

# DAIRY FLAT NEWSLETTER

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## REDALE LANDFILL COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

### Current members:

Warwick Hojem-----Chairman  
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Stephen Walker ----- Local Resident  
Jennie Hutchinson----- Local Resident  
Nick DeWitte----- Local Resident  
Allan Nicholas -----NHTCC  
Mark Drury ----- Peer Review Panel  
Glen Jujnovich ----- 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. 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 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 meetings at the Waste Management Office – 16 May, 15 Aug & 14 Nov 2022.

## DAIRY FLAT COMMUNITY TRUST



### Current Trustees:

Steven Earwaker	Graeme Stubbing
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Elizabeth Mackay-Cotter	Glen Jujnovich
Tony Rouse	

*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*

## *A comment from the Dairy Flat Community Liaison Chairman*

Dear readers,

The first newsletter of 2022 and this year promises to have as many surprises as 2020 and 2021, with probably the main factor creating surprise being Covid and its ability to mutate. As a country, we have managed to live with Delta and our hospitals are at their lowest Covid case numbers in almost six (6) months, with less than 10 people currently in hospital and none in ICU or HDU. But, Omicron is now with us and some scientists are suggesting that as much as 50% of the population could get Omicron ... if this happens, hospitals will be stretched to breaking point and supply chains will be under extreme threat, too. Looking at a till slip from shopping at a large supermarket in the last week of January (stocking up just in case), I noted with interest that certain items are marked "Restricted Quantity Item", such as toilet paper, canned tomatoes, canned beans and frozen vegetables.

A couple of Saturdays ago I (and many others) got another surprise and it was in the form of numerous explosions which seemed to resemble the boom made by powerful fireworks as used at the Domain or other large public events, but, it was broad daylight and just not the right time to set off fireworks. As it turned out, what I heard (and felt) were the sonic booms being emitted by the volcano erupting offshore from Tonga.

On the local scene, it has been dry since mid-December and it has also been quite warm ... evidenced by retarded grass growth and water tankers delivering to rural households. Another surprise could be that we get no rain until early March.

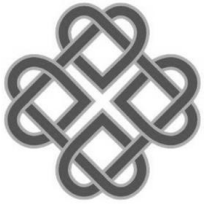
Even in terms of Waste Management, there has been a surprise and that is that Blair Macfarlane resigned late last year (after three years at the helm) and the vacancy left by him has been filled by Glen Jujnovich. I would like to use this opportunity to wish Blair well at his new job and simultaneously welcome Glen on board and wish him well as the new regional manager, which is both a challenging and rewarding job (without any added surprises)!

Despite Covid and other challenges, Waste Management is still aiming to complete the fill within the designated time and then proceeding to the capping, planting and restoration of the site by the end of 2028. 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. Other discussions on the table are around Stockpile 4, the new leachate evaporator (Benevap) and the bypass road, to name a few agenda items. The next CLC meeting is scheduled for mid-February, but, if we are still in a heightened Covid alert level/traffic light setting, the meeting may well be postponed for a week or two as we do prefer face to face meetings and some participants have restrictions linked to meeting virtually.

At the CLC meetings, we also touch on vermin/pest control and mammalian pests (mainly rats, feral cats and possums) seem to be under control, but mynah birds and sea gulls are an issue, with gulls gravitating to the tip face during heightened Covid levels as nobody is feeding them at the beach. Mynahs are a serious pest and reducing their population requires a concerted effort by both Waste Management and all readers of this newsletter.

While on the topic of pest eradication, Pest Free Coatesville sent out a reminder to their members this past week, asking all readers to increase their use of possum and rat traps as we only have six to eight weeks before possum breeding season starts and if we can cull a few before then, less available to create the next generation.

Stay safe  
*Warwick Hojem*



*Nicola Stuart*

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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](mailto: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.

## Music

Daphne Stevens Community Music Scholarship

Dairy Flat residents are eligible to apply for the Daphne Stevens community Music Scholarship.

See the scholarship information and criteria on

<https://www.aucklandfoundation.org.nz/apply-for-grants?art=165>

Contact is Julian Joy

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## ***Feeling Fab Charitable Trust***

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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](http://www.feelingfab.co.nz)) for more information, for testimonials, live streamed videos etc.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** Please email us on [feelingfab2010@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.

# Silverdale Pony Club

*Our season got off to a slow start, thanks to covid restrictions and a wetter than usual spring. We are now back enjoying our own grounds and have welcomed many new members to our club, ranging in ages from 3 to 17 years. Our adult ride is also in full swing, with more 'senior' riders enjoying mounted rallies on Wednesday morning and evenings.*

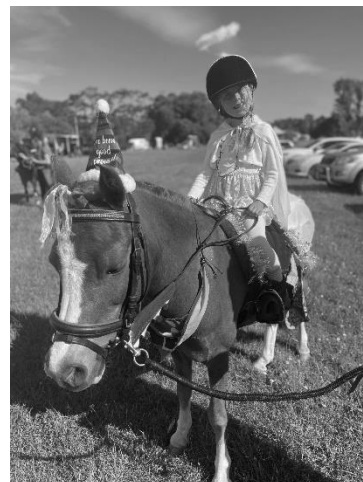
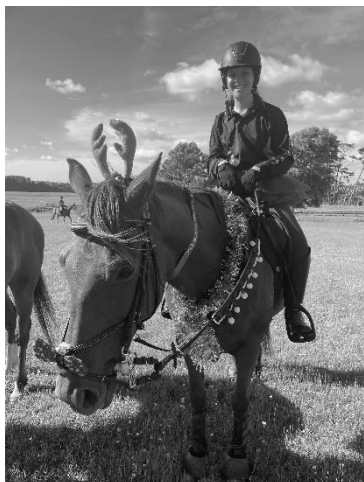
*Our first mounted rally on our grounds at Green Road, was one of our biggest for many years and we also held a fantastic Christmas rally in December. Our more senior riders enjoyed a competitive 'tip & out' event. Always great to watch, a single jump is increased in height until one brave combination is left!*

*The bending race and stepping stones were popular with our younger riders but unfortunately we were not able to hold the riders favourite, donut race, this year. We hope that the donut race and shared Christmas feast will be back on the program in 2022. All riders made an effort with the Christmas dress theme. It was great to see the creative ways that the horses and ponies were dressed this year.*

*In January, we held another fun grassroots show jumping day with two rings attracting healthy entries. Thanks to everyone that came along and helped make this day a success.*

*Our more competitive riders have enjoyed success recently with a large number of Silverdale riders selected in the youth development squads for their specialist areas of dressage, show hunter and show jumping. We have also had many of our riders do well in regional dressage and show jumping competitions recently. Congratulations to all our riders who have been out and about at events this season!*

*We hope that all our riders, whatever their level, will be able to keep enjoying their horses and ponies for the rest of the season.*



## **Louise Johnston: Rodney Local Board (Dairy Flat Subdivision)**

It is probably too late to wish everybody a Happy New Year! But I do hope that everyone had a great break over the holiday period, the summer has been amazing. However, my fingers are crossed for a couple of days of rain as everything is a bit too dry and dusty.

Council meetings have only just begun and for the Local Board these continue to be online until we move back to the orange traffic light setting.

Below are a couple of updates for our area.

### **Transport:**

The new footpath outside of Dairy Flat School has now been completed but with the increasing school roll these additional carparks on the road will still be insufficient. We are currently looking at extending the footpath on Dairy Flat Highway from the school to Postman's Road as a separate project. This will connect the school to our community hall and tennis courts. It would be great to get your feedback on this new proposed footpath.

As house construction continues at pace this year in Milldale, Orewa and Silverdale, this is putting a lot of pressure on the Silverdale Interchange. At peak times, traffic along both Dairy Flat Highway and Hibiscus Coast Highway is backed up trying to get onto this interchange. To alleviate some of this congestion, there are key infrastructure projects that need to be delivered including Penlink in 2026. This new 7km road between SH1 at Dairy Flat and Whangaparaoa is long overdue. Penlink will help with congestion at the Silverdale Interchange in the short term, but it is only going to have two lanes and many locals feel that this will not cater for the future growth in area. Furthermore, to fund the ongoing maintenance and operational costs, Waka Kotahi (NZTA) are proposing to toll Penlink. There will be different toll prices for peak and off-peak periods and charges will vary from \$1 to \$4, with heavy freight being charged more than light vehicles. There is a concern that if Penlink is tolled then Whangaparaoa residents may continue using the Silverdale interchange and with thousands more houses still to be built at Milldale, this interchange will become gridlocked.

Also, within the Milldale integrated transport assessment report 2019, several projects have been identified to help ease the traffic congestion at the Silverdale interchange. These projects are unfunded and there is an assumption within the report that they will not be needed if Penlink is operational by 2026. These projects include a new westbound lane on Silverdale over bridge and the four laning of part of Dairy Flat Highway. I am not a traffic engineer, but I strongly believe that these projects are needed even if Penlink is delivered on time.

### **Airport:**

As of the 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb 2022, there has been no decision made from the Minister of Transport re: the North Shore Aero Club's application to become an Airport Authority. I have been informed that this delay from the Minister of Transport is 'largely due to other competing priorities, including managing the Omicron outbreak'

### **Green Road:**

Throughout NZ there are some amazing walking and cycling tracks. However, in Dairy Flat we are really missing out. So, it is great news that our trail plan for our 154-hectare park at Green Road is due for completion this month. The next step will be the implementation of this plan and public access to the park. The construction of the new trails does not have to be over engineered and can be very similar to the Queenstown trails.

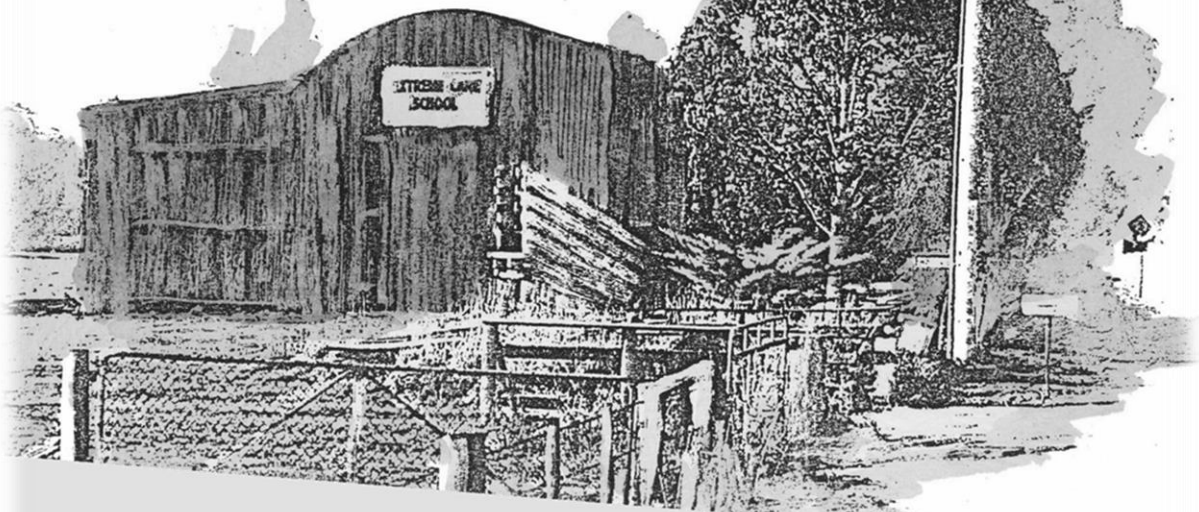
Please get in touch via email if you have any questions or issues. I really appreciate everybody that gets in contact.

Wishing everybody good health over the next couple of months as we navigate this next stage of the pandemic.

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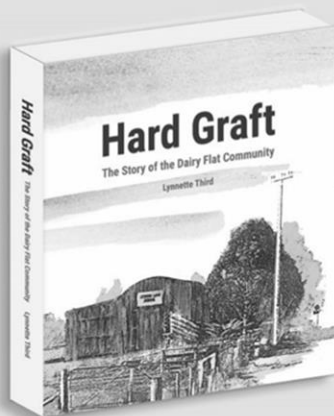
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