



## VDI scale for reporting an odour complaint.

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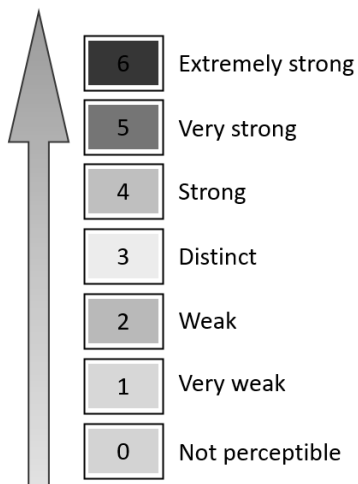
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2. Phone call 09 427 0600 or 021 190 2018
3. Text message 021 190 2018

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.*

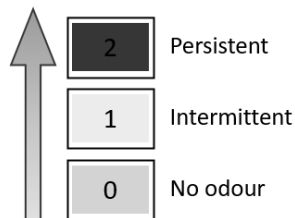
### Odour Intensity



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

Dear readers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2025, written on Waitangi Day. I trust this year is treating you and yours all well so far. Hopefully, we are heading out of the recent recession and some indicators show that we are (mortgage rates dropping) although I do note numerous businesses have closed or are closing and if Trump's tariffs come into play, this could impact oil costs and chase up the cost of all goods. To get inspiration for writing this part of the Newsletter, I often look back at what was stated a year or two prior and tracking back to 2023, I wrote then that we had had Auckland Anniversary flooding and more heavy rain warnings were on the horizon. In previous 1st quarter comments, I have touched on the summer drought and it would appear that we haven't had the severe rains, but, also, the really dry summer spell hasn't yet evidenced itself and this best noticed via the lack of water trucks on Dairy Flat Highway and that our rainwater tanks are holding their own. That said, I do notice the browning of pastures and if hot spells continue for another two to three weeks, the drought will be on us along with fire warnings.

On the WM New Zealand front, it is business as usual. The Community Liaison Committee meets quarterly on site and members get updated about how the landfill is progressing as well as working through the complaints register. Most of the complaints revolve around odour with complainants reporting odour beyond the confines of the landfill boundary. We also hear about pest control and this includes which pests have been identified and what is being done to eradicate or reduce their impact.

As readers will know, the landfill will cease taking in waste by the end of December 2028 and at recent meetings we have been trying to get a better understanding of what will happen after December 2028, such as the planting of native shrubs and trees, the mapping out of some walking tracks and/or cycle paths, etc. That said, waste will cease to enter the property, but WM New Zealand will continue to extract gas from the landfill for the 15 generators on site and maintenance work will continue well into the future.

In other news, Green Road Park was informally handed over by Council to a group of interested people last year. They have formed a Friends of Green Park Society and for first time readers, the park is a working farm covering 154Ha and has at least four well-marked walking tracks as well as a model aero club and is also used by the pony club. Dog walking is permitted, BUT must be on a leash, especially due to there being cattle and horses present. Membership of the Society is free and open to anybody interested in joining and ideally, helping to improve the park, through weed eradication, tree plantings, litter removal, etc.

Take care  
Warwick

# RENT A POTTERY WHEEL

Welcome to potter&dabble, our family-owned pottery wheel rental business, based in Dairy Flat!!

From our studio, located down a long driveway off Tender Road, we offer Nidec Shimpo Whisper-T pottery wheels and potters stools for RENT. Perfect for any potter wanting to practice at home, start small-batch production pottery, rekindle a hobby, or test out a wheel before purchasing.

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Visit our website [potteranddabble.co.nz](http://potteranddabble.co.nz), key in your dates, and our live booking engine will tell you what's available. We offer free click n collect from our studio in Dairy Flat, or opt for local delivery. Rent for a weekend, a week, or for as many weeks as you like.

## Tools & Clays for sale

We offer a selection of our favourite tools and clays for purchase, including 10kg bags of clay, our special clay sample boxes and also gift vouchers.

## About potter&dabble

Hi, my name is Louise. Our family has lived in Dairy Flat for almost 11 years. I set up potter&dabble out of my own personal need to rent a pottery wheel, and I am so excited to see the business grow and to be able to support fellow potters.



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## **Update from Louise Johnston, Rodney Local Board Member: Dairy Flat subdivision.**

It is hard to believe that we are almost a quarter the way through 2025. I hope everybody has had a great summer. During March, the Mayor, and elected members will be consulting on Council's annual budget/plan. This probably sounds quite boring, but this year is rather exciting with the introduction of the fairer funding model for Local Boards across Auckland. As this funding model finally addresses Council's funding inequity across Auckland and for the Rodney Local board this means approximately 8 million additional funding per year. As far as council facilities go, Dairy Flat is hard done by compared to other areas of Rodney, with no playground, library, public toilet or established walking tracks. Our local hall and tennis club do not receive funding by Council and if you are driving along any road in Dairy Flat, the street scape is littered with overgrown privet and other pest plants. So, let's make Dairy Flat beautiful again! You can help by providing feedback for the Rodney Local annual budget. The additional funding covers is for opex type projects.

Possible projects could include:

- Pest plant removal along our roadside
- Gravel more pathways at Green Road Park.
- Installing a Portaloo at Green Road Park until the construction of the permanent toilets
- Increased funding for our Pest free Dairy Flat group
- Specimen tree planting in Dairy Flat, including the reserve by the hall.
- Installing more horse mounting blocks at Green Road Park
- Tree Swings and nature play such as using felled trees for climbing at Green Road Park

You can have your say on the proposed annual budget from late February thru March. We don't have the link yet for this feedback but google AKHAVEYOURSAY and it will come up. Rodney is a massive area that goes all the way up to Wellsford, includes Omaha, and Helensville and we need to ensure that we get our voices heard, so that money is spent in Dairy Flat!

Update on our 154-hectare park at Green Road:

The contracts have been awarded for the new two bridges that we are replacing in Green Road Park, as part of the pathway project. Construction can only start once resource consent is approved so hopefully that is not much longer. I would have thought that Council would get preferential treatment when it comes to consenting so was surprised to find they don't. The bridge replacement includes the bridge that has hazard warning signs on and was a major safety issue for horse riders during the holidays.

The Green Road Park supporters' group have started removing privet along the stream boundary. If you want to come and volunteer, please email [green.road.park.supsociety@gmail.com](mailto:green.road.park.supsociety@gmail.com). They usually do small groups and sessions are only just over an hour. It is good way to connect with locals and it so much more fun than weeding at home.

Dairy Flat category 3 property buy outs:

Seven properties to date in Dairy Flat have been purchased/ are in the process of being purchased by Council as part of the category 3 buyout scheme, as they are deemed to having an intolerable risk to life during extreme weather events. There have been several concerns raised by locals regarding what will happen to these properties and how they will be maintained. Below is a summary from Council.

Community input into the future use: Where locals have suggestions for specific Category 3 sites, we can capture that information in our expressions of interest register, to consider as part of the Future Land Use process. Please send ideas to [recoveryoffice@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:recoveryoffice@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz).

Maintenance of council-owned Category 3 properties After settlement of the property, Auckland Council will provide a basic level of maintenance. Regular security patrols will also monitor the properties. If the properties are not being maintained please log it with council at Report a problem Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any questions or issues, etc

**[Louise.Johnston@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:Louise.Johnston@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) or 021-729-739**

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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; 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 many 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. We are very grateful to Waste Management who have helped us so much in the past and also very grateful for the support of the Dairy Flat Community Trust.

We have teams in Dairy Flat, Warkworth, Mangawhai, Dargaville, Rodney and Wellington. We are growing and we really need your help to be 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.

Our programme has expanded to include Men's Days and this year, Youth Days. 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. 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 help us in any way or have any questions.

Thank you, from Elizabeth and the FF Team.

**Kind regards,**

**Elizabeth York**  
**CEO/National Co-ordinator,**  
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## Pest Free Dairy Flat (PFDP)

Care about  
**NATIVE BIRDS?**  
*Join the locals:* [pestfreedairyflat@gmail.com](mailto:pestfreedairyflat@gmail.com)



Pest Free Dairy Flat (PFDF) was launched last year and is delighted to have received a grant from the Dairy Flat Community Trust, focused specifically on pest control across the region. **We now offer heavily subsidised traps for all local residents through our Facebook page and email.**

But there's more to this story, so if you would like to see a resurgence of native birds and vegetation across the region, read on!

Before the arrival of settlers in the area, Dairy Flat was covered in native bush, heavily dominated by puriri and kahikatea. The area was alive with stitchbirds, bellbirds, kaka, kiwi, saddleback and whiteheads, as well as all our regulars! There is no reason why we cannot recreate that environment.

Trapping pests is just one way you can help. So, if you haven't already started, please get some traps for your block: visit our Facebook page and grab some before they are all gone! We will be running two trapping workshops at 6:30 pm on 6th and 20th March, so that you will learn how to trap possums, rats and mustelids (stoats, weasels and ferrets); register on our Facebook page and we'll send you details. This means that when birds fly here from adjoining bird sanctuaries, like Tiritiri and Shakespear regional park, they will be able to rest safely.

However, to ensure the birds stay, we need to provide them with native vegetation that offers food and shelter. Is there anywhere on your block where you could plant a few native trees? Of course there is! An unused corner of a paddock? A boggy area? A stream margin? Dairy Flat contains a network of streams, most of which drain into the upper Waitemata harbour through the Rangitopuni stream. Cyclone Gabrielle visited us with huge amounts of flooding, slips and subsidence, much of which could be mitigated through planting natives. Our streams are largely neglected and overgrown with invasive species like privet. Planting a border with natives will not only help birds but will also reduce erosion, slips and flooding, while increasing your land values! In the next year, we plan to bring planting subsidies to the community that will help us all to transform the Dairy Flat region. Follow us on Facebook for more.

What's next? We need your support! Not just in the form of trapping and planting but in running PFDF. Help with coordinating activities in your local community. Help with educating the community: tell your local community about our plans. Help running the Trust and driving the plans forward. Please get involved in whatever way you can.

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No riding is involved - just lots of fun learning about these wonderful animals!

By the end of the course, you'll have the knowledge and confidence to be a responsible pony caregiver. Sign up today and embark on your pony adventure!

Starts Tuesday 4th February 2025  
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\$180.00

Register at:  
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## **\*News from Local Clubs and Organizations\***

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## **The Dairy Flat Country Club Updates**

Local Dairy Flat residents and club members Aliesha and Carrie Staples are taking over the restaurant and bar at the Dairy Flat Country Club from May 1st. This follows the amazing work of Terri and her team, who have decided to embark on their next adventure.

Located at 36 Landfill Access Road, the Dairy Flat Country Club is perfect for parents to take a night off from cooking while the kids play in the pool or on our playground. It's also the perfect place for locals looking for a great meal with friends.

Our peaceful location, surrounded by beautiful grounds and ample car parking make us the perfect escape to the country.

As a club, we continue to welcome **both members and non-members**, however for only \$180 for a family (\$120 per year following) or \$90 for an individual (\$60 per year following) it's worth getting behind your local club and becoming a member to receive exclusive deals, invitations to member only events and a chance to win up to \$1,000 in our Friday club night cash draw along with amazing raffles.

The Pool heating is still on for summer and the refurbished changing sheds are ready to go so jump on our website and sign up now. If you are already a member watch your inbox for our new E-Newsletters for updates on the new restaurant, new menu and updates to member only benefits!

### **IMPORTANT UPDATE!**

The country club will be closed for renovations from April 27th to install our new commercial pizza oven. We will provide an update on the reopening date as soon as we can. We appreciate your patience while we undergo the upgrades, trust us, it will be worth it! Be sure to watch our social media and websites for updates on progress and some surprises Aliesha & Carrie have instore.

Let's also all get behind Terri and team who have been providing the local community with amazing meals for many years, stop by for a meal and a drink before they leave us for their next challenge on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Whether you're looking for a drink, a meal, a swim or a place to tire out the kids, the Dairy Flat Country Club has got you covered.

We look forward to seeing you all at the club soon!

**Website:** [dairyflatclub.co.nz](http://dairyflatclub.co.nz) **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/dairyflatclub>

**Email:** [info@dairyflatclub.co.nz](mailto:info@dairyflatclub.co.nz)

# **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 players 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.

## **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 call Jenny on 027 272 8530

## **Juniors**

Junior coaching by Brian Barnett who has been a professional squash player and elite level coach with national coach roles in the Netherlands and Czech Republic. Now running every Tuesday from 3.30-7pm bookings essential call Brian 021 727 079

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



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## Locals tame butterflies and compete!

Here's proof that these local people have overcome their 'butterflies' to the point where each chose to compete in this year's EVALUATION Speech Contest.

Pictured from left is the Contest Chair -Tina Richards, Darren Gash (runner-up) Trevor Stafford (1st Place) and Brenda Cain (3rd). Trevor and Darren will now proceed to the next level for the Contest to be held at Massey University on March 1st.

The format with these contests is that a person completes a 7-minute speech while all 'Evaluators' quietly evaluate the talk. Typically, each is looking for commendations, perhaps 2-3 recommendations, a few more commendations and summary. At Toastmasters, we call this formula CRC. Yes, like the lubricant.

Evaluators then leave the audience, and one-by-one reappear to give their 'evaluations'. Three minutes per speaker is set -aside for this. Competitors are disqualified if they talk for longer than 3.5 minutes. This helps speakers to get their point across in a concise manner when communicating.

The main point of evaluations is to give the speaker 'feedback' – often absent out there in day-to-day society. They receive suggestions on ways to be even more impactful.

The CRC system itself is a useful method if YOU are involved in leadership or supervising a team. You can even try it with your kids!

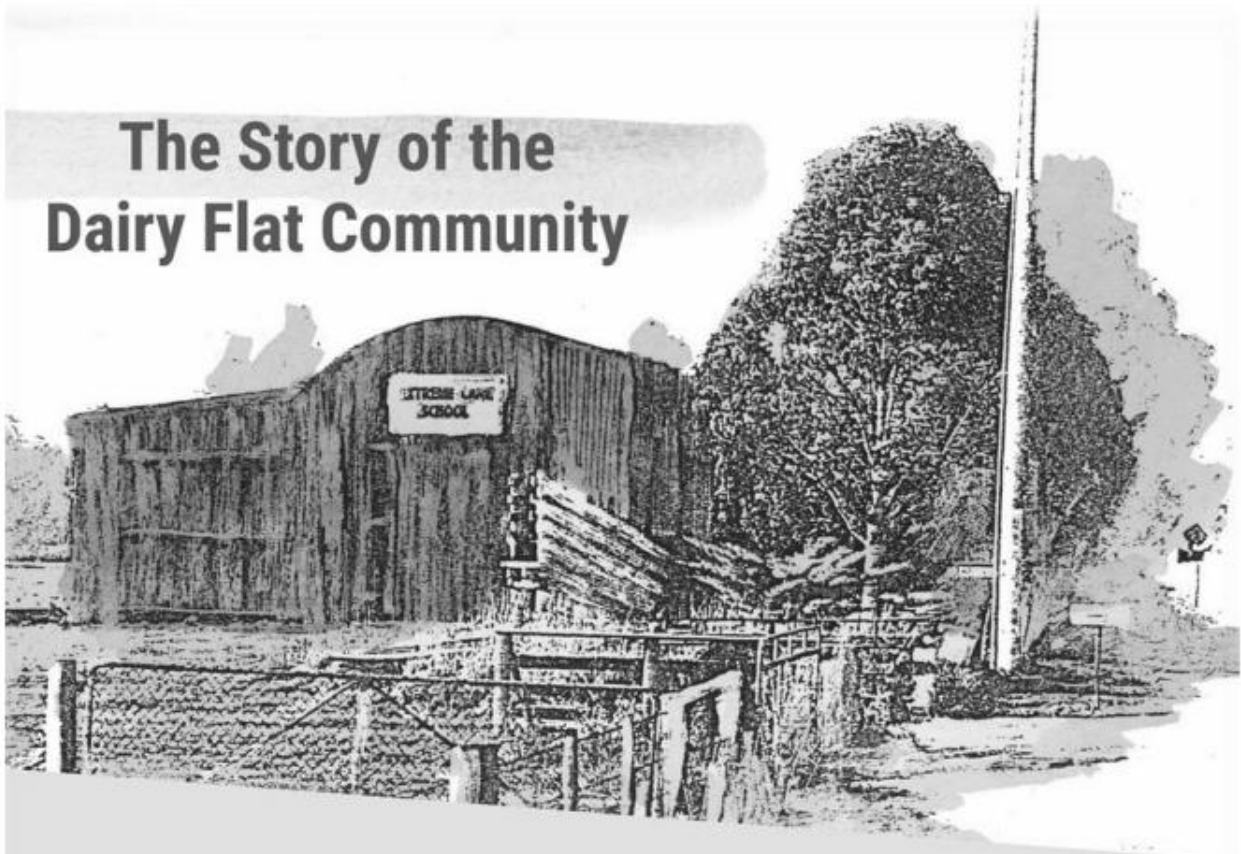
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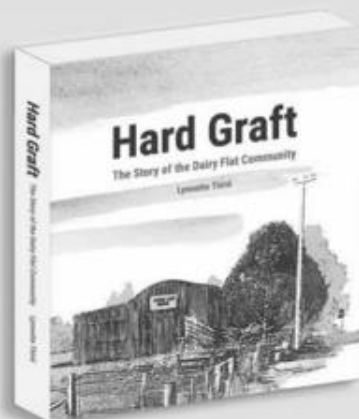


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