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Kumeu Courier

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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

It is all about the Kumeu Community

Kumeu and it's districts are a vibrant cluster of villages that come together for festivals, events and celebrations but in the main go about the business of growing, developing and trading within a mixture of environments. The district includes Riverhead, Taupaki, Kumeu, Huapai and Waimauku which spans a diverse range of rural, lifestyle and residential areas. It also encapsulates a broad cross-section of interests that includes viticulture, livestock, kiwifruit, horticulture, hydroponics, to name a few.

It is this collaborative thinking and approach that flows through to the introduction of the Kumeu Courier, a monthly

newsletter that is circulated to over 2000 residents throughout Kumeu and its districts.

The publication includes topical community news and information, details on upcoming events, community activities and important dates.

The publication also includes a number of ongoing editorial series on the history of Kumeu and surrounding districts. How the area developed and the people involved in its development. The publication encourages letters to the editor and meeting summaries from local community groups to ensure that news is transferred to all the community effectively.

If you are involved in a community group and would like to

submit information on a regular basis please email the material including any photographs to glms@xtra.co.nz or mail to PO Box 551, Kumeu.

There is no cost to supplying editorial for consideration however it is at the editors discretion what will be published subject to space constraints.

We are searching for an editor presently to hold the reins of the publication and suggest to anyone that is semi-retired that wants to have a dabble to send an email through over the next week to the email address below.

Editorial enquiries to:
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It is important for us to offer a green and sustainable option to people in Kumeu or overseas that are wanting to keep

abreast of what is happening in and around this great little community of ours.

Regular community information, police, fire, property and factual files from around the area, free to your inbox.

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Kumeu Home - the one i'd buy



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At first glance it is a home that you may overlook because it is well off the road within a sheltered valley, but this property is very special in a whole range of ways. On paper it is 1 hectare of prime land within Kumeu's golden mile.

But when you look past the specifications and enjoy the property you gain a far better appreciation for the offer which is an entertainers dream home. Set with earthy tones and rustic beams, the home

has fabulous character and pedigree. The layout is interesting with a n entrance that wows you into an open plan entertainer kitchen dining area with an additional formal/tv lounge. Off the entrance area are two distinct wings that service the four bedrooms and two bathrooms that works for a family or semi retired couple that want to have their own space and enjoy a space between other family or guests. Options here for offices and

home theatre with additional rooms to enjoy and customize. Although it comes with an attached double garage it also has an additional freestanding garage, wood shed/ tool shed that not only delivers some options for storage but also for home business that want the benefit of being 2 minutes from Kumeu yet in the middle of a quiet picturesque valley. The home is masonry over brick and is only 6 years old. Asking price is \$1,295,000

*"No shaking
Westpac's Chief
Economist's view
that a normal
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place"*

Kumeu Finance Update

Current economic data is painting a mixed picture in the early part of this year – though nothing to shake Westpac's Chief Economist's view that a normal recovery is taking place and that the Reserve Bank is set to begin raising interest rates soon. Make no mistake, the days of a 2.5% official cash rate are numbered and we expect to see

the first hike in June. May is the month for the annual Westpac Rescue Helicopter appeal. Last year Westpac staff raised \$1m towards this fantastic charity. Our 2010 target is \$1.2m. With the wild west coast right on our doorstep we know this service is vital for our community, so when you see us on collection day (May 21st) please

give generously. Your support is greatly appreciated. Finally, I hope you have had the opportunity to come into our new branch at Huapai. We are really enjoying being part of the community. David Lloyd
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"I am proud to be part of this community"

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Clandestine Drug Laboratories



Methamphetamine is the scourge of society and to hide our heads in the sand and say that little old Kumeu is immune from the problem would be naive. In the last 3 years I have had the pleasure of meeting and

dealing with some of the good folk within Kumeu and would say that I am proud to be part of this community. I have however dealt with some members of our society who have chosen a life of crime and drugs and to say the two go hand in hand is an understatement. I have personally been involved

with four Clan Labs in our area and have seen first hand the effects of the methamphetamine trade.

If you think you know the whereabouts of a Clan Lab then notify Police or make an anonymous call to the Crime stoppers line on 0800 555111.

Recent House Sales Statistics - dollars & cents



Despite an abundance of good listings at present, we are still seeing prices going up as a result of strong demand from genuine home buyers. The median sale price of \$360,500

is the highest March figure in twenty years and, after dropping to just 3666 in January, the number of sales broke through the 6000 barrier last month.

What is happening now is in strong contrast to the market in November when listings were short and prices went up because demand was not being met.

The total value of residential sales, including sections, in New Zealand in March was \$2.73 billion, an increase on the February total of \$2.14 billion. The March total of 6161 dwellings sold is also an improvement on the February figure of 5,029. The breakdown of the values of the properties was 208 for \$1 million plus, 812 for \$600,000 -

\$999,999, 1589 for \$400,000 - \$599,999 and 3552 under 400,000.

While the March national median residential house price is only \$500 up on the December figure, it is more than 7 percent up on the median price for March 2009. There has also been increases in the median price in all 12 districts ranging from 1 to nearly 10 percent when compared to the same month last year. The largest annual percentage increases were in Auckland, up 9.31 percent to \$475,500.

Auckland residential sales, including sections, accounted for \$1,267 million of total sales in March.

For more information contact Graham McIntyre LJ Hooker Kumeu on 09 412 9602 or 0276 320421

“ALWAYS SELLING IN GOOD TIMES & BAD”

“We are very grateful to the Kumeu Rotary Club for working alongside us to help establish premises”

West Auckland Hospice Opens in Kumeu

Barbara Williams, Chief Executive Officer of Hospice West Auckland, in partnership with the Kumeu Rotary Club, is delighted to announce that Hospice West Auckland will be opening an outreach office in the township of Kumeu in the next couple of months.

Hospice West Auckland currently provides fully comprehensive Hospice services throughout the Western Ward of Rodney from our base in Te Atatu Peninsula.

We are very grateful to the Kumeu Rotary Club for working alongside us to help establish premises, so that we can be even more accessible to patients, their care givers and families.

A special opening of the new Hospice West Auckland outreach office will be publicized shortly.

Hospice West Auckland will be holding its Annual Appeal week from Monday 17 to Friday 20 May 2010.

Volunteers will be outside Kumeu Wine Cellars from 11am – 3pm each day, collecting donations from shoppers.

Please give generously to enable Hospice to continue providing its services free of charge to the people of Rodney.

Kumeu Fire Files

Why the Restricted Fire Ban was extended.

The Ban was extended due to the very dry weather and long summer.

You will all have noticed how dry it has been, with the amount of water bought to supply your water tanks. If you are considering lighting a fire keep these points in mind.

Don't burn green trees/vegetation, this will cause a smoke nuisance, which if we are called out the fire will need to be extinguished. Don't leave your fire unattended, always keep an eye on it.

Fires at night cause concern in that they can be seen from quite a distance and someone will usually call it in. So light fires in daylight hours

only. Have a water supply handy.

All Fires are prohibited in Urban areas at all times of the year.

An Urban area is generally described as any area where the road speed limit is less than 80 km/h.

We look forward to some rain in the coming months to increase the moisture in the vegetation in our district.



Stephen Sparnon, DCFO, Kumeu Fire Rescue. For information phone the Rodney District Council on 0800 426 5169 for emergency calls dial 111

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