

DAIRY FLAT NEWSLETTER

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and the Dairy Flat Community Trust**

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REDVALE LANDFILL COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

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The Committee's role is to facilitate the discussion and collaboration on operational opportunities and considerations related to the management of the landfill. 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@wm.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 WM New Zealand 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, Tara, via email – Redvale@wm.nz.

Our next scheduled meetings at the WM New Zealand Office for 2025 – 3rd Mar, 9th Jun, 8th Sept and 8th Dec.

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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 WM New Zealand Ltd.

Please see our Trust website:
www.dairyflatcommunitytrust.co.nz

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

Secretary – Tara Wiggill - Ph: 09 427 0600 or via email- Dairyflatcommunitytrust@hotmail.co.nz

VDI scale for reporting an odour complaint.

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

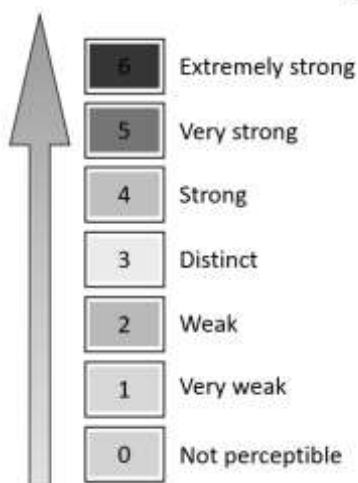
1. Email redvalecomplaints@wm.nz
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To work with us, please provide constructive feedback only, which includes the following information,

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.

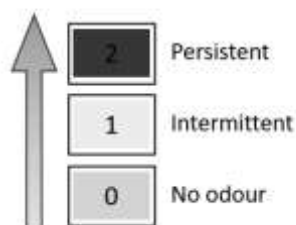
Odour Intensity



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

Glen Jujnovich – WM's perspective on Auckland's waste future

Kia ora,

As WM's representative on the Redvale Community Liaison Committee, I'd like to thank everyone who's taken an interest in Auckland's waste future and shared their thoughts through the consultation or in forums like this newsletter. The conversations we've had, including at the Dairy Flat community meeting, show just how much people care about the environmental, social, and cultural impacts of waste infrastructure.

Let me take a moment to clarify where things currently stand (at the time of writing, 2 May 2025).

WM's consultation, Managing Auckland's Residual Waste 2029–2036, is open until 11 May. We're seeking feedback on a number of options to safely manage Auckland's residual waste after Redvale stops landfilling at the end of 2028 and before the proposed Auckland Regional Landfill (ARL) could open in the mid-2030s.

This is a real challenge. Redvale currently manages about half of Auckland's waste. With ARL still seeking consent, there's a 7-to-8-year gap where an interim solution is needed. That's what this consultation is about: how best to manage those years in a way that's safe, affordable, and as sustainable as possible.

The options being consulted on are:

1. **Rebalancing existing landfills**, which may include Redvale, but would require new consents and community input.
2. **Identifying a new temporary landfill**, though this is unlikely to be viable in time.
3. **Exploring alternative technologies**, which face challenges in cost, consent and emissions.
4. **Auckland recovers more**, with a strong focus on waste minimisation, but recognising that not all waste can be recycled or recovered.

While independent technical advice ranked Option 1 highest against practical criteria (timing, cost, environmental and social impact), WM has made no final decisions. That will happen only after community feedback, iwi engagement, and a full review of submissions. We want to hear your views.

I understand the concerns that have been raised and the deep feelings involved. That's why this consultation exists, to give everyone a chance to shape what happens next.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to make a submission. By the time you read this, the consultation period will have closed (11 May 2025). Over the coming weeks, WM will review all submissions and engage with iwi, community groups, and stakeholders to determine next steps. We'll be coming back to the community with the outcomes of the consultation and where to from here.

Ngā mihi,

Glen Jujnovich

WM New Zealand Representative – Redvale Community Liaison Committee



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The times are changing — and so are we!
Starting with our next quarterly edition, the Dairy Flat Community newsletter will be going completely paperless.

Instead of arriving in your letterbox, our fresh new newsletters will be available exclusively on our revamped Dairy Flat Community Trust website — easy to access, easy to share, and better for the planet.

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- Quicker access to updates, notices, and events
- A cleaner, more interactive reading experience

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The new online newsletter will be published quarterly on our updated Dairy Flat Community Trust website:

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Simply head to the homepage and hover on the Contact us tab — it's that easy!

Need help finding it? We're happy to assist — just send us an email at dairyflatcommunitytrust@hotmail.com. We'd love to hear from you.

We're excited to embrace this positive change and take another step toward a greener future — together!

DAIRY FLAT

COMMUNITY TRUST

Nomination of Trustees & AGM

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 5th June and close at 4:00pm on Tuesday 1st July
2025.

Nomination forms are available from:
Email: dairyflatcommunitytrust@hotmail.co.nz
Website: www.dairyflatcommunitytrust.co.nz

**The Annual General Meeting of the
Dairy Flat Community Trust will be held on
Tuesday 22nd July 2025, 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 COUNTRY CLUB

Local Dairy Flat residents and club members, Aliesha and Carrie Staples, have officially been handed the keys to the restaurant and bar at the Dairy Flat Country Club. This marks the beginning of the revamp of the club with the aim to take the restaurant back to its roots and provide an affordable family friendly hangout in the heart of the community.

So what does this mean?

- The club is currently closed for a revamp while we await our liquor license. We can't give exact reopening dates but watch our social media for more information on this,
- There will be a new menu and new pricing with a focus on quality, affordable meals. Watch our facebook page for a few sneak peeks at what this will include!
- The club will have some new faces working behind the bar and in the kitchen. On that note if you have a teenager looking for a job or you just want to get them out of the house have them reach out to us to interview for a spot on the team,
- We have a new logo, we hope you like it!

Located at 36 Landfill Access Road, Dairy Flat, the 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 signing up to receive the food/beverage discounts and invitations to member only events.

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

Website: dairyflatclub.co.nz

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dairyflatclub>

Email: 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

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

Hello neighbours and friends!

The summer dry has been replaced by the winter wet and with it an influx of rats & mice seeking dry places to nest for the colder months. Have you noticed? They are definitely there and will be heading for your roof, your walls, garage or barn.

Time to get trapping!

Thanks to funding from the Dairy Flat Community Trust, we sold almost 100 subsidised traps in the first 3 months of the year and you have reported 297 catches! That's 297 predators gone!

Untrapped, these pests would have become well over 2000 inside a year - they breed that fast! We also hosted two very successful trapping workshops for the community, which were very well received by all those who attended. We hope to run more in the future, so if you missed out this time round, please register on our Facebook page to get updates. Well done everybody and please remember to report your catches to us every month by sending an email to pestfreedairyflat.trappingdata@gmail.com. Keep up the good work!

Did you know that PFDF now offers heavily subsidised traps for all local residents. Register on our Facebook page or send us an email! Flipping timmy possum traps @ \$50, D-Rat rat traps @ \$20. Traps for stoats, weasels and ferrets are coming soon - let us know if you want one!

Fish alert! Any healthy ecosystem must look after all its component parts. In the case of Dairy Flat & Waitoki, this means birds, plants and waterways. In February, one local resident found her creek had dried up and there were fish stuck in the pools. Closer inspection showed them to be banded kokopu and short-finned eels, both endangered species. She managed to rescue some and is now aiming to restore the creek, where weeds have blocked it. Next step is to plant the edges with native species that provide shade and help protect the water.

Plant some natives! It's planting season, so anyone with a bit of 'dead space' on their block, or plans to restore an area or a stream margin, this is the time to do it. Talk to our friends at Scrub Ecology for details of their excellent eco-sourced native plants. Or contact us as we may be able to help.

With your help, we can restore our local environment and bring back more native wildlife to our backyards. Please contact us at pestfreedairyflat@gmail.com and get involved today!



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

As part of my role on the Rodney Local Board, I attend the Redvale Community Liaison Committee meeting every quarter. At the meetings, there are representatives from Waste Management (WM), Council compliance staff, residents and members of Redvale Environmental Protection Society. So, after being told for years by WM staff that the landfill in Dairy Flat will cease receiving waste in 2028, I was shocked to read in the Herald that WM are proposing to extend the Landfill in Dairy Flat. To date, WM have not yet lodged a resource consent application to extend the landfill at Dairy Flat or applied for an extension via the new Fast Track legislation. However, I imagine that the applications are already to go and will be lodged as soon as WM complete their consultation with the public regarding WM's role in the future of Auckland's waste. I will be disappointed if the application is lodged under the new Fast Track Approvals legislation given the contentious nature of a landfill extension. Dairy Flat residents need to have their voices heard by independent commissioners and have the right to appeal any decision to the Environment Court. It is well documented that having a landfill in your community has massive social, physical and environmental impacts and this needs to be acknowledged.

Update on our park at Green Road, Dairy Flat:

At our Rodney Local Board workshop in early April, NZTA presented the proposed environmental Penlink offset mitigation planting plans for our 154 Hectare Park at Green Road. The proposed planting, offsets and compensates for the environmental impacts of the Penlink project. This offset planting at Green Road Park also includes pest plant removal, animal pest control in the planted areas until 2028, and new fencing. Subject to Local Board approval, the planting is due to start in Autumn and be completed by 2026. The planting is to be maintained by NZTA for 5 years. This proposal is such a massive win for the Green Road Park!

The two new bridges awaiting construction on Green Road Park that form part of the pathway finally have resource consent subject to several conditions which are being finalised. The bridge construction hopefully can start before winter. I must admit that I have found it frustrating how long these resource consents have taken especially as Council are considered a platinum customer for consenting.

The Green Road Park Supporters Group together with Council are coordinating a community planting day on Saturday the 7th of June. There are 3800 plants to plant and kick off is 9am. This is our park and it's a great opportunity to get involved and check out the biggest neighbourhood park in Auckland. You will be able to register attendance with Council or alternatively please send an email to the Supporters groups for details green.road.park.supsociety@gmail.com or join the Green Road Park supporters Group on Facebook. The Rodney Local Board fund these volunteer days.

Dairy Flat category 3 property buy outs:

There have been several recent anti-social incidents with properties that have been purchased by Council as part of the category 3 storm buyout. Please, if you live near one of these properties and Council are not maintaining them please complain to the recovery office at recoveryoffice@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz. If you are not getting any action, please let me know and I will follow up.

Also, if you have suggestions about the future use of any of these properties such as future parks/walking trails etc please let the recovery team know.

If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch. My term on the Local Board finishes in October and after nine years, I will be retiring from the Local Board but in the interim, I am here to serve the community until I hand over to you newly elected representative.

Louise.Johnston@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or 021-729-739

Pushing the Limits: One Toastmaster's Remarkable Journey



For some, it's enough to complete a marathon.

But for one West Auckland Toastmaster, that challenge wasn't quite enough.

Jarrold Hill is a keen sportsman who loves Karate and running. He always has a goal to travel 'somewhere'.

Last week, Jarrod shared the reason for his recent absence.

"I've been in Bolivia, South America," he told his surprised audience.

"The place was 3.6 Kilometres above sea-level. It's simply hard to breathe when you're not acclimatised to it," he said.

"And if you do want to compete in any sport, you really do need to arrive at least a week before the event to get used to the thin air."

Although Jarrod knew the risks, he arrived the night before the Bolivia Marathon and managed, with extreme persistence, panting and sheer 'guts' to complete the hilly and challenging terrain in a little over six hours.

As you can see, Jarrod's someone who is determined to tackle a task — just as he chose to address his self-confidence and speaking skills at Toastmasters.

If this inspires YOU, please accept this invitation to come along and attend the next session in your area with our compliments.

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Starts Tuesday 4th February 2025

Tuesdays 5:30pm-7pm

\$180.00

Register at:

membershipsilverdaleponyclub@gmail.com



Dairy Flat Community Hall

Contact details: Please E-mail: info@DairyFlatLive.com

Hall is available for community use 7 days a week. If you like to start classes or other activities in the Hall, the Hall committee will support you, with low starting rates.

Activities in the Hall

- Yoga on Monday
- Toast masters on Tuesday/ fortnightly
- Every Friday night Rock & Roll-on live music/ full bands people travel from all over great Auckland to Dairy Flat for those nights.

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

Many locals are very surprised, when they find out what's going on in the Hall on Friday nights. Licensed Bar with Club prices. Cover charge for bands applies.

Hall hire

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

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the second newsletter of 2025, written on 1 May.

Looking back at the first newsletter of this year, I mentioned in the third or fourth paragraphs that “the landfill will cease taking in waste by the end of December 2028”. Sadly, on 17 March I awoke to see an online article in the Herald about how Auckland was facing a waste crisis and that the best solution was to extend the Redvale landfill closure through to 2036. I say sadly, as everybody on the CLC (excluding Waste Management staff) were under the impression that the landfill’s closure was three (3) years away.

On the evening of 17 March, senior staff from Waste Management showed a Power Point presentation to most of the members of the Community Liaison Committee (CLC) and their plan to take the Power Point presentation to the entire Auckland community, with meetings planned for South and East Auckland, one for North Auckland, one for West Auckland and one specifically for the Dairy Flat community. Two members of the public attended the South and East meeting, one attended the North meeting, one attended the West meeting and 35 attended the Dairy Flat meeting.

Waste Management said that the purpose of these meeting was to seek feedback from the public as to what would be the best way forward in terms of waste disposal over the next few years as there will be a period between Redvale’s closure and the new landfill coming on stream in the Wayby (Dome) valley (which is still currently going through the court process).

Readers are encouraged to submit feedback and such feedback needs to be submitted by 11 May.

Going back to the first article I wrote for this newsletter, (in January 2019) I stated that “the next ten years are going to be very interesting in terms of Waste Management looking to establish a new, bigger and better landfill north of Auckland and once all the red tape has been worked through (a process which could take a few years), it will start taking in a substantial portion of Auckland city’s waste and the fill going to Redvale will diminish and ideally, cease by 2028.”

I closed the 2019 newsletter with the following: “I look forward to what the future holds for all of us and will do my best to ensure that the Redvale Community Liaison Committee plays a role as it is intended as we move forward during these exciting times. It is the Redvale Community Liaison Committee’s role to be the forum through which the Redvale community which is impacted by the landfill can bring matters to the attention of those who sit on this committee and for it to then look for workable solutions and I urge all readers to please use this forum to achieve the goals as envisioned.”

*Till next time
Warwick*

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We welcome contributions to the newsletter.

The newsletter is digitally updated each quarter.

Please note that WM New Zealand accepts no responsibility for the opinions expressed in submitted articles.

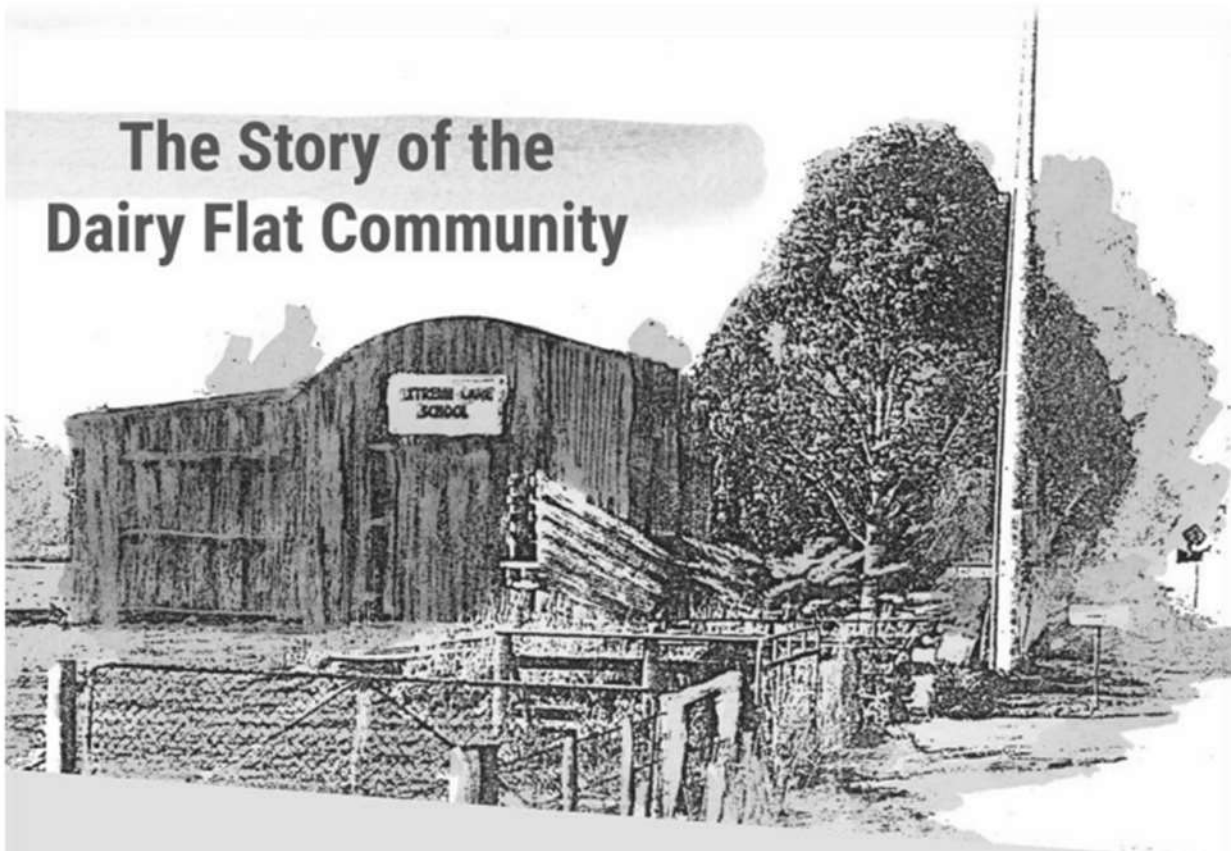
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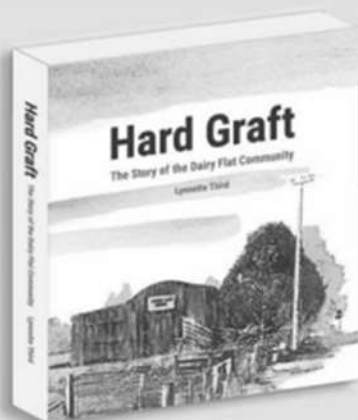
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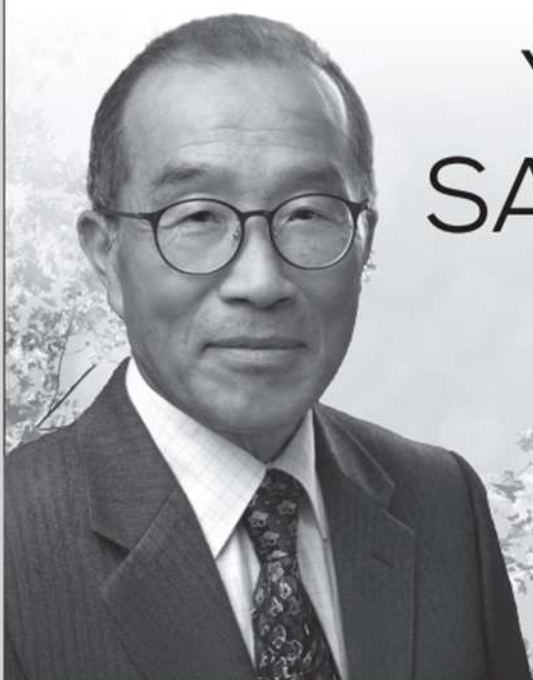
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