

DAIRY FLAT NEWSLETTER

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DAIRY FLAT COMMUNITY TRUST

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 Feb, 18 May, 17 Aug & 16 Nov 2020.



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

This is my first Dairy Flat Newsletter for 2020 and despite the driest January in 72 years in the Auckland area, I do hope that 2020 finds you well.

Looking at the last newsletter of last year, I mentioned in late November that the last few days, except for cooler evenings, had felt like summer and after about a week with no rain, people starting to say that they need rain.

Almost three months on, we desperately need rain...I understand the lead time to order in tanker water is now three to five weeks and that WaterCare water is being offered on a reduced basis at their Albany, Whangaparaoa and Helensville hydrants.

Focusing on our area, the roading projects are still ongoing, especially at the Coatesville/Dairy Flat Highway intersection.

To improve driver visibility when exiting Dairy Flat Primary School, I received AT correspondence today (Waitangi Day) indicating that car parks either side of the exit are to be removed and painted with yellow lines and indicating no stopping or parking 24 hours per day. The painting is to be done before end of July this year.

The Dairy Flat Hall was the venue for the inaugural meeting of the Dairy Flat Residents and Ratepayers Association in the latter part of 2019. The next meeting has been earmarked for February/March and a draft constitution along with a facilitator should help interested parties through the processes we need to consider and adopt.

Above, I have mentioned water tankers/WaterCare, Dairy Flat Primary School, Dairy Flat Hall, Dairy Flat Residents and Ratepayers Association and going further, I urge all readers to support local businesses and other local activities and especially those that advertise via this newsletter...they rely on us using their services.

Lastly, an initiative to control mynah birds at the landfill commenced in the last quarter of 2019 and by year end, more than 300 birds had been humanely destroyed, making a significant dent into this nuisance birds population. If you have nuisance pests in the area where you live and need advice on how to reduce or eradicate them entirely, please do contact the Council or DOC and also, consult the World Wide Web...initiatives now will help us to be predator free by 2050

Till next quarter...

Wariwck Hojem



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

If you want to get out of the sun – come and play squash! It's (relatively) cool at the courts and a good way to keep fit during the summer.

Come and try playing squash here at Silverdale Squash 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 😊

We are an active, social club with players at all levels. If you would like coaching (often a good way to get back into the game), our coach Trina Moore can coach all levels.

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 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: 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.

A WORD ON WATERING

Happy New Year to you all!

Hot and dry to say the least! Everyone is starting to feel the strain, not to mention the plants. Fierce sun can mean sunburn all round, showing up as leaves burning in the middle and on the area most exposed to the sun. Remedy; choose a species suited to open exposed sites, *Astelia banksii*, Hebe, flax, *Libertia*, *Pimelia*, *Coprosma* etc.

Soil moisture is very low and plants are certainly starting to show signs of lack of water. Well mulched areas are considerably better off than areas of bare earth, which are badly cracked, areas with a good soft mulch layer are much better at absorbing any moisture offered them. Shade trees are certainly of great benefit.

Best time for watering is of course in the cool of the evening, but first thing in the morning also has its place. Plants that are subject to mildew such as courgettes are best watered in the morning so the moisture isn't sitting on the leaves all night creating an ideal environment for mildew. Watering in the middle of the day is the least effective, also make sure if using a sprinkler that the water is getting at the right places, i.e. not running off down a path into a drain.

A rough guide for shallow rooting plants, such as annuals and the vegie garden, is to water deeply three or so times a week, perhaps more if particularly dry and the plants are young. I've planted sunflowers in the vegie patch in the past to provide much needed summer shade, reducing water requirements and having the added bonus of sunflower seeds for me or if I'm too lazy to hull them the chooks, not to mention those that go to the local wild bird population, they also look great!

Newly established trees and shrubs may need watering about once a week if they have been selected to suit existing conditions. Factors such as wind, sun, and soil type obviously need to be taken into consideration.

Don't forget to keep the bird bath clean and topped up with water. Birds do a tremendous amount of good in the garden, and there is little moisture about for them to drink, a piece of wood in the water trough can stop thirsty birds from drowning.

Keep on top of the weeds especially those that seed quickly; they will be the ones that flourish with the first bit of moisture.

Here's to some decent soaking rain!

For plants and advisory service you can contact me:

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It wasn't funny then

Dairy Flat Toastmasters is about to submit two entries for the Annual Humorous and International Speech Contests.

What is the humorous speech Contest? It's basically a seven minute talk about any subject that interests you that is likely to amuse your audience. My own personal formula is to think back of one of the numerous situations we find ourselves in life. Usually, at the time it's seen as a major hurdle or an ***inconvenient experience!***

I've been lucky to place first in a number of Humorous Speech contests. Immediately I'll recall a time when I was very tired, working long hours, running our gym business. I craved sleep. Yet, on the particular night in question, a mere 4cm cricket, had other intentions.

It was 9pm and as I began to doze off to sleep I unfortunately became aware of this cricket's agenda. The more I tried to ignore its constant 'chirp', the louder it became in my mind.

What frustrated the heck out of me was the '**unfairness of it**'. He, was an insignificant insect, without a care in the world. But he chose this timing to rub his wings together. On the other hand, I was a CEO with 300 staff, 15,000 members and a wage bill of over \$100,000 a week. How dare he cause me to lose sleep - This is ridiculous!

Finally, jumping out of bed I began a series of extensive attempts to kill the beast in what must have appeared something like the 'road runner' cartoon. My first attack was to evacuate my bedroom without disturbing my peacefully slumbering wife, Tina.....and to stamp the ground aggressively where I believed the critter to be.

Silence at last.

Then, almost asleep, the insect re-started his magnified rant. It rang in my ears like a **church bell**. In my speech I ran through the following series of a variety of failed attempts to bring death to the cricket. It eventually culminated in my boiling up water in the kitchen, then strategically bombing his anticipated hideouts in the grass.

Peace.

But only for a minute before he started again.

There will be those of you who state, *'I could never do a humorous speech!'*. Not true.

With the example I've shown, you only need to **recall one of your challenging experiences**. It wasn't funny then, but you'll find that **it is funny NOW**.

Your audience will love you for it. They each believed bad things only happen to them. Instead, they can laugh *with you* as you recount your testy story. Yes. You have it in you.

Come join us as a Guest at Dairy Flat Toastmasters - Sponsored by Club Physical

We meet alternate Tuesdays, 7.30pm, Dairy Flat Hall

Email paul@clubphysical.co.nz or text 027 291 7989



SILVERDALE PONY CLUB

On November 24th we celebrated Silverdale Pony Club's 50th year!!

Wow what an achievement Silverdale Pony club has been active for half a century is only getting bigger...We hosted past members including founding members, old presidents past committee members past and present members who all brought many stories of when the pony club began and were delighted with how strong the club is still today! It was a fabulous day of celebration enjoyed by all riders who attended! We ran pony rides and had market stalls for the public to come and enjoy ...A highlight was the fancy dress parade at lunch time which was an amazing show!

We have our Riders without horses program starting Feb 4th which is a great introduction for children without horses to come and learn all about horse management. This is an excellent way for people to get an idea of what is actually involved in pony ownership.

We had a fabulous Showjumping day on Saturday 1st Feb which was well attended and we held a cross bar ring which gave young riders or green horses to come and give it a go in a welcoming friendly environment with smaller training jumps . We also have the area team's dressage being held on the grounds on Feb 23rd when teams from all around the district will come and compete in dressage.

We have been very fortunate with amazing weather the grounds are looking fabulous and we look forward to an enjoyable second half of our season.

North Harbour Sports & Country Club

What an amazing summer we have had the weather's been hot and sticky perfect for swimming.

We received a grant at the end of last year from the **Dairy Flat Trust** and have been fundraising towards a new roof and we are excited to say we will be reroofing our main club building at the end of February. We appreciate any suggestions for future upgrades to our club, please email us your ideas info@dairyflatclub.co.nz

Club night is back on Thursday nights from 13th February with meat raffles available for all and the membership draw of up to \$1000, be there for the chance to win.

Check out our website for how to become a member: dairyflatclub.co.nz/membership/

Our pool is open to the public during De Hot Bar & Grills opening hours, its \$5 per person for a swim or you can become a member and swim from 10am till 10pm, 7 days a week.

De Hot Bar & Grill are our leases and they have some amazing events coming up.

- **Valentine's Day (14th February)**

Live music, buffet dinner from 6pm and free complementary drink for your loved one.
Adults \$30 pp, Children \$13 (10-14 yrs) Bookings essential ph Terri 022 048 3373

- **Tropical Island Themed Party (29th February, 2pm till 8pm)**

Prize for the best costume, DJ from 2pm, Hula Show 6.30pm, Fire Dancing 7pm
Tropical Island food & cocktails. Free Entry, All welcome.

For information about North Harbour Sports & Country Club check our website dairyflatclub.co.nz

Please follow us on Facebook, our social media name is **Dairy Flat Club**.

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Update from Louise Johnston

Please see below updates for the New Year:

Dairy Flat Highway Safety Project:

I have always been critical about Auckland Transport's (AT) communication and how they are very reactionary and ignore feedback from locals. However, I did think this was improving with the delivery of the Dairy Flat Highway (DFH) safety project. Therefore, I am extremely disappointed to find out that the new right-hand turning bay at the intersection of DFH and Green Road is no longer part of this project. At all the community feedback sessions, locals expressed their safety concerns about this intersection and felt it was a high priority. As a local, I completely agree. The narrow bridge on DFH by Green Road is due to be replaced as it has reached its useful life. The plan was to widen the bridge and allow for safe turning into Green Road. I have a number of outstanding questions which AT are yet to answer.

The missing central island and give way sign at the intersection of DFH and Kahikatea Flat Road will be replaced next week.

On another note, the roundabout at the intersection of DFH and Coatesville Riverhead highway is now scheduled for completion in September 2020. This slight delay is a result of the ground conditions for one of the retaining walls being unstable due to a historic landslide. An alternative design for the retaining wall has now been developed. In case you are wondering, the big steel structure at this intersection is not part of the project and is being built by the adjacent landowner on private property. I must admit the construction team were working hard on this project over the holiday period.

Safety improvements are about to start at the intersection of DFH and Potter's Road. Included in this work is a new median strip barrier and shortening of the passing lanes. Good news, the Local Board is going to fund the safety improvements outside of Dairy Flat School on DFH. This includes a new footpath and islands to make motorists aware that they are approaching a school.

You can stay up to date on this project with the below link.

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

Local Board Plan:

One of the guiding documents for the Local Board is the three-year Local Board Plan. This plan outlines the communities' priorities and preferences. It also guides all local board activity, funding and investment decisions.

We will soon be asking you the community for feedback on what your priorities are for the next three years. If you want to see projects get funding, it is very important to make submissions for this plan. On the 1st of March, the Local Board will be at the Coatesville Market and it would be great to see you there and hear your priorities for our community. You will also be able to provide feedback online and I will provide a link when this is available.

Structure Plan for the Dairy Flat Business/Industrial area.

Council Planners have almost completed work on the final structure plan for the new Dairy Flat business/industrial area. This includes an alternative option for delivering water and wastewater infrastructure to the structure plan area and more detailed work on the developability of the land for industry. Following the adoption of the final structure plan, Council will begin work on preparing a plan change, to change the zone from future urban to a new business area in the Auckland Unitary Plan. During the process residents will be able to make written submissions and present to an independent hearing panel about the proposed changes.

In the interim, I am concerned about the number of resource applications been lodged in Dairy Flat for industrial type activities. There have been three new applications in the last month. These are all for heavy machinery depots and it seems that they only need to have a loose rural connection for consent to be granted. Land within the mixed rural area is considerably cheaper than land in an industrial zone and I can see this happening more and more, resulting in Dairy Flat becoming a haphazard industrial area. Personally, I believe that the definition of what is a rural activity within the unitary plan does need to change.

Dairy Flat residents and ratepayers meeting:

I am still awaiting the appointment of an independent facilitator to help start and guide the setup of a Dairy Flat Residents and Ratepayers group. I will keep the community updated via the local community Facebook page of date of the next meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions or feedback
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INVITATION to all; free of charge

When & Where: Thursdays 20 and 27 February, 7-9pm @ Dairy Flat Community Hall, Postman Road
Thursday 10 March, 7-9pm @ Albany Village Library, beside Kell Park, Albany Village

5G Information evenings with guest speakers and possible viewing of speakers from the 5G Crisis Summit

A growing number of informed citizens worldwide are concerned about 5G pulsed electromagnetic frequencies rolling out NOW in their communities - Auckland is the 15th city in the world to implement. This rollout includes satellites in space - you saw on the news recently some of the 240 already launched by Elon Musk visible in our NZ night sky.

In February 2019 at a US Senate hearing, Senator Blumenthal questioned three telecommunication companies on what studies to date had been done on 5Ganswer then (from Blumenthal) ..."zero".

How many independent studies are planned? answer then ... "zero".

What you should know and what you can do (if you wish) about it.

Welcome and see you then.

see: www.5G.org.nz

www.ehtrust.org

see Dr Devra Davis PhD

(US Environmental Health Trust Founder and President)