

# DAIRY FLAT NEWSLETTER

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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](mailto: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](mailto:Redvale@wastemanagement.co.nz)  
Our next scheduled meetings at the Waste Management Office – 13 Nov 2023.

## DAIRY FLAT COMMUNITY TRUST



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*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: 09 427 0600*

# Dear readers,

This is the third quarter newsletter of this year and looking back to a year ago, I wrote the following: "the Russo/Ukrainian war continues and its impact on the world in terms of energy and grain supplies are rippling through most economies and Christchurch recorded its wettest July since 1976 and even here in Dairy Flat, we have had a pretty wet July, too".

I normally start my newsletter with something weather related and hence quoting what was stated last year but, we are now at the end of July 2023 and as of 23 June, Auckland had received its entire average annual rainfall of 1190mm in 5 months and 23 days (recorded at Auckland Airport) and since then, we have had rain and more rain.

And, a year on, the Russo/Ukrainian war is still taking place, with the Ukraine supposedly on the offensive. The fuel discount we received via our government terminated on the 1<sup>st</sup> of this month and 91 octane is back around the \$2.80/l mark.

Today, Holland played the USA in the Women's World Cup Football Tournament (drew 1-1) and New Zealand needs to beat Switzerland to make it to the knockout stage, having lost 1-0 to the Philippines earlier this week. Co-hosting the FIFA Football World Cup has resulted in record attendances both here and across the Ditch and well done to the organisers and players for putting on such a good show!

Homing in on the Dairy Flat area, it is important to mention that Waste Management is still aiming to complete the fill within the designated time (end of 2028) and then proceeding to the capping, planting and restoration of the site. 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. Please note that odour, noise, dust and vermin complaints linked to the Waste Management operation can be lodged directly with Waste Management or, by contacting Council on their pollution hotline (09 377 3107). More information can be found at the Council webpage for reporting pollution to Auckland Council.

Other discussions on the table are around Stockpile 4, the bypass road and vermin/pest control linked to a landfill, to name a few of our agenda items. The next CLC meeting is scheduled for mid-August and is open to the public. Should you wish to attend, please contact Stephanie Dryland at Waste Management by telephone or e-mail at least 7 days prior to a meeting.

Roading in our area is also normally touched on and it is worth noting that Auckland Transport is considering reducing the speed limit on numerous roads in our and adjacent areas and road users are asked to have their say before the end of August about the proposed speed reductions.

There is currently a reduced speed zone (currently 60 kph) on Dairy Flat Highway from just after Dairy Flat Village through to just after the Blackbridge Road/Postman's Road intersection.

There is also a set of traffic lights on Kahikatea Road about two kilometres to the west of Dairy Flat Village and these are temporary due to a slip from the recent rains and required as traffic channels into a single lane to navigate the slippage.

Remember that 14 October is voting day and in a democracy such as ours, it is a privilege we should embrace and exercise our democratic rights.

In closing, I urge all readers to please support the local businesses who advertise in our newsletter. They would really value your custom.

Take care.

*Warwick Hojem*

## VDI scale for reporting an odour complaint.

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

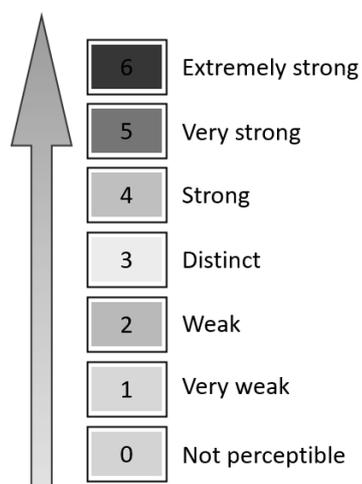
1. Email [redvalecomplaints@wastemanagement.co.nz](mailto:redvalecomplaints@wastemanagement.co.nz)
2. Phone call 09 427 0600 or 021 190 2018
3. Text message 021 190 2018

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.

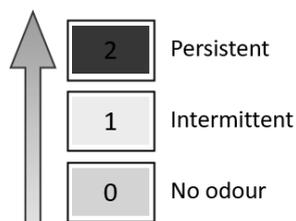
### Odour Intensity



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



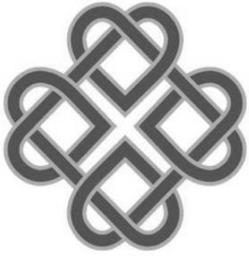
Odour frequency: The perceived duration of time or exposure experienced.

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



*Nicola Stuart*

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Looking for an affordable wedding venue that can cater to your needs, from a small elopement/registry type wedding to the full works? Consider the North Harbour Sports and Country Club, with catering by De Hot Bar and Grill - a local option right in your backyard!

As a wedding celebrant, my goal is to help make your special day as stress-free and enjoyable as possible. Whether you only need my services as a celebrant, or if you require more extensive assistance with venue arrangements and catering, I am here to help.

Our venue can accommodate weddings from as small as 4 people and up, with pricing that is tailored to your specific needs. Additionally, if you have a venue in mind elsewhere, I am available to serve as your celebrant there as well.

Contact me at [nicola@tietheknotnz.com](mailto:nicola@tietheknotnz.com) or via mobile at 0272 698 025 to learn more. Let's connect and discuss how we can work together to make your dream wedding a reality - no obligation and no charge for a chat!

## **Dairy Flat Community Hall**

Contact details: Please E-mail [info@DairyFlatLive.com](mailto: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](http://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 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> birthday parties in the Hall.

**Feeling Fab Charitable Trust**

12 Aileron Rise  
Dairy Flat, Auckland 0794

[www.feelingfab.org.nz](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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**



## 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](mailto:dairyflatcommunitytrust@hotmail.co.nz)

Application forms available from: [www.dairyflatcommunitytrust.co.nz](http://www.dairyflatcommunitytrust.co.nz) or pop into the Redvale Landfill office and pick one up.

***Applications open from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July and close Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 @ 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023, 4.30pm at Redvale Landfill.

### **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. With fires roaring in the winter and an inviting pool in the summer, we have everything you need to unwind and enjoy yourself.

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.

We are excited to announce that 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.

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.

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!

So, whether you're looking for a drink, a meal, a swim, 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: [www.dairyflatclub.co.nz](http://www.dairyflatclub.co.nz)

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

Email: [info@dairyflatclub.co.nz](mailto:info@dairyflatclub.co.nz)

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

# 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:silverdalesquash.president@gmail.com)

### **News from Local Clubs and Organisations**

**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: Stephanie at Waste Management NZ Ltd

Contributions can be emailed to: [Redvale@wastemanagement.co.nz](mailto:Redvale@wastemanagement.co.nz)

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# Update from Louise Johnston, Rodney Local Board member

The sun is finally shining and hopefully, the paddocks get a chance to dry out before the next rain event. There has been so much happening in Dairy Flat since my last newsletter. Please see a summary below. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in contact.

## **Healthy Waters:**

The council's Healthy Waters department is developing a series of stormwater improvements called 'Making Space for Water' as part of recovery efforts.

Healthy Waters is planning nine initiatives to reduce flood risks and make big improvements to Auckland's stormwater network.

They propose to deliver the initiatives over six years including:

- infrastructure improvements, such as culvert and bridge upgrades
- increased stormwater maintenance
- empowering our communities to prepare for and increase resilience to flooding.
- creating blue-green (waterways and parks) networks to allow stormwater to safely pass through urban areas.

Council wants your feedback to help us develop the Tāmaki Makaurau Recovery Plan and refine the 'Making Space for Water' initiatives.

Council wants to know:

- how the storms affected you
- what is important for your recovery and the recovery of your community?
- how we can better prepare for future extreme weather events.
- your opinion on the ideas proposed in 'Making Space for Water'.

Council have launched a new online tool launched to make it simpler for Aucklanders to understand the flood risk for their property please refer to [www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/floodviewer](http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/floodviewer) .

It is very important that our community is included in the Make Space for Water program so that funding is allocated to our area. Please provide feedback by the 31st of August using the link below.

<https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/storm-recovery> .

## Stream blockages

Following, the Council's drone survey of the Rangitopuni stream, the Healthy Waters (HW) department has been working with landowners to clear debris in the stream that was restricting water flow. Due to the instability of the stream banks, not all slips will be able to be cleared. HW has prepared detailed maps identifying the blockages. I am currently awaiting an update that will highlight areas where debris has been cleared and schedules etc.

Please report any known stream blockages that you are unable to clear to the Council call centre on (09) 301 0101.

## **Auckland Transport (AT)**

### Footpath construction:

Construction of the footpath from the Dairy Flat school to the hall and tennis courts has now been completed. AT is completing a post-construction safety audit. Following a petition from the school, that was supported by the Local Board, the speed limit has been lowered to 60 km/hr. on a temporary basis on Dairy Flat Highway from Postman's Road to past the school zone travelling North. This temporary speed limit is included in the speed management plan that is currently out for consultation.

#### Proposed speed limit changes:

Auckland Transport's proposed speed management plan for 2024-7 is currently out for consultation and closes on the 28th of August 2023. The draft plan includes the proposal to reduce the speed limit on several roads in Dairy Flat, including:

1. Three Oaks Dr, Full Length from 80 to 60 km/hr.
2. Escott Road, Full Length from 80 to 60 km/hr.
3. Jeffs Road, Full Length from 80 to 60 km/hr.
4. Lower Jeffs Road, Full Length from 80 to 60 km/hr.
5. Dairy Flat Highway (DFH) school zone, DFH between 200m southeast of Blackbridge Road and 1050 m north of Richards Road from 80 to 60 km/hr. Permanent. Proposal is to support variable 30km/h speed limit at school start and finish time
6. Wainui School Zone: Waitoki Road between Kahikatea Flat Road and 100m north of Waitoki Road 50 30/50 km/hr. Variable speed limit applies at school start and pick up of 30km.r.
7. Waitoki School zone: Kahikatea Flat Road between 175m east of Waitoki Road and 425m west of Waitoki Road 50 30/50 Variable speed limit applies at school start and pick up of 30km.r.
8. Blackbridge Road, between Dairy Flat Highway and 300m west of Dairy Flat Highway 80 to 60 km/hr. (current temporary speed limit reduction in place)
9. Postman Road, between Dairy Flat Highway and 300m east of Dairy Flat Highway 80 to 60 km/hr (current temporary speed limit reduction in place)
10. Dairy Flat Highway, between 200m northeast of Wilks Road and 200 southwest of Wilks Road variable speed zone. This is a rural intersection variable speed zone of 60km/hr only, activated when turning traffic is detected.
11. Kahikatea Flat Road, between 200m west of Whitehills Road and 200m southeast of Pine Valley Road. This is a Rural intersection variable speed zone of 60km/hr. activated only when turning traffic is detected.
12. Wainui Road, Between Argent Lane and 150 m east of Kowhai Road from 100 to 60 km/hr.
13. Pine Valley Road (Realignment), Between Dairy Flat Highway and Old Pine Valley Road from 60 to 50 km/hr.

As there are mixed views within the community regarding speed limit reductions, it is essential to have your say. You can do this online via <https://haveyoursay.at.govt.nz/kko> or alternatively email feedback to [ATspeedprogramme@AT.govt.nz](mailto:ATspeedprogramme@AT.govt.nz) .

#### Potholes:

There is no doubt that the potholes are the worst they have ever been. Please make sure you log these potholes with AT directly at [www.at.govt.nz/about-us/contact-us/](http://www.at.govt.nz/about-us/contact-us/) If the potholes endanger road users, please phone the AT call centre on 09 355 3553.

Please get in touch, if they are not fixed in a timely manner as I can also escalate.

#### **Planning for the Urbanisation of Dairy Flat:**

##### The draft Future Development Strategy for Auckland

The draft Future Development Strategy (FDS) sets out the strategy for how Auckland will grow as a city. Public consultation on this draft FDS has recently closed. The strategy is proposing massive changes for Dairy Flat's future urban areas including pushing out the urbanisation of Dairy Flat until 2050. The strategy is concerned about the natural hazards within the future urban area such as flood risks, slope instability and the billions that will be required to fund the infrastructure for urbanisation. As a result of these concerns, the FDS has identified the future urban zone of Dairy Flat needing 'further investigation' i.e., possibly rezoning back to rural.

There are polarising views on the draft FDS across the community. Developers and many future urban landowners are understandably feeling blindsided by the draft FDS and there has been a strong pushback from developers. However, many residents in Dairy Flat support the draft FDS and are in favour of the area being rezoned to Countryside living and understand the need to avoid urbanising areas subject to natural hazards. If the FDS finds Dairy Flat to be unsuitable for urbanisation, this would be indicated in the final FDS - but the Future Urban zone would continue to apply. Rezoning of the future urban area would require a Council

initiated unitary plan change process and residents would be able to submit feedback on the proposed rezoning changes.

As far as time frames are concerned, public feedback closed at the end of July and feedback is now being considered and changes made. The final FDS is expected to be adopted by the Governing Body, Planning, Environment and Parks Committee in late 2023 and will replace the 2018 Development Strategy and the 2017 Future Urban Land Supply Strategy

Extract below from the draft FDS on Dairy Flat:

## Dairy Flat

**Dairy Flat** is recommended for further investigation. Dairy Flat is not planned to support development before 2050+.

This area is recommended for further investigation due to:

### Infrastructure

- Transport infrastructure is not planned to support development before 2050+. Rapid transit, frequent transit routes, key arterials and provision of active modes are required to support development and achieve strategic outcomes.
- A Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade is also required to support development in this area.

### Urban form and business land retention

- Further consideration is needed to understand the relationship of Dairy Flat to the Silverdale West Industrial Area and the impact any changes might have on planned infrastructure such as rapid transit and potential new local centres.

### Emissions/VKT reduction

- Potential for higher VKT and CO2 emissions than other FUA's due to Dairy Flat being relatively distant from high quality existing or planned public transport, a wide range of jobs, education and other services compared to other FUA's.

### Natural hazards

- Moderate hazard constraints, including approximately 16% of the FUA exposed to the 1% AEP flood plain. A moderate proportion of the FUA contain some risks of settlement, and high risk of slope instability.

Note: VKT: Vehicle Km travelled, FUA: Future Urban Area, AEP: Annual Exceedance Probability.

### The Council Initiated Unitary plan change for phase 1 of the industrial zone in Dairy Flat:

This Council-initiated unitary plan change to rezone the land identified in phase 1 of the structure plan from a future urban to a light industrial zone has been significantly delayed again.

The last update that we received from Council Planners is that they are continuing to work on the plan change and addressing the issues raised by AT and Waka Kotahi about transport. However, the draft future development strategy is proposing to push out development for this area of Dairy Flat until 2030 +. The draft FDS site's infrastructure reasons for the delay in development and has identified several large infrastructure projects required to support development in this area including, North Shore Rapid Transit (extension to Milldale), Public Transport Services, and Interchange upgrades.

### The draft spatial land use plan for Dairy Flat.

In August 2022, Council released the draft land use strategy for the future urban zones of Dairy Flat and Silverdale for public feedback. This strategy identified the Council's preferred location of a town centre for Dairy Flat near our park at Green Road. Many locals were concerned about this proposal due to the well-known flooding issues. Council planners will not bring this back to the local board until the Future Development strategy is finalised.

### Supporting Growth's integrated transport networks for Dairy Flat

In August of 2022, the supporting growth team comprising of Council, Waka Kotahi and Auckland Transport consulted on the future integrated transport networks for when Dairy Flat is urbanised. This work is proposing big infrastructure projects such as rapid transport networks, motorway interchanges, widening of roads, new cycleways etc. These proposed projects are big-ticket items that will cost billions and are currently unfunded. The Supporting Growth team is now working on route protection of these transport corridors. They have recently written to over 700 impacted landowners in Dairy Flat and offered one on one meetings. The

outcomes of this investigation and engagement may affect the details of the route and the extent that properties are impacted. Once this work is completed, the detailed business case will be considered by the Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi Boards. The Supporting Growth team will then proceed with the lodgement of a notice of requirement (NOR) with Council this is scheduled for late August/early September. Auckland Council will review the NORs and may request additional information before publicly notifying them. The Supporting Growth team have indicated that given the scale and complexity of the North projects public notification is likely to be early 2024.

Once publicly notified, the public can lodge submissions with the Council (whether supporting, opposing, or seeking changes to the notice of requirement). Submitters can also be heard at a public hearing. The final decision of the hearing can be appealed by Council or the submitters in the Environment Court.

I have received several complaints from residents who received no prior correspondence from the Supporting Growth team and were unaware that their property would be impacted. This is very distressing for landowners involved in the process especially if the draft Future Development strategy is adopted and urban development of Dairy Flat is pushed out to 2050 or rezoned back to rural. I can understand their concerns and many residents have requested that the Supporting Growth work is put on hold until the Future Development Strategy is finalised and there is more certainty around when and if Dairy Flat is developed.

For more detailed information please refer to the Supporting Growth website.

[www.supportinggrowth.govt.nz/growth-areas/north-auckland/](http://www.supportinggrowth.govt.nz/growth-areas/north-auckland/)

### **Our future park at Green Road**

Just a quick update on our 154 Hectare Future Park at Green Road. For those of you that are new to the area, the 154 hectares of farmland was purchased by Rodney Council in the early 2000s for use as a park. From the roadside, the farmland is flat paddocks but out the back of the park is rolling hills, established trees and a stream boundary with a small waterfall.

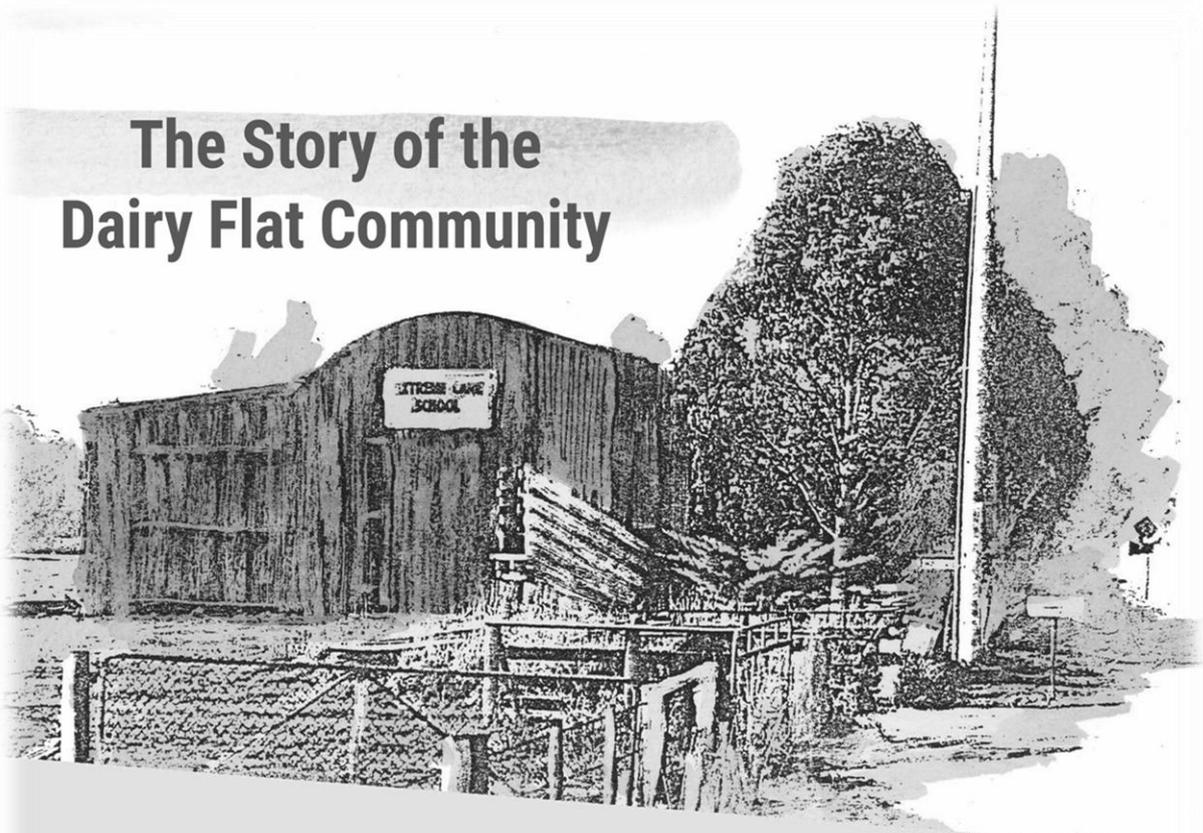
As a community, we have developed a master plan for the 154-hectare future park, and it is now a legal park reserve. The Local Board has allocated funding for a pathway through the park and construction will start this financial year. As mentioned in the May newsletter, we are in the process of setting up a working group of residents to help drive the Green Road Park forward. It would be great to have nearby neighbours, pony clubs, pest-free groups, ratepayer groups, and garden clubs involved. For details of the Master Plan refer to the below link.

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/about-auckland-council/how-auckland-council-works/local-boards/all-local-boards/rodney-local-board/Documents/green-road-park-masterplan-october-2020.pdf>

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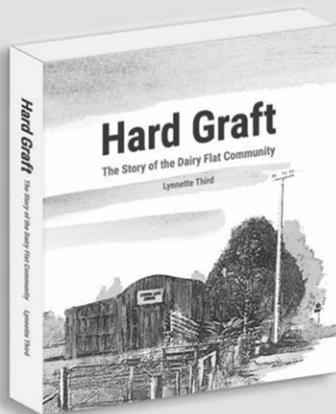
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