

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 – 18 Feb, 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



Redvale Landfill

Hi from the team at Waste Management,

To introduce myself I'm Blair Macfarlane, the new Regional Manager for Redvale Landfill and Energy Park. I've been with the team here at Redvale for nearly two months now. I'm enjoying getting to grips with the technicalities of the Waste Management sector, my previous management and civil construction experience has been with Downer and most recently with Allied Concrete in Wellington, Auckland and Northland. I'm very impressed with our site here, it is far away from my memories of the sights and smells of a 1980's tip that I used to visit with my Dad once a month as a kid. We've come a long way.

The Redvale operation is busy at the moment. November was a record month here with over 90,000 tonnes of general waste and soils coming to site. Our Construction team have been hard at work readying our new cell and tip pad as the first part of the current cell 19b nears capacity into the third week of December.

Regional projects are still contributing a high volume of soils into our site, including the Puhoi to Warkworth, Northern Corridor, City Rail Link, Milford Marina dredging, and multiple housing developments around the North Shore/Albany/Millwater area.

Our Redvale Energy Park has also seen a lot of activity in the past two months. Mid November we achieved the commissioning of our latest Gas Generators G13 and G14. These will take our energy generation capacity to that sufficient to power 14,000 homes on the local grid. I personally find this aspect of our operation amazing, in that we are drawing 36 million cubic metres of the 'greenhouse gas' methane out of the landfill each year and turn that into clean green energy, rather than letting it contribute to climate change. Awesome.

We still have several vacancies in our Operations, Gas Technical, Mechanical and Site Maintenance teams here on site, so if you or anyone you know would like to consider joining us, feel free to drop by or phone Stephanie at Reception, 09 427 0600.

If you have any concerns/comments please feel free to complete a feedback form – you can find this on our website: <https://orders.wastemanagement.co.nz/webform/redvale-issue>

Kind Regards and have a great holiday season.

Blair Macfarlane
Regional Manager Redvale



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*

Dairy Flat Vet Hospital

Make this Christmas a merry one for you and your animals – both large and small!

You'll be more relaxed on your holiday if you take a few simple steps to ensure your animals will be enjoying the summer weather too. Before going away check around your property and fix any fences that need patching or gates that require a quick re-enforcement. Dogs are great escape artists so find ways of keeping them contained on your property if leaving them at home...you won't want the neighbour complaining that they've worried their stock.

Ask someone to check on your animals daily or even better, get a house sitter. Animals can get up to all sorts of mischief so keeping tabs on them can mean problems can be sorted quickly with the least amount of fuss. This could also allow you to leave your cats and dogs at home in comfort.

Watch out for stray chocolate or Christmas off-cuts such as ham or onions. All of these will make dogs sick and need veterinary attention.

We all like to have a cold drink to cool off so check your water levels in the paddocks. Don't have a trough? Farm suppliers have troughs that can be installed that will self-regulate the water level, so no more getting out the hose every day to fill buckets for thirsty animals.

How much grass do you have? Sheep need a minimum of 5cm of grass height to take in enough food during the day – this is just above the red band on RedBand gumboots. Cattle need 10cm to be able to wrap their tongue around the grass and pull it up. Stock up on hay or pellets to feed out if there is a drought.

Is there shade around? Remember that animals get just as hot as we do and a shaded area reduces stress on scorching days. Even a tarpaulin sheltering a corner can be helpful. Think about planting trees in autumn if you find your animals seeking shelter from fence lines or shrubs.

Lots of chooks? Find yourself a chook feeder. Chickens learn to use these very quickly and if you get a feeder large enough it will last your chooks a few days before they'll need a refill.

We hate being bothered by flies and it's no different for our animals. Book your shearer if needed and apply fly repellent to your animals once shorn or before leaving home.

With a bit of attention here and there your animals will enjoy the silly season just as much as we do.
Merry Christmas from Dairy Flat Vets

Silverdale Squash Club

If it ever stops raining it will soon be summer at Silverdale squash club! This is the best time to keep playing squash and get much more fit than those other people playing cricket plus you can wear any colour you like – not just white!

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 😊

Our summer tournament is 7 – 9 December if you would like to take part or just come along and watch some squash.

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 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

Dairy Flat Toastmasters is on the map. Finally, Dairy Flat has now competed against four other local clubs for the first time. We have two 'runners-up'.



Pictured on left are the humorous speech place-getters; Josh Gross (runner-up), Simon Franks (First place) and James Isaacs (3rd place)



For the Table Topics Contest - photo on right; from left are the Contest Chair - Catherine, then Courtney Davies (runner-up) Murray Chapman (1st place) and Hamish Turnbull (3rd)

If YOU would like to come along to the next meeting at Dairy Flat Hall, alternate Tuesdays 7.30PM

.....a wonderful head-start to your New Year's goals building greater confidence in speaking
Call Paul 027 291 7989

You might not be able to direct the wind but you can set the sails

Often in life you find yourself looking at the other guy with envy. 'Wow, he (or she) has it all together. I wish I had the life that they have'. Yet, what you don't realise is that every single one of us is fighting a battle of some kind. No, you might not be as comfortable if you were in their skin. Twin brothers were interviewed in their mid-30's in USA. When they were young their parents had died in a catastrophic situation. One of the brothers gave the reason for his subsequently spending a major chunk of his life in jail as "Well you could hardly expect me to turn out any other way with what happened in my past". His brother, who became a highly successful businessman and entrepreneur gave exactly the same reason for his success. Same circumstances. Different attitude.

That mountain in front of you might seem like an enormous barrier. Instead you can get excited by it and see it as a 'challenge' to **overcome**. You can enter your work-place tomorrow with your head down, not smiling until you have a coffee, or you can stride in, **expecting** to have an effective and satisfying day, and pass your smile on to others.

Often the situations we come across daily can seem like stormy seas - and you might feel that you have no control. But remember, *you might not be able to direct the wind but you can set the sails*. Decide to have a great day TODAY.

Paul Richards
Dairy Flat Toastmasters
Club Physical Group
Local 'lifestyler'



Free range vs battery hen eggs

Last week we saved ten little 18 month old battery-chooks from certain death to KFC. Rest assured, they will be loved whether laying or not. These hens didn't know what it was like to be outside in the wind, to feel the sun, to scratch in the dirt for worms or what it was like to eat real food and salad scraps. They're going to be 'transformed' within 12 weeks! The good news is that they are already laying!

You can quickly see if you have cooked a real free range egg by the rich, bright yellow, almost orange yolk. On average, free range eggs have twice as much omega-3 fatty acids, three times more vitamin E, up to six times more vitamin D, higher in B-group vitamins and are rich in two powerful antioxidants, lutein and zeaxanthin - important for eye health. Having chooks is a WIN-WIN situation. Do you have hens? Send your pic and feedback paul@clubphysical.co.nz

Tina Richards
President of Dairy Flat Toastmasters
General Manager of Club Physical



Update from Louise Johnston: Rodney Local Board

Last month it was great to see Auckland Transport (AT) finally announce the Dairy Flat Highway (DFH) Safety improvements including the new roundabout and other intersection upgrades. Given that there have been nine deaths and 55 serious injuries between 2008 and 2017 along DFH these changes are long overdue. I just really hope that AT do not have any further delays and are able to meet the proposed start dates for these projects. The roundabout at intersection of DFH and Coatesville Riverhead Highway is now scheduled to start construction in March 2019 and the speed limit reduction of DFH is scheduled for this month.

Please see below map for an overview of the DFH safety improvements. For more detail please go to <https://at.govt.nz/projects-roadworks/dairy-flat-highway-safety-improvements/>.



As you may have read in the news, AT are reviewing the speed limits across Auckland via a review of the speed limit bylaws. This review was supposed to come out for public consultation this month but it has been delayed by the AT board. There is a strong opposition in Central Auckland to speed limits being reduced but in Rodney we don't have the luxury of footpaths, street lights, we have 80 km/hr. to 100km/hr. speed limits and the geometry of some of our roads makes these speeds simply unsafe. I was pleasantly surprised about the number of roads in Coatesville and Dairy Flat included in this review. I just hope this project is not further delayed because of opposition in Central Auckland. The new date for public consultation is now Feb – Mar 2019.

Many residents provided feedback at the start of the year on the background report for the new business area in Silverdale and Dairy Flat. Following on from this, a draft structure plan for this area is due out for public consultation in early 2019. This plan will include the proposed land use, transport, water, wastewater and storm water infrastructure requirements, a staging plan, and the infrastructure costs, along with other information. Council will be holding consultation events early in 2019 to help inform you about the structure plan. I think it is very important that local residents provide feedback on this draft structure plan to ensure that the new area is desirable to live next door to. If you have any questions on the process please email silverdaledairyflat@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

The planning of the future 154 Hectare park at Green Road is progressing well. Council will formally present to the Local Board the needs assessment next week which will be sent out to everyone that provided feedback online. This report will identify the type of activities that will be included in the new park. The next step is for council to complete an Open Space Management plan which will identify where the activities will go and the layout etc. A big thank you to everybody that provided feedback. There are some clear themes coming through including the need to maintain the rural nature of the park similar to Cornwall Park in Auckland and Richmond Park in London.

Lastly, the new urban development at Milldale, Wainui has been accelerated (9000 houses). This is a result of a new partnership between Crown Infrastructure partners, Council and Fulton Hogan. My concern with this accelerated growth is that there are no firm plans for public transport for this area. There is already a shortage of carparks at the Silverdale Park N Ride and there are no significant plans in the next 10 years for more spaces. AT have said that they will provide feeder buses but could not say when these would be provided and the frequency. Would it be after the first 1000 houses or more? I think it naive to assume that residents of the new Milldale development will work locally especially given that the new business area in Dairy Flat is still a long way off. So while the Government and Council have ticked a box to provide more houses we will all feel the effects with more cars on the road.

After a busy year I am sure everybody is looking forward to a relaxing break. Please have a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday.

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Dairy Flat Community Hall or DFlat Auckland Live **Music Venue**

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Hi Locals,

You have a Community Hall that is owned by the community, so that is you. The Hall is available for community use 7 days a week. Community use is very low at the moment, if you have an idea for a club or a regular activity, please contact us.

Every Friday we have live music in the Hall, people from all over Auckland coming to Dairy Flat for the best Live Music in Auckland.

Yoga and Toastmasters are also in the Hall.

For Hall bookings please send us an E-Mail.

Your Hall Committee at the moment are members of the Friday Music Clubs. If you want to become involved please pop in on a Friday Night and enjoy some good live music.

Dairy Flat School

Our 2018 year has drawn to a close. There have been many highlights and wonderful success throughout the year. Students have participated in outdoor education opportunities at camp, sailing and a number of sports. Our students often do very well in club competitions and zone days despite being one of the smaller schools on the coast.

Our Arts assembly recently featured a dance group, drum and guitar performances as well as a rock band! We have also enjoyed keyboard, flute, saxophone and ukulele performances. The Zany Zoo production was a great success. Every child at school was part of this performance.

Our Ag Day event raised \$22k - a fantastic effort! Many thanks for all the support we received from our Dairy Flat Community.

We received a very positive ERO review this year and I will end this piece with a quote from our report.

"The school is successful in promoting equitable and excellent outcomes for students. School achievement information from the past three years shows that most students achieve at or above curriculum expectations in reading, writing and mathematics."

We wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and fantastic new year.