

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 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 meeting at the Waste Management Office – 20 May, 26 Aug & 25 Nov 2019.

DAIRY FLAT COMMUNITY TRUST



Current Trustees:

Julie Earwaker *Steven Earwaker*

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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

Community Liaison Chairman's Comment

Dear readers,

Welcome to the second newsletter for 2019. It is hard to believe it is already May but, the weather is reminding us it is so, with cooler daytime temperatures and crisp mornings and evenings.

Nigel Donovan, who used to serve on the Redvale Community Liaison Committee as the Council's representative has resigned from Council and taken up a post in Wellington. I understand that a replacement for him has been identified and we will hopefully get to meet her at our next committee meeting.

Since the last newsletter, things have happened in our neck of the woods ... the main happening is that of the speed limit reducing from 100 km per hour to 80 km per hour over the entire length of Dairy Flat Highway and, the introduction of a 60 km per hour zone in what is now shown as Dairy Flat Village, i.e. the intersection of the highway with Kahikatea Valley road. Late last year, we also saw the introduction of a 60 km per hour zone around the intersection of the highway with the Coatesville/Riverhead highway. It is the belief of Auckland Transport that the speed reductions will reduce the number of fatalities along this part of the roading network and, although early days, it would appear to be working.

Another development in our area has been the Council's consultation with interested parties about the Silverdale West Dairy Flat Industrial Area Structure Plan Two consultation sessions were hosted at the Dairy Flat Hall last month and both were well attended by landowners in the area and many hard questions were asked.

In closing, I reiterate that it is the Redvale Community Liaison Committee's role to be the forum through which the Redvale community which is impacted by the landfill can bring matters to the attention of those who sit on this committee and for it to then look for workable solutions and I urge all readers to please use this forum to achieve the goals as envisioned.

Till the next newsletter

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 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*

Club Physical Director and General Manager Tina was awarded Distinguished Toastmaster on the weekend by International President, Lark Doley from Texas, USA.

Tina has been a tireless proponent of health and exercise for the last 37 years, always ready to make time for members of the club and the Club Physical Team. She continues to lead eleven GROUPX classes each week.

In her 'spare time' Tina has been putting just as much energy into Toastmasters for the last 20 years. Toastmasters is a worldwide organisation helping to build confidence, self-esteem and public speaking ability. Tina recently completed a year as Area Director of five Toastmaster clubs as well as jointly founding a new club at Dairy Flat.

If YOU would like to build your own self-confidence in speaking and communication, and you would like to come along to Toastmasters as a guest, please email paul@clubphysical.co.nz along with the area you live in and whether you prefer evenings or mornings before work.

Dairy Flat Toastmasters meets fortnightly 7.30pm-8.50pm Dairy Flat Hall, beside the Tennis Club (come as a guest)

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Serving is good for your health

If you are already in a job where you get to serve others, this may be of special interest.

Have you ever felt that ‘tingle up your neck’ when you’ve been able to encourage another person, to help them out or to do a good job ‘serving them? It turns out that putting others first is a boost for your own longevity. The same goes for volunteering or even donating to a charity. Yet with charities, the impact on you is far greater if you are able to have some sought of feedback on how your money has been put to use. In fact Professor Stephen Post of the Centre for Bioethics, USA suggests that giving is as important to maintaining health as avoiding smoking.

Famous psychiatrist Karl Menninger was asked, “What would you advise a person who is experiencing depression and unhappiness?” .He replied, “Lock the door behind you. Go across the street. Find somebody who has a need and help them”.

Serving others can be as simple as leaning over to say an **encouraging word** to the person on the cross-trainer beside you in the gym!

If you are interested in knowing more, watch this captivating fifteen minute TED talk by Health psychologist Kelly Mc Gonigal.

https://www.ted.com/talks/kelly_mcgonigal_how_to_make_stress_your_friend?language=en

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Community Newsletter

Term 1, 2019

We have had a great Term One at Greenpark Preschool. The children have come back from their Christmas Holidays ready to play with the friends they made last year. We have had many new families join us, and many more new friendships have been made. We had a special picnic lunch in the forest with our families as a meet and greet. We all sat on picnic blankets and the parents introduce them-selves and their child/children. The children enjoyed having their parents join them for lunch.

We celebrated Chinese New Year with a Dragon dance. The children helped to make the Dragon's head, lion masks, a fireball, and lanterns. They did a wonderful dance for parents to come and watch. The children all wore red t-shirts.

The children have enjoyed watching the caterpillars eat the swan plant leaves, and crawl all over the preschool to look for a safe place to turn into a chrysalis. We watched the caterpillars turn into chrysalis, and later saw them as a beautiful Mon-arch Butterfly. There has been a lot of wonderful caterpillar and butterfly art work created by the children. The children have been using their imagination in their play by pretending to be cats and dogs. There has been a lot of barking and meowing and crawling as the children make food and care for the animals. There has also been a lot of horse riding through the forest. We have been talking about pets, and the children have brought in photos of their pets to show at mat times. We have talked about what their pets like to eat, and where they live. We had a special pet day, and the children brought into preschool a pet, a photo to show, or a toy pet. We also had chickens come to visit and rabbits too. The children enjoyed feeding the rabbits some grass and flowers, and they liked having a cuddle with them.

We had Paula from Vets North talk to us about being a vet. She told us how to look after our pet's teeth, and showed us x-rays of animals with broken bones. Paula brought along a variety of the different tools she uses to take care of animals.

With such wonderful weather this term the children have enjoyed being outside, getting busy in the sandpit making castles, houses for the dinosaurs, and lots of baking including poisonous potions! There has been lots of water play in the trough as well as in the sandpit. The water is being used for baking, cleaning the play-house with brushes, making puddles in the sandpit to jump in, and of course splashing each other. We have been playing lots of games out on the grass, where the children have learned to take turns.

For more information please call Sue on 09 4263342 or visit our website www.greenpark.net.nz

Silverdale Pony Club

We have had yet another fantastic season, the grounds have been fabulous –and the weather has been very kind to us. We are very fortunate with this dry spell to still be riding on the grounds!

We have had a very busy season with the merger of the two Pony Clubs -Wainui and Silverdale, a very successful merger we have increased in size dramatically and we are bigger and even better!

In addition to our weekly rallies, on the 18th November we had our first Funday for the season which is open to all pony club and non-pony club members young and old, having a kindy ring and a masters ring.

On 2nd December, we had our big event this season which was the Waitemata Rodney Pony Club Area teams competition which had 19 teams (4 riders per team) from Warkworth, Waitemata, North Harbour, Kumeu, the newly formed Wainoni and West (Henderson) areas competing. Riders not in teams could also compete at individual level. This was a great event and we had such amazing feedback on the grounds and how amazing the event was.

Over the Christmas break we held some additional training sessions on our grounds dressage, show jumping and cross country clinics which have been open to riders of all levels.

We had a very successful Show-jumping day Jan 27th- in which some classes had 60 riders!! Our weekly rallies finished with the end of daylight savingsWhich also concluded our very successful riders without horses which encourages children in the area who do not have horses to come along and learn about looking after ponies, and all it involves. This is always a great bunch of kids learning and interacting with our riders!

Next season we are looking forward to celebrating Silverdale Pony Clubs 50th year in November at our Funday... and have lots of plans in the pipeline

We have our AGM and prize giving May 14th which is always a fantastic time to celebrate all that has been achieved over the year.

Update from Louise Johnston, Rodney Local Board:

The last couple of months continue to be a busy time for Dairy Flat. This newsletter is a great opportunity to update the community on key Council projects that effect Dairy Flat. Please see the below summary.

Draft Structure Plan for the Silverdale West/Dairy Flat Business area

Public feedback on the draft structure plan for the Silverdale West/Dairy Flat business area closed at the end of April. Council received approximately 200 submissions on this plan. The draft plan proposes to the zone over 600 Hectares of future urban business land in Dairy Flat as an industrial estate made up of Heavy and Light industry. With the development being staged from 2022 to 2048. I have a couple of concerns about this plan. Firstly, I am concerned that for stage 1 (2022 -2038) there will be no real investment in public transport or other major transport infrastructure projects (i.e. Wilks road interchange) It is already chaos around the Silverdale roundabout at peak times and the Milldale development (4500 dwellings) has only just started. Secondly I am concerned with the development being phased out to 2048. I am unsure how Council can predict what the business needs will be for Auckland in 30 years. I am concerned what holding off development does for communities in the interim. This industrial zone is supposed to provide local jobs for local people. Many residents have suggested a business Hub would be better alternative.

Once the final structure plan is adopted by Council, Council will start the statutory process to update the unitary plan and effectively 'live zone' the area. Residents will have the opportunity to make submissions at this time to the independent hearing commissioners and there will be the opportunity to appeal any decision made at the Environment Court.

For residents that live in the future urban residential zone, council planners have said that at this stage it is still scheduled to be development ready for 2033-37.

Auckland Transport issues

A big thank you to everybody in Dairy Flat that provided feedback to Auckland Transport (AT) on the speed limit review. There were a number of roads in Dairy Flat included in this review (e.g. Kahikatea Flat Road, Green Road and Horseshoe Bush) AT received over 11,000 submissions. Within the community there were very mixed views about reducing some of the speed limits such as Coatesville Riverhead Highway so it will be interesting to see what roads are included in the final list to be reduced.

For the roundabout at the intersection of Coatesville Riverhead and Dairy Flat Highway, tenders for the construction closed at the end of April. AT will be awarding the contract this month and construction is due to start this earthworks season. Completion of the roundabout is scheduled for the end of this year/start of next year. However, seeing is believing so I am looking forward to seeing the digger on site.

Also please note that the recent re-seal of Dairy Flat Highway at the intersection of Kahikatea Flat Road does not include the new upgraded intersection layout. This is still in the detailed design stage which is due to be finalized at the end of this month. Construction dates are still to be confirmed.

On a final note, if you not happy with the state of your road or think that road safety could be improved. Please make sure you log it with AT (details below) we are the experts of our roads and if we don't complain then AT won't know.

<https://at.govt.nz/about-us/contact-us/report-a-problem/>

For health & safety issues call 09 355 3553

New Park at Green Road and Greenways plan for Dairy Flat

For the Cornwall park of the North Shore, that is 154 Hectares of Farmland at Green road, Council Park staff are still working on the proposed open space concept plan for the new park. This plan will outline where the different activities will be located. It is so important that we get this plan right. Council no longer have the money to purchase large land holdings like this and it is an amazing opportunity to create a legacy for Auckland. In twenty years' time it will no longer be surrounded by paddocks but dense housing. I have always said it is trees and landscape that make a park, a GREAT park. So in the short term we need to declare the park a reserve under the Reserves Act, start the planting, establish the pathways, put in a gravel car park and open it to the public, this will be fantastic amenity for everybody to enjoy now. So hopefully the proposed plan will come out for public feedback in August.

The Greenways plan for our area have not been finalized as pathways in the proposed industrial estate of Dairy Flat are now been incorporated. This should be finalized in the upcoming months.

If you have any questions or issues on the above, please contact me at louise.johnston@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or mobile 021 729 739

Dairy Flat School

Last term we hosted a hugely successful "High Tea and Fashion in the Field" event which raised money to help upgrade our hall facilities. Thanks to the hard work of the PTA and a generous donation from the Dairy Flat Community Trust we now have a high grade kitchen as part of our community hall/gym facility. Many thanks.

Last term we had a strong focus on RESPECT and this term our focus is on RESPONSIBILITY. We are actively teaching our students about how to act respectfully and responsibly and we can see students improved behaviour through these focuses. This term students are also learning about perspective in the arts, mathematics, literacy and healthy relationships. Seeing things from others or a different point of view is an important skill for our students to understand in this increasingly complex world.

Winter sports has kicked off and students and parents are enjoying the mild weather while it lasts. We are fortunate at this school that we have many supportive parents who put up their hands for managing and coaching teams. A huge thanks to them.

In the last few weeks students have been visiting the art gallery and Corban's Art Centre to learn more about perspective in the arts. It is wonderful to have these facilities for learning in our community. The junior students have also been learning about road safety and safety on their bikes and scooters.

There is always fun learning opportunities at Dairy Flat School.

Towards the end of this term we will be reporting to parents on a new updated reporting format and look forward to seeing all our families at our sharing the learning conferences.

Ka kite anō au i a koe.

Debbie Marshall

Principal