

# DAIRY FLAT NEWSLETTER

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## DAIRY FLAT COMMUNITY TRUST

### REDDALE LANDFILL COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Current members:

Warwick Hojem-----Chairman  
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Andrew McNeil----- Local Resident  
Stephen Walker ----- Local Resident  
Jennie Hutchinson----- Local Resident  
Nick DeWitt----- Local Resident  
Allan Nicholas -----NHTCC  
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Mark Drury ----- Peer Review Panel  
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Lewis Morgan ----- Waste Management  
Blair Macfarlane ----- Waste Management

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](mailto:Redvale@wastemanagement.co.nz)

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



### Current Trustees:

*Julie Earwaker*                      *Steven Earwaker*

*Graeme Stubbing*                      *Treve Kunzli*

*Barb Stubbs*                              *Blair Macfarlane*

*Elizabeth Mackay-Cotter*

*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](http://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,

This is the final Dairy Flat Newsletter for 2019 and at outset, let me wish you all season's greetings and hoping that 2020 will be good to all of you.

The last few days, except for cooler evenings, has felt like summer and after about a week with no rain, people are starting to say that they need rain.

Focusing on our area, the roading projects are ongoing, especially at the Coatesville/Dairy Flat Highway intersection and at Kahikatea/Dairy Flat Intersection. However, it is good to see that the Bawden Road intersection has been completed and now has a dedicated right turning bay when heading north. I understand that studies are also underway in terms of the Dairy Flat Primary School entrance and how to make the area safer for children and parents during school drop off and pick up times.

Also in our area, all of the local primary schools have had their Ag Days and speaking to people involved at least two of the schools, their Ag Days were well attended and very successful, raising much needed finance for school projects and for those children who showed lambs or kids or chickens, the responsibility that comes with keeping an animal came to the surface and evidenced at prize giving.

The Dairy Flat Hall was the venue for the inaugural meeting of the Dairy Flat Residents and Ratepayers Association. The next meeting has been earmarked for early February and a draft constitution along with a facilitator should help interested parties work through the processes we need to consider and adopt.

Talking about the hall, I note that there are signs up for a function on the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month and the band performing are Creedence Clearwater Revisited. Proceedings begin at 1pm and tickets are \$20.00. Supporting initiatives like this will ensure that the music folk who arrange these things will continue to bring great music to our area.

Watch this space for news early next year about an initiative to control the mynah bird in our area.

Till next time,

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.*

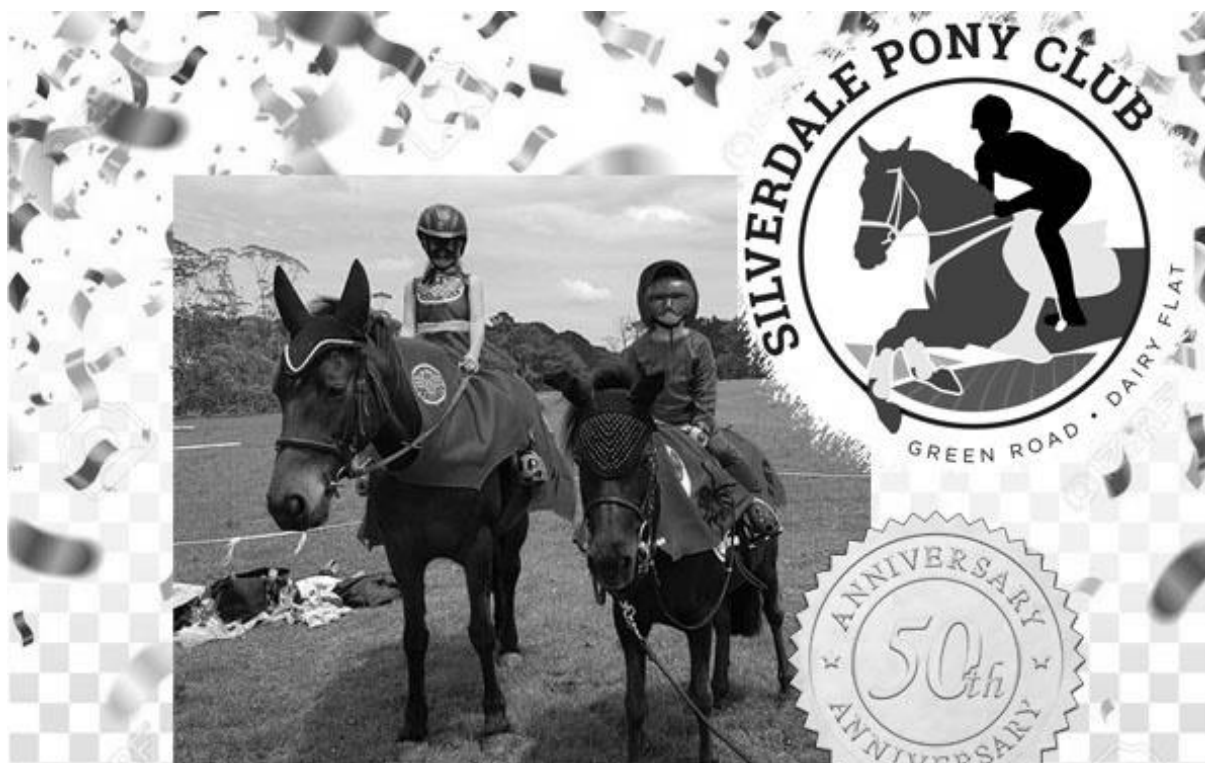
*We have received fantastic feedback from the women who have attended and the volunteers who have given up their time freely to support them and make these days possible.*

*Please take a moment to have a look at the short video that is on our website at [www.feelingfab.co.nz](http://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*

**Silverdale Pony Club** is celebrating its 50th year!! We are commemorating this anniversary at our famous FUNday on the 24th November - lots for everyone to enjoy including stalls, pony rides, dress up parade, bbq, baking and coffee - plus 6 rings of fun competition with great prizes! We'd love to see any past members come on by for a catch up and slice of cake to celebrate!!



# FUNDAY

## 24 November 2019

**Come celebrate our 50th Anniversary with us!**

**Fun for all with great spot prizes**

**Pony rides**

**Market Stalls**

**BBQ, Coffee, cold drinks and home baking available**

**Gates open 8.30am**

**10am start**

**Enquiries: [Silverdaleponyclub@gmail.com](mailto:Silverdaleponyclub@gmail.com)**

**Pub  
Charity** 

**NO DOGS ALLOWED ON  
GROUNDS OR IN CARS**



## Silverdale Squash Club

If you want to get out of the sun – come and play squash! It's (relatively) cool at the courts and a good way to keep fit during the 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 😊

For any 'starting out' or intermediate ladies who would like to try our women's only club night it is on Tuesdays 7pm -8.30pm. It is a fun night.

We are an active, social club with plyers 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](mailto: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](mailto:tonyforde@hotmail.co.nz)

## Dairy Flat School

On 19<sup>th</sup> October we once gain hosted our annual Agriculture Day. This year our Agriculture day was held in memory of Charlie and Dalice Earwaker. They were very strong supporters of Dairy Flat School for many years. Charlie and Dalice's children and grandchildren attended Dairy Flat School. Both Charlie and Dalice were very involved in the school and supported the AG Day for many years. Both Charlie and Dalice passed away this year. They have left a huge hole in this community. In 1981 they were presented with a platter to acknowledge their service to the school. The family presented this platter back to the school to be used as a prize for a child with a lamb. We were pleased to present this platter to Seb Twyman and his lamb.

The PTA raised \$23,000 at this year's Ag Day. Thank you to all the community members who supported this event.

One of the auction items was 'principal for a day'. On Friday Saxon Parker, a year 5 student, assumed the role of principal for a day. He declared the day to be a mufti day to raise funds to upgrade our small plastic house. He extended lunchtime and also ran a bike, scooter and skate day. The students loved their day.

Teachers are currently preparing for end of year reports. We look forward to Athletics day on the 15<sup>th</sup> November and our swimming programme in Term four. Prizegiving is at 6pm on the 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Louise Johnston: Rodney Local Board: Dairy Flat Subdivision.**

The new Rodney Local Board was sworn into office this week at the Warkworth Town Hall. It is a real privilege to be able to serve the Dairy Flat Community for another term. The advantage of this being my second term is that I am now very familiar with the Council processes required to get things done. The next three years will be a challenging time for Dairy Flat, the first new residents have already moved into the new development at Milldale. With over 3000 houses to be built in this new community, this is going to place a lot of pressure on the existing infrastructure, especially the Silverdale interchange, Dairy Flat Highway and the Park n Ride at both Albany and Silverdale. It is not acceptable that Council and Central Government just tick the box and build more houses they also need to ensure that the surrounding infrastructure is also upgraded and that includes additional car parks at the Silverdale park n ride.

Below are a couple of updates for our area:

### **Safety Improvements for Dairy Flat Highway (DFH):**

The new roundabout at the intersection of Coatesville Riverhead and DFH is well underway. When construction started there were quite a few comments on the local Facebook pages about the length of time this was going to take (i.e. almost a year) and the cost, however I think most people can now see where the money is being spent with some serious retaining walls currently being built.

(Photo from Auckland Transport Website)



The other AT safety projects that have been constructed along DFH since my last report, include the widening of the intersection of DFH and Bawden Road, the installation of a new righthand turning bay and safety barriers.

The Kahikatea Flat Road and DFH intersection improvements are almost finished and hopefully these will simplify the layout of what can be a very chaotic intersection.

### **Dairy Flat School Traffic Safety Report:**

Last term, the Rodney Local Board commissioned an AT traffic safety report for the Dairy Flat School. The report has now been presented to both the School and the Rodney Local Board. Some of the key findings are that: it acknowledged that motorists are often unaware of the school's location, the sight lines are often limited when exiting the school, inadequate parking and the speeds on DFH outside of the school are too fast. Within the report there are several recommendations to improve traffic safety. The preferred option will be approximately 500K and is currently unfunded. Please let me know if you would like a copy of this report.

### **Fibre:**

One thing I cannot understand is why Dairy Flat and Coatesville are going to be included in the 13 % of New Zealand's population without Fibre. I was always of the understanding that this was a Central Government decision, however in 2015, Auckland Council's Governing Body did provide the Ministry with a priority list for the rural broadband initiative. Out of the 24 rural locations in Auckland identified in the report, Dairy Flat was not included in the list. I understand this list was compiled from community feedback and some statistics which did not make a lot of sense to me. While it is difficult to change what has happened, as a community we need to start complaining. It is easy for politicians and big organisations like Chorus to ignore a couple of complaints a month but not when they get them by the hundreds. It is not just that we don't have Fibre but for many residents in Dairy Flat the current Broadband service is very slow and often does not even work when it rains.

So please make sure you complain. I have listed the links and contact details below:

- To check what type of broadband service is available or planned for your street address please check out this website <https://broadbandmap.nz>
- The email addresses for both the Minister of Broadcasting, communications and Media. Kris Faafoi [k.faafoi@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:k.faafoi@ministers.govt.nz) and our MP Chris Penk [chris.penkmp@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:chris.penkmp@parliament.govt.nz)
- Contact Chorus and let them know how slow broadband is impacting you <https://www.chorus.co.nz/contact/general>

### **Dairy Flat Residents and Ratepayers meeting:**

Last month we held an open meeting at the Dairy Flat Hall to discuss the formation of a Dairy Flat Residents and Ratepayers group. This was very well attended, and we are hoping to have another meeting in February with an independent facilitator to help the process along.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

[louise.johnston@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:louise.johnston@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) mb: 021 729 739

## **“Don’t sacrifice short term gain for long term pain’**

This statement holds true for so many things in life. Take **drugs** for example: Do we take them for a short term party high, at risk to becoming addicted and wrecking our lives? It makes no logical sense. You may ‘think’ that you’re having a good time, but under the influence you’re only using half your brain power. Is that true enjoyment? You experience a ‘real’ life-giving high when you ‘work-out’!

Why take **steroids** for muscle gain now and risk your health, your kidneys and your relationships, long term? Or spend ALL of your wages now with nothing being **saved** for the future?

Is it worth buying a brand **new car** on credit? The minute you leave the dealer its worth \$8,000 less, then you pay far more than it’s worth in interest. Or getting a graphic **tattoo** for a short term thrill in your 20’s, then hiding it as you mature as a parent and a business person for the balance of your life?

Or **drinking** up large as ‘social habit’ with your group of mates, gaining high blood pressure and a pot belly, then trying to get rid of it for the rest of your life? Or perhaps ‘enjoying a **smoke**’, becoming addicted and living the balance of your life on a 50/50 **Russian Roulette**?

Perhaps its spending most of your entire leisure time ‘enjoying lying on the couch gazing at NetFlix’. Then the balance of your life, challenged with low energy and disease wishing you had invested an hour a day keeping active.

Why not invest your life in activities that will give you ‘**long term gain**’ today.

Paul – Club Physical Founder and joint founder of Dairy Flat Toastmasters

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