking back to the festive season, we could host or attend large gatherings, have friends and family around and travel freely around New Zealand ... I have bumped into numerous people who have used the last month or two to explore our beautiful country and all who I spoke to were very appreciative of what we have and where we live.

On the landfill aspect, it is also 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 2028. In this past week, it was good to see litter on either side of Dairy Flat Highway being picked up and keeping the area tidy.

Talking about fills, I have noticed numerous small fills (clean and/or managed) taking place as well as the White Hills Managed Fill taking in fill. It would also appear that the large managed fill approved for 294 Blackbridge Road is close to commencing taking in legitimate fill ... they are currently waiting on Auckland Transport putting in a safety system either side of the one-way bridge. In the interim, site work is well underway with bunds being built using mostly imported fill.

Stay safe

Warwick Hojem



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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

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.

Silverdale Pony Club

Riders are very keen to get back into the swing of Pony Club rallies again after a fabulous Christmas and New Year break. It hasn't been all rest and relaxation though, with the club recently hosting our Grassroots Show Jumping day, designed to boost confidence of young and nervous riders, and perfect for those on young or inexperienced horses. It was a great day enjoyed by all!

As we head into the latter half of the season we have several riders heading off to local and national representative events, where they will ride for our local district and the wider Rodney Waitemata branch. We wish them all every success and hope to report back fantastic results. We also have a large group of riders without horses starting their learning all about the management and care involved in owning a pony – fostering the next generation of riders to come!

Update from Louise Johnston, Rodney Local Board

It is hard to believe that it is already February 2021. I hope everybody had a good summer. The sun really did come out for Auckland over these last couple of months and hopefully with the vaccine roll out later in the year we will have much more certain times ahead.

Below are a couple of updates for our area:

Feedback on the 10-year Council budget and proposed changes to the Urban Rating Area

Budgets continue to be tight at Council. Unfortunately, there are possible rate rises ahead. From the 22 February to 22 March, Council will be asking the public for feedback on their 10-year budget including a proposal for a one-off average rate rise of 5%.

As part of this consultation, Council will also be proposing a change to the rating of Farm and Lifestyle Properties within the Urban Rating Area. If this proposal is adopted many rural properties within this zone will face substantial rate increases. Within the Dairy Flat subdivision, the only area currently impacted will be Milldale. There are 27 lifestyle blocks within this urban area. Please note, future urban areas are not affected by this proposed change. However, once future urban land is rezoned in the Unitary Plan as urban then any rural property within this zone will be rated as urban regardless of the infrastructure provided. Therefore, you could potentially be paying urban rates without any footpaths, fiber or access to public transport.

I will send out links for feedback when they become available.

North Shore Aero Club (Dairy Flat) application to become an Airport Authority:

The Ministry of Transport is still in the process of analyzing the submissions on the North Shore Aero Club's application. After which they will begin forming their advice for the Minister of Transport. They have said that:

“There is no strict timeline at this point, but we expect we will get our advice across to the Minister early March 2021 and receive a decision later that month. “

Unitary plan change for stage 1 of the proposed Dairy Flat industrial area

Even though the structure planning for the new business/industrial area in Dairy Flat was adopted last year, Council have yet to lodge a unitary plan change to rezone phase 1 of the new proposed Dairy Flat industrial/business area. A plan change is a legal process under the Resource Management Act. Under a plan change, residents will have the opportunity to submit feedback to independent commissioners, there will be a hearing and ultimately the right of appeal to the environment court. We were expecting Council to notify this plan change early 2021 but with the Emergency budget this has been delayed. However, I do think this must be given priority as thousands of houses are currently being built in Milldale and there is no provision for public transport in this new urban area and we don't want Dairy Flat Highway to rival SH16 when it comes to congestion.

Request for better broadband infrastructure

Following the presentation of our petition to parliament requesting that our failing internet infrastructure be upgraded, the select committee have received formal responses from Crown Infrastructure Partners and MBIE. We have been asked to give an Oral submission on the 11th of March.

If you want to test your internet speed you can use the following link:

www.chorus.co.nz/speed-test

If you want to sign the petition please go to: <https://www.change.org/p/central-government-upgrade-failing-broadband-infrastructure-in-dairy-flat-and-coatesville>

Lastly, please make sure you complain when your internet is not working properly. Contact your internet provider, Chorus, Crown Infrastructure partners, your local MP and the Minister of Communications (email addresses are below). Often people vent on social media but don't log a complaint with the organizations that can make a difference and it is the squeaky wheel that gets action.

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Mark.Mitchell@parliament.govt.nz

info@crowinfrastructure.govt.nz

<https://www.chorus.co.nz/contact-us>

k.fafoi@ministers.govt.nz

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

Mobile: 021 729 739

Email: Louise.Johnston@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Dairy Flat Primary School

WE were very happy to welcome to all our Dairy Flat families back to school for 2021 this week. Everyone is energised, excited and ready for all the exciting learning opportunities that will be on offer this year.

This year we are conducting a review of our curriculum. Teachers will be completing professional development with an advisor as we work to ensure our curriculum is local and fits our community of students and aligns with the New Zealand Curriculum. We remain part of the Ministry of Education Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) project. We will be consulting with our school community as part of this review.

This year we are, once again, part of a Community of Schools with Orewa College, Silverdale, Orewa, Orewa Beach and Wainui Primary Schools and will be embarking on some shared learning projects. Dairy Flat School is also part of the ALLis contract with the same schools. This means we share teaching expertise and in this contract all the participating schools will offer programmes in Chinese and Japanese languages for year 5 and 6 students.

Our curriculum concepts this year are;

Term 1 - NOW

Term 2 - PAST

Term 3 - FUTURE

Term 4 – CARE

All curriculum learning areas will be woven into these four concepts.

We have a number of sports zone days organised as well as our annual events. This year we have outside facilitators working with teachers to provide expert tuition in music, dance, swimming, as well as other sports.

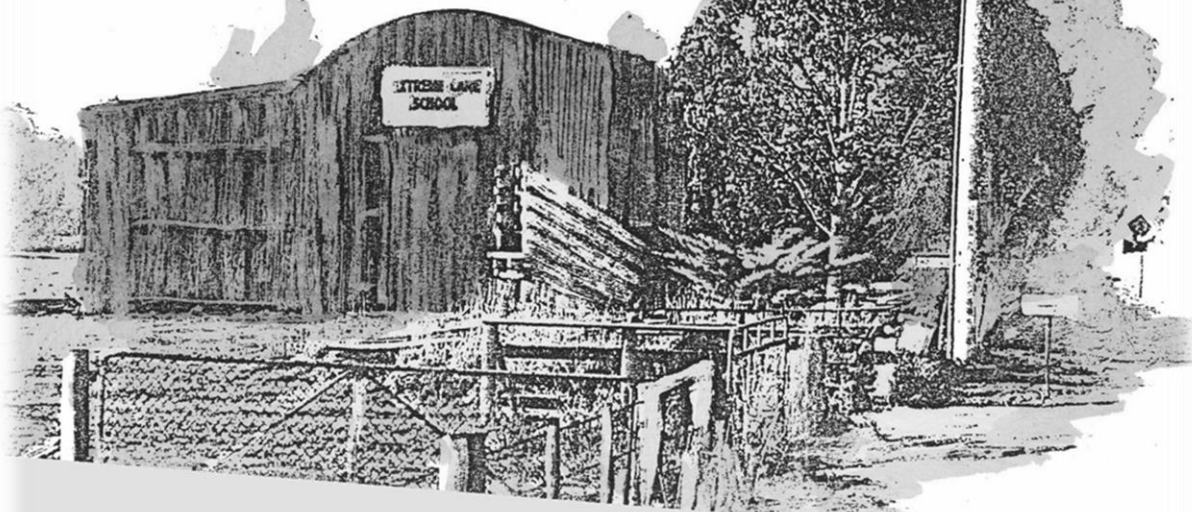
We are having a huge focus on 'being kind to each other' so that we truly express our school motto - Strive for Excellence - Care for All. Our values are - Respect, Responsibility, Resilience and these feature strongly in our curriculum delivery. This year we are continuing our 'zones of regulation' programme that supports students to manage their feelings and emotions and helps them to communicate these clearly. We will hold a parent information evening on this programme and our behaviour expectations on the 9th February.

We are a nation of many people, built on the Treaty of Waitangi. Our strength as a community lies in our bicultural foundation on which multiple layers of other cultures have blended. We will be looking at cultural capability in our curriculum this year.

I am excited by the learning opportunities we can offer students this year and we were excited to welcome all our fabulous students back.

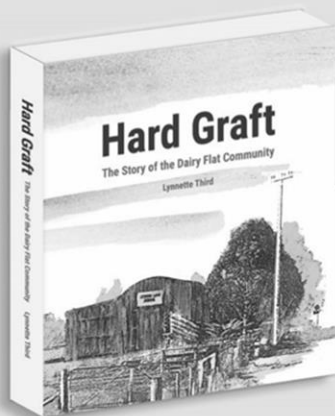
Debbie Marshall, Principal

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