

# DAIRY FLAT NEWSLETTER

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## REDVALE LANDFILL COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

### Current members:

Warwick Hojem-----Chairman  
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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](mailto: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 can 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](mailto:Redvale@wastemanagement.co.nz)  
Our next scheduled meetings at the Waste Management Office – 14 Aug & 13 Nov 2023.

## DAIRY FLAT COMMUNITY TRUST



### Current Trustees:

Steven Earwaker	Heather Turley
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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](http://www.dairyflatcommunitytrust.co.nz)

*Should you have any questions concerning the Trust, please contact:*

*Secretary – Steph Dryland - Ph: 09 427 0600*

# Dear readers,

*This is the second newsletter for this year and hard to believe that a third of the year has already passed. In the last newsletter, I mentioned the Auckland Anniversary flooding and we were on the cusp of going into another severe rainfall event ... severe enough to cause more flooding and slips and at the beginning of February, State Highway 1 was closed at Northcote due to the weather's trail of destruction.*

*I happened to fly out of Auckland and one thing struck me in particular ... the airport had been flooded over the Anniversary weekend episode and the flooding at the airport meant all the baggage scales were submerged in water. Needless to say, the electronics in each scale was rendered useless. However, reverting to the equivalent of 8-gauge wire, bathroom scales were brought in as backups and luggage was weighed in this manner, much to my amusement.*

*And then, in the third week of February, our area, amongst others, experienced a major weather bomb ... Mangawhai recorded the most rain over the 24-hour period, i.e. 379mm. Riverhead recorded 232mm, Dairy Flat 196mm and Kaukapakapa received 172mm.*

*By now, Auckland Emergency Management had had a few dress rehearsals and with some prodding from our local board rep, came to the party and set up beds, blankets, food, toilets and showers at the Dairy Flat Hall and a few families who were flooded out availed themselves of the facilities. Fire and Rescue also acquitted themselves well, rescuing quite a few people from half submerged cars.*

*I haven't heard from management at Waste Management as to whether they were unduly disrupted by the three rainfall events just mentioned but suspect that this will be an agenda item at our next Community Liaison Committee meeting, scheduled for 6.30pm on 15 May .... a reminder to all readers that these meetings are open to the public ... if intending to attend, please do let Waste Management know so that additional seating can be arranged.*

*Users of Dairy Flat Highway will again be aware of reduced speed areas and even Stop/Go situations, especially between Dairy Flat School and Postmans Road (Dairy Flat Hall/Tennis Club corner) and although some of you may get a tad frustrated at times with AT, this is a good news situation in that our Local Board has finally succeeded in getting approval and the associated funding to have a foot path linking the school to the Dairy Flat Hall area which will hopefully allow for parking for future Ag Days and other events at the school which require more parking than is available on site ... perhaps a bit of a walk, but it will be a safe walk on solid concrete as opposed to skirting around mud puddles, a steep ditch and vehicles near the school.*

*In closing, I again appeal to all readers to please support the advertisers promoting their services in this newsletter ... locals supporting locals is always a good thing!  
Take care.*

*Warwick Hojem*

## VDI scale for reporting an odour complaint.

Feedback or Odour complaints can be reported to Redvale Landfill through three different methods,

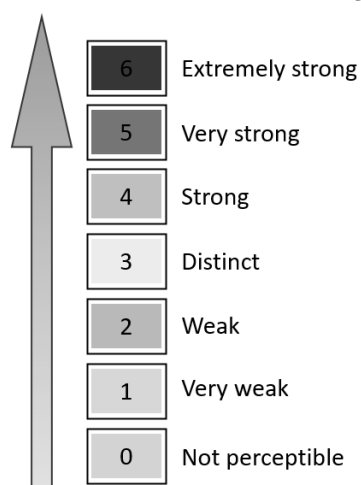
1. Email [redvalecomplaints@wastemanagement.co.nz](mailto:redvalecomplaints@wastemanagement.co.nz)
2. Phone call 09 427 0600 or 021 190 2018
3. Text message 021 190 2018

To work with us, please provide constructive feedback only, which includes the following information,

1. Time and location of the odour
2. Type of the odour
3. Character and intensity of the odour
4. Frequency of the odour – how often it occurs, duration of the odour and time of exposure.

VDI scale example below on how to classify odour intensity.

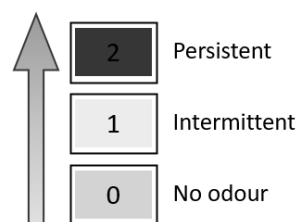
### Odour Intensity



Odour Intensity: The perceived strength of an odour above its threshold. It is determined by an odour panel and is described in categories that progress from “Not perceptible”; “Very Weak”; “Weak”; “Distinct”, “Strong”, “Very Strong”, to “Extremely Strong”.

*The best way of assessing odour is via the human nose. But everyone reacts to odours differently. One person may object strongly to an odour while another is not bothered by it. The only objective method to assess odours is a calibrated nose that has completed Olfactometric measurement.*

### Frequency Scale



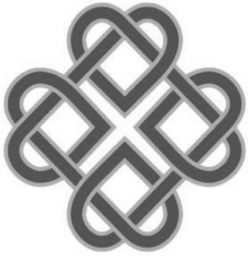
Odour frequency: The perceived duration of time or exposure experienced.

Please feel free to access Redvale landfill weather station data by using the below link,

<https://app.outpostcentral.com/english/login2.aspx>

Username: redvaleguest

Password: community



*Nicola Stuart*

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Our venue can accommodate weddings from as small as 4 people and up, with pricing that is tailored to your specific needs. Additionally, if you have a venue in mind elsewhere, I am available to serve as your celebrant there as well.

Contact me at [nicola@tietheknotnz.com](mailto:nicola@tietheknotnz.com) or via mobile at 0272 698 025 to learn more. Let's connect and discuss how we can work together to make your dream wedding a reality - no obligation and no charge for a chat!

## **Dairy Flat Community Hall**

Contact details: Please E-mail [info@DairyFlatLive.com](mailto: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](http://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 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> birthday parties in the Hall.

**Feeling Fab Charitable Trust**

12 Aileron Rise  
Dairy Flat, Auckland 0794

[www.feelingfab.org.nz](http://www.feelingfab.org.nz)



Our Wellness Programme provides a safe, nurturing environment for those who have faced bereavement, trauma or loss, to experience the love and support that is so often missing during the seasons of grief. Our programme offers the opportunity to meet others who have had similar experiences and our team has huge hearts and understands that those grieving need tender loving care in a safe environment.

We have provided this much-needed service in our local area (including Dairy Flat) for seven 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. A huge thank you to Waste Management for the unconditional use of their rooms and the support of the Dairy Flat Community Trust.

We now have teams in Dairy Flat, Warkworth, Mangawhai, Dargaville, Rodney and Wellington. We are growing rapidly as we cover the whole of Auckland and we really need your help in being able to continue our programme. If you would like to volunteer, please contact us at [volunteers@feelingfab.org.nz](mailto:volunteers@feelingfab.org.nz). We need help with admin work, committee members, hair stylists, makeup, nails, general help (and sometimes reiki and massage), organising food, support people on the day etc).

We are also now doing Men's Days, which is much needed, our first one was a huge success. We need your support and help to keep our programme afloat - not just volunteering but also sponsorship and funding opportunities. We have had the honour to work with Red Beach Hospice, Harbour 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 and Instagram pages and our website ([www.feelingfab.org.nz](http://www.feelingfab.org.nz)) for more information, for testimonials, live-streamed videos etc.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Please email us at [hello@feelingfab.org.nz](mailto:hello@feelingfab.org.nz), or PM us via our Facebook page if you would like to discuss this further. Thank you, from Elizabeth and the FF Team.

**Kind regards,**

**Elizabeth York  
CEO/National Co-ordinator,  
Feeling Fab Charitable Trust**



# DAIRY FLAT COMMUNITY TRUST Nomination of Trustees

Three Trust members are retiring by rotation in terms of the Trust Deed. Any person 18 years and over and residing in the Dairy Flat area may nominate a Trustee or stand for election. Any nomination must be signed by the nominee and the nominator. Please include a short biography of the nominee and their contact phone numbers.

Nominations open Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and close at 4:00pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

Nomination forms are available from:  
Email: [dairyflatcommunitytrust@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:dairyflatcommunitytrust@hotmail.co.nz)  
Website: [www.dairyflatcommunitytrust.co.nz](http://www.dairyflatcommunitytrust.co.nz)

Please post all nominations C/- WMNZ (or send via email)  
WMNZ  
PO Box 228  
Silverdale 0944  
Ph: (09) 427 0600

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Dairy Flat Community Trust will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 6.30pm at the WMNZ offices,  
Landfill Access Rd, Dairy Flat.

Voting and the election of Trustees will take place at this meeting and only residents residing in the Dairy Flat area may vote. No absentee voting is to take place as per the Trust's Deed.

## **DAIRY FLAT COMMUNITY TRUST Notice of Annual General Meeting**

**The Annual General Meeting of the Dairy Flat Community Trust will be held on  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 6.30pm at the  
Waste Management offices,  
Landfill Access Rd, Dairy Flat.**

**The election of Trustees will take place at this meeting.**

**For more information please refer to: [www.dairyflatcommunitytrust.co.nz](http://www.dairyflatcommunitytrust.co.nz)**

## DAIRY FLAT COMMUNITY TRUST FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Applications for funding assistance are now being called for from individuals and organisations for projects that fall within the general objectives of the Community Trust.

This objective states "for purposes beneficial to those people whose principal place of residence is Dairy Flat."

Applications for post-secondary education scholarships from Dairy Flat residents are also being accepted at this time.

Applications can be submitted by post (PO Box 228, Silverdale) or scan and email to:  
[dairyflatcommunitytrust@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:dairyflatcommunitytrust@hotmail.co.nz)

Application forms available from: [www.dairyflatcommunitytrust.co.nz](http://www.dairyflatcommunitytrust.co.nz) or pop into the Redvale Landfill office and pick one up.

***Applications open from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July and close Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 @ 5pm.***

Only applications received by this closing date (as indicated by postmark or email) will be considered for funding.

Funding allocations will be presented on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023, 4.30pm at Redvale Landfill.

### **Discover Dairy Flat's Hidden Gem: The Dairy Flat Sports and Country Club!**

Located down Landfill Access Road, our Club offers a warm and inviting atmosphere, perfect for families looking for a great meal and a relaxing environment. With fires roaring in the winter and an inviting pool in the summer, we have everything you need to unwind and enjoy yourself.

But that's not all! Our peaceful location, surrounded by beautiful grounds and ample car parking make us the perfect escape to the country. With friendly staff and delicious food, you'll feel right at home here.

We are excited to announce that we are now offering camping facilities for those travelling in self-contained motorhomes, RVs, campervans, or buses, with non-powered, overnight parking available for \$10 per person per night. We also have a newly built toilet block, complete with a disability toilet and baby changing table, for your convenience.

As a club, we welcome both members and non-members. Our team at De Hot Bar and Grill, led by Terri, is committed to providing good home-cooked meals at reasonable prices to all. We pride ourselves on being family-friendly and providing a safe and relaxed environment for everyone. Join us on Friday Club night for Meat Raffles (bring cash) and for members, a chance to win up to \$1,000 in our cash draw!

So, whether you're looking for a drink, a meal, or a place to camp out for the night, Dairy Flat Sports and Country Club has got you covered.

**We can't wait to see you at "The Club" soon!**

# Silverdale Squash Club - Now open to the Public

Casual bookings \$30 per court per hour

To book and pay please go to [www.silverdalesquash.helloclub.com/register](http://www.silverdalesquash.helloclub.com/register)

We are located in the Silverdale Rugby Club building at 6 Hibiscus Coast Highway opposite the Hibiscus Coast Bus Station.

We have 3 squash courts, clubrooms, a licensed bar and are open 24/7 for playing.

We offer a range of membership options to suit your needs, or you can play casually with no contract.

## Club night every Thursday

Why not come down to our friendly club night on a Thursday from 7pm, meet other members and have a few fun games whilst keeping fit. We run 15-minute games and will match you with other members of similar ability. Not a member no problem you can try our club night two times before we ask you to become a member. We have a fully licenced bar so why not stay for a drink and beers are only \$5 on club night.

## Introduction to Squash every Sunday afternoon

New to Squash? Ever wanted to have a go, then why not come down on a Sunday from 3pm and we will show you how to hold your racquet, how to hit the ball and match you with other players of similar ability. Don't have any gear – no problem wear comfortable clothes for running and non-marking shoes and we will provide you with a racquet and ball. Bookings essential so you will need to register

- [www.silverdalesquash.helloclub.com/register](http://www.silverdalesquash.helloclub.com/register)

## Juniors

Junior Club night is every Friday during term time and Junior coaching is run during term 2 and term 3 each year. For more information contact our club coach Lara on 021 029 06345.

For further information please contact Hollie on 021 701 456 or [silverdalesquash.president@gmail.com](mailto:silverdalesquash.president@gmail.com)

### **News from Local Clubs and Organisations**

**Contributions to the newsletter are welcome. The newsletter is printed every three months. Waste Management accepts no responsibility for the opinions expressed in the articles submitted to the newsletter.**

Please contact: Stephanie at Waste Management NZ Ltd

Contributions can be emailed to: [Redvale@wastemanagement.co.nz](mailto:Redvale@wastemanagement.co.nz)



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# Silverdale Pony Club

As the rain falls outside the window, another season at Silverdale Pony Club comes to an end.

Like so many clubs within the Auckland and Hawkes Bay areas, we suffered some fairly major setbacks due to the heavy rainfall this season. Our annual Fun Day was cancelled twice due to sodden grounds and our showjumping day was also postponed.

We started the season using private arenas in the local areas, giving our grounds the chance to dry out and our riders a chance to begin working towards their certificates.

Fortunately, by March we were able to hold a successful show jumping day on our Green Road property. Competition was at a high level in both rings, with local riders competing in classes from 30cm up to 1.1m! The placegetters rode away with beautiful rosettes. The overall winners received covers and garlands as well as fantastic sponsored prizes from Rockin Horse Halters, Harvest Grains feed and Dynavyte.

A windy Sunday in March saw riders braving the weather in our annual Fun Day. It was great to see riders of all ages (four years to 60 plus!) out having fun with their horses and ponies. Riders competed in a range of events such as 'Thelwell / Hairy Maclary lookalike', 'Spud n Spoon' and 'Best Paced and Mannered' as well as the traditional fancy dress event. To all our wonderful local sponsors who supported this day, we thank you!

This year, the WRAPC interclub show jumping event was held at Kaukapakapa Pony. Silverdale riders selected to ride for North Harbour had a fabulous day. Congratulations to our team of riders who came 1st in the 65cm category. Our 80cm team placed 2nd in their division while the 95cm team took out third place!

Between extreme weather events, we even managed to hold a few rallies and see large numbers of riders pass their certificates. We held another 'Riders Without Horses' course this year and it was great to see the participants' confidence with handling horses develop throughout the program.

Congratulations to all riders who managed to jump a little bit higher, ride in a more polished manner, improve their horsemanship and most importantly - deepen the relationship with their horse or pony this season.

If you want to join us next season, the enrolment process begins in August. Keep an eye on our Facebook page over the next few months for more information. We may have spaces for riders aged between 6 and 21 years, with an adult ride taking place on alternative days.

Until then, here's wishing all the riders in our local area a safe and possibly drier, off-season!



## **Update from Louise Johnston, Rodney Local Board member.**

It is hard to believe that it is now May when it is still feeling so humid. When I last updated the community in the newsletter, Dairy Flat was still getting over the effects of the Anniversary weekend flooding. I don't think anyone would have predicted that the isolated Dairy Flat flood event on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February was just around the corner. It was the intensity and the fact that the rain system did not move that resulted in much of the flash flooding in Dairy Flat. This was a 1 in 500-year event. This has left many residents with a stream boundary, feeling very anxious when it rains. For residents that had their homes flooded twice in a month, it has been an extremely difficult time.

During the 24<sup>th</sup> of February flood, the Dairy Flat Hall was opened to the community who were stranded, and Auckland Emergency Management provided food, beverages, and bedding. Locals and emergency services rescued many residents trapped in cars and in their houses. Thank you so very much to everybody that was involved. In my book you are all rockstars!

As a result of the flooding, there are severe large blockages in our streams from both slips and debris. This is creating dams and will cause unwanted flooding in the future. For streams that run through private property it is usually the landowner's responsibility to clear the debris but the scale of this is just too massive. Council's, Healthy waters department are now working with landowners to clear these blockages. They have conducted drone surveys of problematic streams including the Angiotonin stream, but drone footage is limited. First-hand knowledge of blockages is paramount. Please report any known stream blockages that you are unable to clear to the Council call centre on (09) 301 0101.

As well, many of our roadside drains are still blocked with heavy road debris and will need to be cleared out. Please make sure you log these blockages with AT, [www. at.govt.nz/about-us/contact-us/](http://www.at.govt.nz/about-us/contact-us/) or phone the call centre of 09 355 3553.

Going forward, as a community we need to develop an emergency response plan. The Local Board have been discussing how best to assist communities and it would be great to hear suggestions of how we can help.

There are numerous slips and damage to roads across Auckland. 50 million dollars has been allocated to repair the storm damage on roads in Rodney. This is largely being funded by Central Government. Some of the fixes to the slips that have been done to date, are only temporary solutions such as the Potters Road slip. Many of the slip repairs require very detailed design with a significant geotechnical input and this is going to take time. AT are working around the clock and the roads will be repaired.

### **Other updates for Dairy Flat include:**

#### **Transport:**

The new footpath linking Dairy Flat School to the hall is now under construction. This footpath when finished will be mainly used by the Dairy Flat parents. Currently, because of the insufficient car parks at the school, parents at pick up are forced to park on the Dairy Flat Highway and walk on the road. This project was tendered and scheduled for construction before the storm events. Prior to construction we did ensure that we were not diverting construction resources from slip repairs. This footpath project is being funded by the Rodney Local Board Transport targeted rate and will cost 1M. The targeted rate funding is ring fenced and AT cannot divert it for storm repairs or maintenance.

Dairy Flat School is one of the only schools to still have an 80km/hr. permanent speed limit and this is not safe. Auckland transport have been mandated by Central Government to lower speed limits around schools in Auckland. I will keep you updated as to when this will happen for Dairy Flat School.

**Planning for the urbanisation of Dairy Flat:**

**The refresh of the development strategy for Auckland**

In 2023, Council have started working on the refresh of the development strategy of Auckland. Included in this refresh is a review of the timing of the future urban areas in Auckland and the rezoning of future urban land that has natural hazards. As a local Board we have not yet been briefed on this work yet.

Aucklanders can have their say on the draft refresh from Tuesday 6 June 2023. The strategy will then go to the Governing Body for adoption later in the year, replacing the 2018 Development Strategy and the 2017 Future Urban Land Supply Strategy. This refresh will have a massive impact on Dairy Flat and as a community we do need to provide feedback.

**The Council Initiated Unitary plan change for phase 1 of the industrial zone in Dairy Flat:**

This Council initiated unitary plan change to rezone the land identified in phase 1 of the structure plan from future urban to a light industrial zone has been significantly delayed. The last update that we received from Council Planners is that they are continuing to work on the plan change and addressing the issues raised by AT and Waka Kotahi about transport. However, I understand there are number of other issues that are delaying this plan change coming out for public consultation. Once I know more, I will make sure that the community is informed.

**The draft spatial land use plan for Dairy Flat.**

In August 2022, Council released the draft land use strategy for the future urban zones of Dairy Flat and Silverdale for public feedback. This strategy identified Council's preferred location of a town centre for Dairy Flat near our park at Green Road. Many locals were concerned about this proposal due to the well-known flooding issues. Council planners are yet to bring the feedback back to the Local Board. However, Planners are currently in discussion with the Healthy Waters team at Council. As following the recent flood events the 100-year flood calculations are being updated. I think it is a safe assumption, that the proposed town ship near Green Road will move to a more suitable location, but this has not yet been confirmed.

**Supporting growth's integrated transport networks for Dairy Flat**

In August of 2022, the supporting growth team comprising of Council, Waka Kotahi and Auckland Transport consulted on the future integrated transport networks for when Dairy Flat is urbanised. This work is proposing big infrastructure projects such as rapid transport networks, motorway interchanges, widening of roads, new cycleways etc. These proposed projects are big ticket items that will cost billions and are currently unfunded. The supporting growth team received 241 submissions and have reviewed the public feedback. Their summary report is online, and I have detailed a couple of key points from the website.

'The Rapid Transit Corridor (RTC) attracted the most feedback. Many people did not support the alignment through the Dairy Flat future growth area due to the impact on property owners, the existing rural environment, floodplains and because it is a less direct route for existing communities. Potentially affected landowners were also concerned by the longer time frames for implementation.' Supporting growth's response to this feedback stated that 'The alignment along SH1 was investigated as part of the Indicative Business Case. An alignment through the Dairy Flat Urban zone was reconfirmed at the beginning of the Detailed Business Case. We will review flooding

information and continue discussions with Auckland Council on the location of the town centre and how it integrates with the RTC.'

The next steps for the supporting growth team, is to write to effected landowners and offer one on one meetings. The outcomes of this investigation and engagement may affect the details of the route and the extent that properties are impacted. Once this work is completed, the detailed business case will be considered by the Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi Boards. This is currently scheduled for August. The Supporting Growth team will then proceed with the lodgement of a notice of requirement (NOR) with Council, and once publicly notified, the public can lodge submissions with the Council (whether supporting, opposing, or seeking changes to the notice of requirement) these submissions will be heard at a public hearing. The final decision of the hearing can be appealed by Council or the submitters in the Environment Court.

For more detailed information please refer to the Supporting Growth website.

[www.supportinggrowth.govt.nz/growth-areas/north-auckland/](http://www.supportinggrowth.govt.nz/growth-areas/north-auckland/)

### **Our future park at Green Road**

Just a quick update on our 154 Hectare Future Park at Green Road. For those of you that are new to the area, the 154 Hectare farmland was purchased by Rodney Council in the early 2000's for use as a park. From the roadside the farmland is flat paddocks but out the back of the park is rolling hills, established trees and a stream boundary with a small waterfall.

As a community we have developed a master plan for the 154-hectare future park. This masterplan was adopted by the Rodney Local Board in 2020. The 154 hectares of land is now held under the Reserve's Act which means that it will be more difficult for Council to ever sell off. Plans have been completed for a pathway network through the future park. The traffic assessment has identified a possible location for a car park on the Green Road end of the park. The farm, within the Green Road Park footprint is now being operated by the Council farming unit. They are used to operating alongside the public. Many of our regional parks operate with a farming component and a good example of this is Tawharanui regional park.

There has been considerable storm damage at our Green Road Park that will need to be repaired and this will be funded regionally. We are currently looking at allocating the remaining 620 K funding from the local board transport targeted rate for a gravel pathway to connect Sunnyside and Green Road via the park. 100 percent of this pathway would be within the park footprint. This pathway would be suitable for both horses and pedestrians etc. In Dairy Flat there are no bridle trails and very limited safe areas for walking and running. It would be great to hear your views on this draft proposal. If this is supported, construction would start relatively soon in Council terms i.e., in 2023/24 year.

As part of the Penlink project, the negative impacts on the environment from construction must be offset by planting at other sites. The Green Road Park is one of the sites that will receive these offset environmental mitigations. This will include planting the thousands of trees, fencing out wetlands and stream boundaries. This is a big win for the park, as Council would never be able to afford to fund this work.

Going forward we need to set up a working group of residents to help drive the Green Road Park forward. It would be great to have nearby neighbours, pony clubs, pest free groups, ratepayer groups, garden clubs involved. I have a number a residents contact me already but please let me know if you would like to be part of this working group. We are looking at scheduling a meeting in August. The opening of the park will not be too much longer away, and it will be this year!

Please get in contact if you have any questions or just want a general chat.

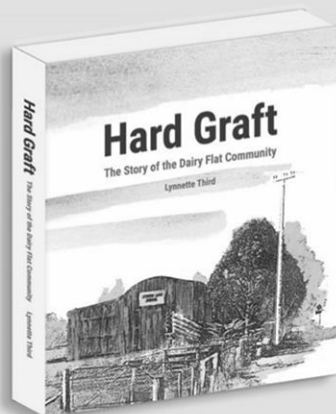
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