

DAIRY FLAT NEWSLETTER

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REDALE 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 Andy Vosper 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 meeting at the Waste Management Office – Sept 10 & Dec 3 2018.

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: 427 0600



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 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 Squash Club

Lots of things happening at Silverdale squash club this winter. The club is working with Silverdale Rugby Club to modernise those important parts of the club – the socialising bit - where we get together after a hard game (or even before) and chill with all the friendly folk here. New bathrooms (yes - they were a long time coming!) and everything looking brighter. Come and see for yourself - winter is the best time to get fit for summer so come and try playing squash here at the 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 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 or see our Facebook page.

We have several Interclub squash teams of all abilities – men and women and mixed Masters teams. We also run frequent Masters and Open tournaments throughout the year. 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

Greenpark Preschool

We have had a busy term two at Greenpark Preschool. Lots of boys this term has led to some amazing construction work and lots of exciting adventures in the playground. This term the children have been exploring the concept of 'loose parts'. They have made some wonderful creations using the ever changing components. This activity has proven especially worthwhile for our younger children, who have spent long periods of time exploring different materials.

We have also incorporated lots more natural elements into our programme. The addition of shells, wood and stones to usual areas of play has created renewed interest and creativity. Our enthusiastic group of boys in the B4 5 school group have had a term of problem solving activities, lego building, construction, as well as maths and early literacy games.

A new book, *The Moa Hunt*, sparked an interest for learning more about the moa. After learning about how big the giant moa grew, and about their extinction, the children worked hard to set up the playground to tell the story of *the Moa Hunt*. We invited our families to join us on an adventure to find a moa. A life sized moa hiding in the shed has now become legend!

A visit from Silverdale Fire Station was also one of our highlights of the term. The firemen spoke to the children about staying safe in the event of a fire, and then gave everyone a turn at squirting the fire hose.

In the lead up to Matariki we have been talking about space. The children's imaginations have been captured by space travel and astronauts. We are looking forward to discovering more...

To find out more about Greenpark Preschool, please visit our website – www.greenpark.net.nz

Winter weather is really here now!!

With this cold weather it's lovely and cosy to have a nice fire going, have you considered planting for firewood in the domestic garden? Ridiculous idea? Not necessarily!

Have you come across gardens that are over planted and you ask yourselves, and others no doubt, why do people do that, it's crazy to have so many trees so close together?

Well, there is logic there but perhaps the implementation has come unstuck somewhere along the line or the round to it list just got too big.

A lot of rural sites are open and exposed when being established and like us plants do much better with shelter as I have mentioned in previous articles. So selecting plants that are robust and hardy to the conditions is important, but maybe not what you want to feature from the house. This is where inter planting comes into play, you plant these more rapidly establishing species between or behind the places where the "desirable" tender little numbers will go to provide more benign conditions suitable for them to thrive.

This is also a way of establishing those irritating types who are labelled "frost tender when young" i.e. Pohutukawa and Karaka, once they are up and established it's time to take out their nearest neighbours, eventually leaving them to stand alone if desired. This is where the firewood aspect comes in, if you have used a species that is fast growing and burns well, not only are you maintaining your garden but providing winter warmth, as long as you let the wood dry first. An excellent way to get rid of garden material now that bonfires are no longer as socially acceptable as they were, and not much difference in the effort required.

Kanuka, Manuka, Olearia and Pittosporum are all very good initial choices. A grove of Kanuka under planted with kawakawa, karaka, pigeon wood and Dianella nigra are a very attractive blend with the Kanuka giving that light shade ideally suited for these young plants. Plant the Kanuka at about 1.5 to 3m spacings, site dependent, to push them up rapidly, in a couple of years' time as appropriate take out any weak or infirm leaving sufficient to form a nice canopy of well-shaped trees and start under planting. These conditions also suit Tamarillo and at \$12 or so a kilo worth a try, I am well supplied with Tamarillo from my trees, a hard frost will do a bit of damage and every few years I have to replace a couple of trees but well worth the effort, particularly as the trees I grow have a beautiful big red fruit better than generally seen in the shops.

Vitamin C and a warm fire!

Need advice? If you need help give me a call.

Help is a phone call away

Lisa Clapperton

Waitoki Plants 09-420 5455

Nursery open by appointment.

Want to do your bit for the environment while protecting your property and orchard against Pesky Pests!

Come to the Waitoki Village Market Day Saturday August 11th and talk to a qualified pest control person, Adeline or Pauline who with numerous volunteers have been working on ridding Whangaparaoa Peninsula of pests, with great success, check out <https://pestfree.wixsite.com/volunteers>.

They will also have information regarding activities you can become involved in with the Forest and Bird Society; encouraging birds into your garden, bird counts, bush walks etc.

In addition, Nancy from Operation Christmas Child is coming to share in the "Joy of Giving" by explaining and showing how easy it is to bring joy to a child this coming Christmas season, by putting together a shoe box of small gifts to be sent to areas of poverty.

Find out what is going on in your community; get involved in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Pick up baked goods, olive oil, plants, homemade and preloved bargains, Bric a Brac, preserves, and more at the Waitoki Hall, Kahikatea Flat Rd. 8.30 till noon Saturday August 11th.

Support your community; proceeds from the Market go back to our local community.

New stall holders welcome, contact Gill 420 3301 or email waitokihall@gmail.com

Future market dates:

August 11th

October 13th

December 8th

Dairy Flat Primary School

The second term is coming to an end. It is amazing to think that we are half-way through the year. This term students have been exploring science and technology. There have been a lot of science experiments focussed on "changing the state of matter" happening in our classrooms. Students have made butter and ice cream, created volcanoes and slime and even investigated liquid nitrogen with support from one of our school parents.

Our annual talent quest is well underway and it is great to see students putting themselves out there and giving it a go. We have discovered some real talent gems.

The PTA is currently running a fundraising project, selling chocolates. Thank you to all community members who have bought a chocolate bar or two to support us. We are fundraising to complete an upgrade of the hall kitchen so that it meets all food safety guidelines and meets legal requirements for preparing food that may be sold at events such as Agriculture Day.

There has been extensive discussion about including calves in local agriculture days due to the threat of Mycoplasma Bovis. With other local schools, we have made the decision not to have calves at our AG Day this year. This year is the 75th anniversary of AG Days at Dairy Flat School. We are expecting to host an extra special event this year. Keep a look out for updates on our AG Day event on the 27th October.

We are holding an opening for our fabulous new building at the end of term 2. The six new learning spaces are flexible and light and airy and provide a great learning environment for teachers and students.

We look forward to an exciting third term.

DAIRY FLAT COMMUNITY TRUST

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 or scan and email to: dairyflatcommunitytrust@hotmail.co.nz, Application forms available from:

www.dairyflatcommunitytrust.co.nz or **Dairy Flat Community Trust**
PO Box 114
OREWA 0946

Applications open from Friday 27th July and close Friday 21st September 2018 @ 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 2nd December 2018, 4.30pm at Redvale Landfill.

Silverdale Pony Club

It has been another amazing season for Silverdale Pony Club. Although the weather hasn't been very kind to us we have still managed to do a-lot!

Over the last few years we have had a steady increase in both our riding members and riders without horses members. We have been very lucky to have an amazing team of coaches, their passion and enthusiasm for teaching and sharing their knowledge with our riders is out of this world. For that we are very grateful!

Last season we managed to hold a Funday and a Showjumping day. These were our main fundraisers for the season, and were very successful, with many kids attending and enjoying fun days out with their ponies.

There has been a-lot of changes over the last few years within Pony Clubs in our area. It is with great excitement we announce that Wainui pony club and Silverdale Pony Club will be merging this coming season onto the existing Silverdale Pony Club grounds on Green rd. So there is very exciting times ahead!

It is with great sadness that our President will be standing down from her role, however, she will still be heavily involved with SPC. We would like to thank her and her family for all the energy and tireless work they have put into growing SPC into the warm family orientated PC it is today- we are very thankful to you!

We are looking forward to a great 2018/2019 season!!

Find us at www.silverdaleponyclub.com fb Silverdale Pony Club or silverdaleponyclub@gmail.com

Silverdale – your local centre

A warm winter's welcome awaits you at Silverdale! We have plenty of businesses you have not yet discovered and lovely eateries to meet friends for a cuppa, just down the road.



Starting in August will be our first Silverdale Buy Local promotion. Spend \$20 at local shops and go into the draw to win as part of a \$1000 prize draw.

Did you miss out? If you were not at the Silverdale Area business networking breakfast in June to hear an amazing speaker, network with local business owners and share some fine food, then you most certainly did!!



Don't forget that membership of the Silverdale Area Business Association [SABA] is only \$115 annually and seriously, you would have paid double that just to hear our guest speaker. Myriam Heymen spoke about managing poor performance. She provided practical advice and answered specific queries for attendees.

As a business owner, we understand that these are the kinds of topics you want to hear about to keep your company growing and out of legal hot water. Planning is already underway for our September meetup so make sure to keep an eye out – home based business owners especially welcome!!

Don't forget that membership of SABA is only \$115 annually. Speak to Phil @phil.rhapsody@gmail.com to learn more.



Have you started following us – **Business Silverdale** – on Facebook. Events, promotions & information about local businesses...

Update from Louise Johnston, Rodney Local Board:

As a local resident and mother of teenage children, I am extremely concerned about the road safety on Dairy Flat Highway (DFH). There have been more than 7 deaths and 29 serious injuries along DFH since 2012. The horrific accident at the intersection of DFH and Coatesville Riverhead Highway (CRH) last week was heartbreaking. This is one of the worst intersections in New Zealand. Auckland Transport (AT) are working on it with a proposed roundabout but construction has been significantly delayed due to geotechnical and land acquisition issues. Temporary safety measures are urgently needed at this intersection and I am hoping that when you read this article they have already been installed.

The following statement has been issued by AT:

Auckland Transport is developing plans to temporarily manage speeds and the intersection operation at the intersection of Dairy Flat Highway and Coatesville Riverhead Highway. These measures will improve safety at the intersection until the new roundabout can be installed in the next financial year. (2018/2019)

The layout and design of the new intersection is currently being finalised and is still on track for construction to start in the summer 2018/19. The temporary measures will be installed in the next few weeks subject to approval and availability of resources.

Just a bit of background on DFH. After legislation changes, AT now have the ability to change speed limits on our roads. I was absolutely furious when I found out that DFH was not included in one of the first roads to be reviewed. Especially given the horrific crash statistics, dangerous intersections and traffic numbers. AT believed that a speed limit reduction would not be supported by commuters. This is completely incorrect and as a result, a community petition with over 1000 signatures was presented to AT's, Chief Operations Officer. The petition requested that AT urgently prioritise the review of the 100 km/hr. speed limit on DFH between Green Road and Kahikatea Flat Road. I was ready to do battle with AT however they completely agreed with the points raised. I have included a copy of AT's response in this newsletter. AT have now started a major safety review of DFH from Pine Valley Road to Steveson's Crescent. They are currently seeking feedback from users of DFH about their safety concerns. We are the experts of our road and it is really important that we provide feedback. This is our opportunity to make DFH safer. AT have the funding for the project. Please do not be put off if you have raised safety concerns previously only to be given a standard response (e.g. crash statistics do not warrant any changes at this time). AT are looking at DFH with fresh eyes and I personally have been impressed to date. You can keep up to date on the project with the below link and provide feedback via email Ben.Levesque@at.govt.nz. You will also be given a further opportunity to comment when the draft review comes out for consultation later in the year.

<https://at.govt.nz/projects-roadworks/dairy-flat-highway-safety-improvements/>

On another note, a very big thank you to residents that submitted on Council's 10-year budget and the Rodney Local Board projects for this coming financial year. You will be happy to know that the planning required for the future park at Green Road or as I like to call it 'The Cornwall Park of North Shore' secured funding for year 2. The planning has been outsourced to Opus. I attended my first meeting with Opus and Council last week. They are currently starting to engage with the local community about their vision for the future park. Council have owned this 154 Hectares of farmland for almost 20 years. It would be great as part of this process we can start using the park for riding, running and walking. It is an absolutely stunning block of land. From the roadside it is flat paddocks but out the back it is rolling hills, established trees and the Rangitopuni stream running through the land even has its own waterfall. Can you please let me know if you would like to be involved in this part of the project? This is very exciting for our area.

Another project that is now on its way, is the plans for Greenways trails for Coatesville and Dairy Flat. Council held a number of drop in sessions in June asking locals where they think the trails should be located. The draft trail network plan for Coatesville and Dairy Flat will come out in July/August and you will have an opportunity to provide feedback on this draft version. The most successful plans are where there has been a lot local input. We know our area better than someone sitting in front of a computer in central Auckland.

Lastly, a Rodney Local Board transport targeted rate of \$150 per year per dwelling or business unit was recently adopted and will be implemented in the next financial year. This targeted rate is to bring forward public transport and footpaths in Rodney which would not otherwise have received funding in the next 10 years. There are very polarized views about this rate. It is not gold plating anything, it will provide very basic

infrastructure such as footpaths outside of schools. I personally had very mixed feelings about this rate but was determined if it was to get the go ahead we needed to get more for our area than what was initially offered on the table.

Please email me if you require further information or would like to get involved with the about projects
louise.johnston@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Dairy Flat Community Hall

AGM

Locals! *Your community hall needs you*

Let's try to keep the Hall owned by you the community

Music Clubs will keep involved

Please join us:

Wednesday 11th July - 8pm in the Hall

HALL HIRE

Please go to our web-site: www.DairyFlatLive.com

LIVE MUSIC (MOST FRIDAYS)

Check our website to see what's on: www.DairyFlatLive.com