

DAIRY FLAT NEWSLETTER

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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 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
Our next scheduled meetings at the Waste Management Office – 6 December 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 final newsletter of the year and I write this in the latter part of October 2021, with Covid numbers on the rise, hitting new triple digit figures twice this week (129 cases recorded today).

Auckland has been in Lockdown Level 4 (and more recently, Level 3) since midnight on 17 August, meaning we have been at a high level of lockdown for over two months, affecting many businesses extremely badly. Nick Hill of Auckland Unlimited estimates Auckland businesses have lost over \$5 billion over the past two months.

That said, it is still 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. During Level 4, due to little or no construction taking place, less fill was taken in and at Level 3, construction is again taking place and waste volumes have increased again.

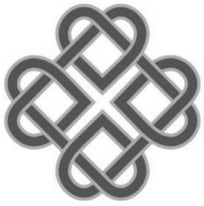
Every quarter, the complaints register is tabled at the quarterly CLC meeting and actions taken by Waste Management and/or Auckland Council Compliance are discussed. Currently, there are discussions on the table around Stockpile 4, the new leachate evaporator (Benevap) and the bypass road, to name a few agenda items.

The next CLC meeting is scheduled for mid-November, but, if we are still in a heightened alert Level, 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.

On the local front, the road safety issues around the drop off and pickup of children at Dairy Flat Primary School are being implemented at present. This includes moving the bus stop outside the school about 20 metres to the south of the school, freeing up parking spaces where the public busses would normally stop and concreting pathways to accommodate pedestrian movement between parked cars and the school. There will also be a zebra crossing within the school parking area.

Stay safe

Warwick Hojem



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Weddings cost a fortune but if you want something affordable – would you consider the North Harbour Sports and Country Club with Catering by De Hot Bar and Grill – right here in your back yard?

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 mobile 0272 698 025.

Let's catch up and see if we can work together - no obligation, no charge to have a chat.

Silverdale Pony Club

This has certainly been a winter that our members would much rather forget! Horses that would have normally been kept fit over winter were given a holiday, as strict lockdown rules made riding too difficult for many Silverdale riders. All winter competitions were cancelled, no coaching could be carried out, beaches and forests closed and arenas were shut. A gradual easing of restrictions meant riders were able to get back in the saddle again and were allowed to venture out into their local area.

Unfortunately it wasn't just lockdown that made this winter memorable. Our grounds in Green Road have received huge levels of rainfall during October and even November. We are waiting in anticipation for the grounds to be opened again but the non-stop rain means this is unlikely until sometime in mid-November.

On the upside, we were able to conduct online meets in September and have welcomed new members into the club. We have been able to use an offsite all-weather arena to hold mounted rallies since October. These have been run in small groups with socially distanced coaching. The riders have been so happy to be back doing what they love in the company of their friends.

It appears that ponies don't always understand the meaning of social distancing - some of our young riders ponies were seen letting out happy neighs and engaging in some serious mutual grooming when reunited with their equine friends from last season. It seems it has been a very long winter for everyone!

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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*

Dairy Flat Primary School

Kia ora

My name is Katie Hills, originally from the Netherlands immigrated to Aotearoa with my whanau when I was 13 and have lived in and around Albany ever since.

I was only three weeks into the role of principal when Covid came into the community and we were back in Level 4 lockdown. I've been a Principal in lockdown since then which has been challenging because relationships are so important in any community and all of that has been put on hold, or on Zoom, which is tricky for all of us.

Students are learning from home with a small handful of students needing to come to school due to their caregivers being essential workers. School last term and this term are very different.

Agricultural day was cancelled, the first time since 1938. This year, students are providing videos of their animals or creations to be put into a special '2021 COVID ag day video'. I was very much looking forward to participating in Ag day. Fingers crossed for next year and going back to a new normal.

I am a teacher with more than 25 years' experience and was the former Deputy Principal of Torbay School for many years. It feels like coming home as I was a teacher here around 20 years ago and my two oldest children went to Dairy Flat School. I am passionate about developing lifelong learners. I believe a combination of technology and the environment/learning outside the classroom is critical to preparing children to be global citizens and ready for anything.

I am looking forward to all the students returning to school, getting to know them and their whanau hopefully before the end of the year.



My first day at Dairy Flat School with 5 new students.

Tēnā tātou katoa

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

I whānau mai au i te taha o te awa of Krommenie

He uri ahau no Hōrana

Kei te noho au kei Tamaki Makaurau

Ko Ursem te iwi

Ko Katie Toku ingoa

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa

Louise Johnston: Rodney Local Board (Dairy Flat Subdivision)

It has been three months since my last update in this newsletter. In mid-August, I don't think any of us would have imagined that we would still be in lockdown in November. This has been hard on everybody. As Auckland slowly reopens, I think we are all looking forward to some good summer weather.

Below are a couple of updates for our area.

Covid 19 update:

Our vaccination rates for Dairy Flat as of the 3rd of November are as follows:

Dairy Flat South: 1st Dose 89.4 % and 2nd Dose 79.6%

Dairy Flat North: 1st Dose 87.5 % and 2nd Dose 74.4 %

Dairy Flat West: 1st Dose 89.2 and 2nd Dose 76.9%

Under the new alert level 3.2 only limited Council facilities will open. For a full list of facilities please check the Council website that will be regularly updated. Around Dairy Flat, the Orewa Library will re-open, but the Albany Library will only be available for the click and collect service. The Albany pool and leisure Centre will remain closed. Council at this stage are unable to give details of when these leisure facilities will reopen and under what level.

Transport:

The construction of the new footpath and safety improvements at Dairy Flat school are well under way and had we not been in lockdown, this would have been very disruptive for the school. This safety initiative has been funded by the Rodney Local Board transport targeted rate.

In Coatesville, the targeted rate funded a new 7 day a week, hourly bus service from Westgate to Albany which has been very successful, and the funding of this service is now going to be taken over by Auckland Transport (AT). For Dairy Flat, the bus service along the highway does not operate in the weekend and during the week this is only a hourly service at peak time. I would be interested in hearing from residents if they would use the service more if its frequency increased and operated in the weekend.

AT are currently investigating the next tranche of speed limit reviews and this includes a number of roads in Dairy Flat. Any proposed changes will come out for public consultation in early 2022. Can you please let me know if the speed limit on your road needs to be reviewed and I can follow up with AT.

Airport:

The Ministry of Transport have now provided the advice on the North Shore Aero Club's application to become an Airport Authority to the Minister of Transport. The Airport Authority status is granted via an order in Council and it is a cabinet decision. Personally, I think Auckland Council should have provided feedback on this application, as the location for an additional regional airport in Auckland should be part of the strategic planning of the city.

Request for better broadband infrastructure:

Following the presentation of our petition to the Parliamentary Select Committee for improved internet service in the Dairy Flat subdivision, I have not received a formal response back from the Economic Development, Science and Innovation Select Committee which is very disappointing. So please keep complaining when your internet is not working. However, there have been a number of posts on the local Facebook pages from residents who have recently installed the satellite broadband service, Starlink in Dairy Flat and have had a dramatically improved service.

Berms:

As we have been spending more time locally you may have admired your neighbours berms more now than ever. Below is a summary from an article I wrote for the local Coatesville Chronicle about the berms.

Property owners don't own the berm, but they are responsible for the regular mowing of the berm. On our rural roads Council do mow the berms two meters from the roadside and three meters up banks but they do this for road safety not aesthetics. This work is carried out to maintain sightlines on our roads and prevent roadside drains becoming blocked. These mows are carried out 5 times a year. The contractors are told to avoid berms that are well maintained by landowners. Council contractors also spray weeds on the shoulders of the road. If you don't want your berm sprayed, you need to complete the Council no spray register and you will be responsible for removing pest plants outside of your berm.

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/environment/plants-animals/pests-weeds/Pages/no-spray-register.aspx>

This year there have been a number of newspaper articles in the last six months where AT have asked landowners in the urban areas to remove plantings/gardens on berms. While private plantings on berms are not permitted by AT, they are proposing to allow planting that follows a number of guidelines, such as low-level planting that is well maintained, weed free and in keeping with the existing streetscape and amenity values in the area. Fruit trees and vegetables will not be permitted, and neither will the use of agrichemicals such as herbicides or pesticides under this proposal.

AT don't actively monitor berms for plantings but do respond to complaints about planting on berms causing traffic safety issues. On our rural roads there are established trees and hedges across berms throughout Rodney and can be costly to remove or maintain. If these are causing a traffic safety issue, the question of 'who pays' for the cost of removing them is still up for debate but I would contact AT in the first instance.

Lastly, as we are out and about in Dairy Flat more than ever can you please let me know of suggestions of how we can improve the area? We have a limited budget for traffic safety and town center improvements, and I really do believe that Dairy Flat needs a little bit of a 'spruce up'.

Please get in touch via email if you have any questions or issues.

Louise.Johnston@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

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Working as a TEAM during lockdown

Tina, General Manager of **Club Physical** shared in her speech this week to **DAIRY FLAT TOASTMASTERS** how she planned to survive and thrive following the instant closure of her business. "It was mid-August 2021 and with only **five hours' notice**, I had to close three large health clubs, support over 50 staff and comfort and communicate with several thousand members and partners. With seven in 'our bubble' at home (all instructors/teachers/athletes) we held an energised family meeting that night.

As a business, regardless of being closed, we would remain responsible for approx. \$25,000 a week rent and Opex regardless, along with bank interest and many other payments totalling around **\$40,000 a week**. During last year's lockdown we froze all memberships, and with ZERO income had to sell a house to keep the companies afloat. This time round our family debated whether to ask loyal members if they would be willing to continue to support the clubs.

Within hours we had organised fourteen weekly 'at home' ZOOM exercise classes including **FLEX, PILATES, X45, CORE and BARRE**. Half of the instructors were our own family, which quickly led to us setting up 2-3 studios in our own home. Two of the family were also teaching dance students full-time and on-line for both Rangitoto and Manurewa Colleges. Our home became a hive of activity. The FLEX classes required hand-weights which quickly resulted in the alternatives being full wine bottles or Baked Bean cans.

We printed a full client call list of ALL of our paying members and divided them up between our Team, in proportion to the hours they normally work. Because several didn't have printers, I drove to each address for a contactless delivery. Later, as a group on ZOOM we discussed the best way to approach these '**WELLNESS CALLS**'.

These calls became more vital as a **support mechanism** as we read about the huge toll the 'Government's lockdown' was having on the **stress and anxiety** of our members, and the community at large. Some of the team who weren't accustomed to calling people needed extra assurance and coaching.

Our Prime Minister decided that Monday's at 4pm was a good time to make crucial announcements about our future. So as not to leave our team hanging, and to provide immediate direction and stability, we set up a weekly Tuesday 8am ZOOM meeting for the entire team. This has been a valuable method to keep close to one another. After a couple of Tuesdays we began inviting key **experts from our WELLNESS TEAM** to educate the wider team on a variety of subjects. These have become a highlight of the meetings who have learned about the 'Immune system', Eating and emotions, the care of feet (many of which have been doing much more walking), motivational attitude and many more subjects.

After over two months with our clubs closed (and a total of nearly six months of the last 18 months closed) the Government announced that we could have groups of TEN outdoors. Our Team, once again, immediately sprang into action and within hours we had set up over 20 outdoor classes in addition to the 14 ZOOM classes. 35 weekly classes included complimentary for the remaining members still supporting us.

The desire to create outdoor classes led to the unrecognised opportunity with our ability to run **outdoor classes around our large swimming pool** at the Te Atatu Club. And at Birkenhead, we suddenly realised that we did have massive outdoor balconies **overlooking the local community and the harbour**. At Whangaparaoa, we have begun taking classes in the '**town square**' – directly outside the club.

It's nearly Guy Fawkes Day. We remain closed and at the mercy of the Governments decisions to keep us that way with no clearly identified opening date announced. We have been told that we cannot open until the remaining 10% of the slow-moving population, get vaccinated. Effectively, we are at their mercy, most of whom *do not want to get vaccinated*. Their apathy is costing the balance of people and business owners millions of dollars, and in some cases, their livelihoods. It's creating tension and division in society. Yet, we wait.

As a Team we remain extremely positive. Leading the remaining supportive members with all of the energy we have. We love this business and seize the 'challenges ahead' with full excitement and motivation. We're maximising the opportunities are we're ready to discover and to realise the ideas and innovations to come.

Bring it on!"

Tina Richards

General Manager of Club Physical and Founder of Dairy Flat Toastmasters

If YOU would love to become a better and more confident communicator, TEXT Tina at 027 291 8027 to attend the next Dairy Flat meeting. We'll meet on ZOOM during Lockdowns, otherwise now known by us as 'Happy Home Stay'!



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.

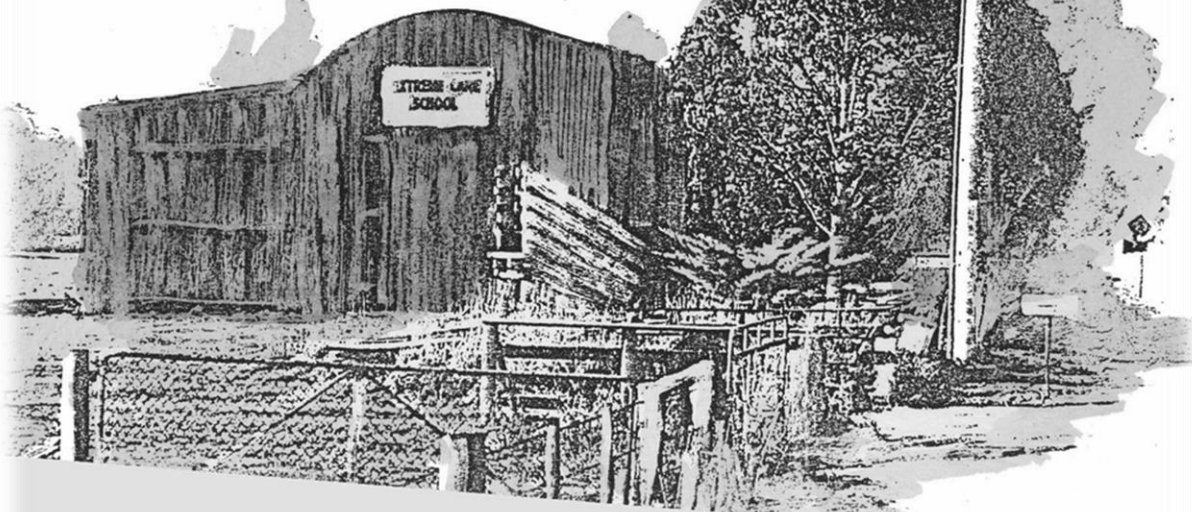
Check out what's on: www.DFlat.info

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

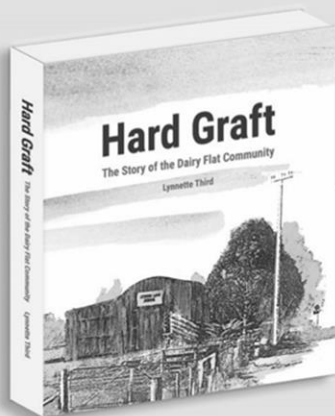
Hall is available for Parties on Saturday nights. Sorry we don't support 18th and 21st birthday parties in the Hall.

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