

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 meetings at the Waste Management Office – 17 May, 16 Aug, and 15 Nov 2021.

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

A comment from the Dairy Flat Community Liaison Chairman

Dear readers,

This is the second quarterly newsletter of the year and I write this in the first week of May 2021. I mentioned in the previous newsletter that I don't have a crystal ball but we can be sure that COVID is still going to be around for the rest of this year and perhaps for a few years to come, especially as we now know that it has the ability to mutate. Even though we have had two lockdowns affecting the greater Auckland in particular, as a country we have once again worked together to contain the spread. As such, we are lucky to be one of the few countries in the world where we have had the ability to watch and enjoy a thrilling America's Cup event live. Once again Team New Zealand were the victors in the esteemed Cup race. On a sombre note, in this past quarter we marked the passing of Prince Phillip. He was involved in many charities, including numerous environmental charities, such as the WWF, as well as youth-related groups, including The Duke of Edinburgh Trust.

In this past fortnight, we opened up a travel bubble with Australia which is allowing loved ones to reunite and hopefully, boosting the tourism-related economy on both sides of the Ditch. So that we can continue to enjoy the freedoms of Level 1, please continue to hand wash, scan or sign into businesses you visit and be considerate to all.

On the landfill aspect, it is business as usual with Waste Management 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. I said it was "business as usual" but should mention that the quarterly Community Liaison Committee (CLC) had to be postponed twice due to Covid-related lockdowns. We have considered conducting such meeting online via Zoom or similar but the preference is to host face to face meetings if possible. The most recent meeting had a number of Richards Road residents also in attendance and they also participated in the discussions around Stockpile 4 and the new leachate evaporator.

On the local front, Dairy Flat Primary School is still waiting for Auckland Transport to enhance the safety issues around the drop off and pickup of children and residents of Blackbridge Road are also waiting on Auckland Transport to install a safety system either side of the one-way bridge. I have also noticed tar seal deteriorating on numerous roads in our area and suspect that Auckland Transport will also be attending to these issues, too.

Till next time

Warwick Hojem

Dairy Flat Community Hall

Contact details: Please E-mail 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

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 18th and 21st birthday parties in the Hall.

Dairy Flat Primary School

The PTA hosted a fundraising High Tea on Saturday 10th April at the Dairy Flat School hall. It was a great success. Thank you to all the people who supported this event. A special thank you to Sarah Richardson and her PTA team for all their hard work. Thankyou also to our MC, Monique Bradley, Chef Kevin Blakeman, and sponsors Debs Wallace (Harcourts) and Neville Brothers. The fashion from Siren Boutique was a highlight.

Term 2 is going to be a very busy term. Everyone from our school is visiting and becoming part of the Te Herenga Waka marae community. We are being welcomed on to the marae in the second two weeks of the term. We are interested in collecting stories from our community about our history and hope students can engage with their families to gather these stories.

In the second part of the term we will host an art facilitator and work with her to create a mindfulness garden between the toilet block and the new concrete path. This will include a mosaic couch, a kuwaha featuring native birds, insects and animals, a taniwha gallery and sculptured Moa birds. Teams will work with the art facilitator and their creative's garden lead teacher to complete works of art for the garden

A school percussion group will be performing at the Bruce Mason Centre on June 16 and the school has the opportunity to showcase artwork from the 14 June until July at the Bruce Mason Centre.

We are looking forward to a busy term with lots of opportunity for rich learning.

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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) for more information, for testimonials, live streamed videos etc.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Please email us on feelingfab2010@gmail.com, or PM us via our Facebook page



*Kind Regards,
Elizabeth York,
Founder,
Feeling Fab Charitable Trust*

Avoid going through life with your music still in you

One of the biggest fears I had in life was in being asked to voice my opinion to an audience or a group. Yet in this 'fear' I now understand that I had plenty of company. I've since heard that hundreds of millions of people fear speaking in public more than they do death itself. Irrational as it appears, it's reality to many. How about YOU?

I had an even bigger fear. That is, like you, I have many thoughts, feelings, opinions and words of encouragement for others. My fear was that I could very easily hide behind pillars and avoid speaking for the rest of my life, never sharing, never communicating. It would be like a great composer having a symphony in his head that no-one ever got to hear. How desperately sad that would be.

Don't go through life with your 'music' still in you. Others need to hear what you've learned through your experiences and the advice you have to share.

This is YOUR opportunity.

Come along to **DAIRY FLAT TOASTMASTERS**. You'll laugh, cry, empathise, learn and be stimulated by what you hear. And you'll gain the priceless value of self-confidence when speaking in public.

DAIRY FLAT TOASTMASTERS meets fortnightly, 7.30pm, Tuesday nights in Dairy Flat Hall. Guests welcome.

Call or text Paul at 027 291 7989



Update from Louise Johnston, Rodney Local Board.

Once again it is hard to believe that we are now in May. It is been an amazing summer and autumn is proving to be just as good.

Below are a couple of updates for our area:

North Shore Aero Club (Dairy Flat) application to become an Airport Authority:

- The Ministry of Transport are now expecting to have a decision on this application at the end of May.

Green Road

- Since the adoption of the master plan, Council are carrying out a number of reports required for the opening up of the 154-hectare park. These include a trees assessment, contamination and landscape reports, an in-depth survey of the park. It may appear that we are not doing anything but this most likely will be the largest non-regional park that Auckland will develop this century and we need to make sure all the planning is in place.

Transport:

- The new slip lane from the motorway into Dairy Flat Highway has now opened. Even with this new lane, congestion at the Silverdale roundabout will remain a major problem and needs to be addressed.
- The new entrance at Argent Lane into Milldale will open next month. This entrance is via temporary roundabout at Pine Valley Road and will get extremely busy. There are already 1000 homes in Milldale and there is the basic infrastructure for 8000 more in Milldale and the surrounding future urban area. We have never experienced growth like this in Dairy Flat. Unfortunately, even though Council have declared a climate change emergency there is no provision for public transport to Milldale and this is an unfunded item on Auckland Transport 's (AT) draft 10-year budget. This is not good news for our carbon emissions especially as the Silverdale Park n Ride is at capacity, there is no safe cycling for residents in Milldale and local employment options are very limited in the area.
- Another issue with AT's draft 10-year budget, is that the 'ring fenced' funding has been cut for the 4-laneing of Dairy Flat Highway from Stevenson's Cres to Gills Road. This project would have eased the bottleneck at the bottom of Albany Hill. It is very difficult to understand why this project has lost its funding given all the growth in our area. A big thank you to everybody that provided submissions on this and fingers crossed that AT listen to all the public feedback and do some major reallocations of the budget

Request for better broadband infrastructure

- At the end of March in my capacity as a local resident, I flew down to Wellington to present our petition to Parliament requesting that our failing internet infrastructure be upgraded. We had fantastic support from our local MPs, Mark Mitchell, Chris Penk and Marja Lubeck. We are still awaiting a formal response from the select committee, but it was suggested that there is an enquiry into why areas such as Dairy Flat missed out on the rollout of ultra-fast broadband. For our community, the best result would be if the Government allocating funding to roll out fibre in area from the \$60 million set aside for improving broadband in the rural blackspots.
- We need to keep the pressure on so please make sure you keep complaining when your internet is not working properly. Contact your internet provider, Chorus, Crown Infrastructure partners, your local MP and the Minister of Communications (email addresses are below). Often people vent on social media but don't log a complaint with the organizations that can make a difference and it is the squeaky wheel that gets action.

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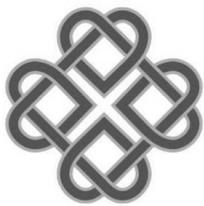
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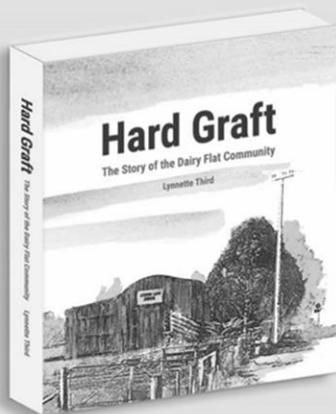
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