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Riverhead - The gateway to Kumeu

In the 1966 introduction to the most authoritative and meticulously researched book on Riverhead and its surrounds, *Riverhead: The Kaipara Gateway*, Ian Madden, President of the Auckland Historical Society, suggested Riverhead was perceived by many as a “sleepy hollow” nestled in a largely rustic location whose primary remaining use was as an alternative route to the Harbour Bridge.

This belies the tenacity and determination of a township that by the time had constituted the home of such varied industries as flour-

milling, paper-making, gum digging, and shipping for over 120 years, and has continued to grow in strength, appeal, and diversity.

Over the course of the coming months, the *Kumeu Courier* will detail the history of Riverhead, its significance to the growth of Auckland City, and the demography of its early settlers, who, in the words of the Hon. William Scott, M.P for Rodney (1954-1969), “shared a handicap that was common to all of New Zealand in its first hundred years. They lived our

history, they made it: but they had no time to write it for us.” By investigating, discovering, delving into, and writing about our history we can better appreciate the experiences, events, and lives that built the community we live in today.

The *Kumeu Courier* invites submissions, material, and suggestions pertaining to this topic.

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Wastewater system running by Dec2011

Watercare Services Ltd and Rodney District Council have been in discussions for over eight months fine tuning the waste water solution from Kumeu, Huapai, and Riverhead through to the feeder at Westgate. While no one from council was able to provide a definite date it was muted and confirmed in a copy of the Kumeu-Huapai Ratepayers

Association minutes that a full wastewater system would be linked in the area by December 2011.

The system will be owned and operated by Watercare Services. Conversion is not mandatory for current septic tank users, however the cost of the system to householders will be dictated by the volume of residents that convert. The initial estimate is \$12,000

including the grinder pump installation, connection fee, and on site costs (similar to a septic tank cost), and will be accompanied by an annual rates increase of about \$450 depending on property size.

We can see the benefit of the system given the changes to the current district plan, however research all options or you may well end up in the doo doos.

5 acres, 5 bedrooms & 5 star kitchen



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If five is your lucky number, I am picking that you've already decided that this property has some very special appeal that will only be satisfied if you take the plunge and indulge in a spot of "what if".

People fall in love with land, homes, and locations, for wide ranging reasons but from time to time you come across a home that has magic.

You won't see a rabbit in a hat but you will see a very well thought out lifestyle family home. It offers great living

having much thought put into layout, with two living areas divided by a central entertainers kitchen with high ceilings and great working zones.

The home is easy to understand with all bedrooms off a central hallway which links to the bathroom, a separate laundry, and through to the master with en-suite and walk in wardrobe all tastefully fitted. The home faces North but has equal entertaining options to the east and the west which gives rise to the question of

the best place to sip the champagne and eat the fresh strawberries in Spring. Walking the land, it undulates like a low Tasman Ocean swell, but, brilliantly, the run-off naturally flows to a stream that trickles through the middle. Suitable for horses, cows, bulls, sheep or donkeys, there is enough space to have a hobby farm and still have time and space to relax and entertain. Open on Sunday 1—1.30pm at 46 Wintour Road, Kumeu. Price By Negotiation (CV \$930k).

Football showing promise

Norwest Football has started the year on a high. We have some promising junior teams doing well in both their grading games and tournaments. As usual our junior girls teams are excelling against the best United Soccer 1 and Auckland Football have to offer, which is excellent for the club. Saturday the 22nd of May will see the opening games on one of the new pitches recently replaced by the Rodney District Council. We will start the ball rolling with some 9th and 10th grade games

for a few weeks and, providing that the new grass holds up well, we will hopefully be able to play a small amount of senior games on the new turf. The restoration project started in November last year, and on behalf of the Norwest Committee I would like to thank Chris Burgess and Peter Bilton from the Rodney District Council and Warren Mann from City Care for getting this project finished and one of the fields available to us as quickly as they have. This will provide Norwest and

our visiting teams with one of the best surfaces to play on in the west. Hopefully the number 1 ground will be ready at some stage during the season as well. The two field renovations will assist the club with our plans for this year. Norwest have decided to hold a three day National 10th grade tournament for both boys and girls in the second week of the September holidays. This is a huge step for the club and hopefully will gain interest amongst clubs throughout the country.

*"For enquiries on
Norwest Football
contact John
Widdows
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Kumeu Fire Files

Well we got the rain we needed and it's good to see the grass green again. With winter approaching and more rain likely, it is time to slow down a little when driving on the roads. The main two factors that contribute to the accidents we attend are speed and alcohol. When these two factors are removed, the chances of you having us turn up and cutting up your car so you can be removed and treated by

the Ambulance crews is greatly reduced. You may have noticed the phrase 'Fire Rescue' on our trucks or uniform as we attend car crash rescues more frequently, and less fire suppression callouts. Recent incidents included a long drive to the Southdown Fire to relieve crews — a big call for our crew who were out on the job for 7 hours. We also attended a ute on fire on Old North Rd, a bush Fire on Hwy 16, and assisted



Muriwai Fire with a patient lift from Maori Bay. Last Saturday 417 firefighters from Australia, the USA, and all over New Zealand, participated in The Sky Tower Challenge, a great event with over 20 members from the local brigades competing. Take care on the roads .

Stephen Sparnon,
DCFO, Kumeu
Fire Rescue.
For an
emergency call
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Fitness

With all the pressure of school, university, family, and work, stress levels tend to increase producing chemicals in your body making you feel edgy and tense. Exercise moves those chemicals out of your body relieving tension, and resulting in a better mood and more balanced frame of mind. Making health and wellbeing a priority is possible, most people simply need some assistance and guidance to get started. For information on health, fitness, and nutrition, contact Club Physical Westgate on 09 833 3306.

Fires

There is nothing better than a roaring fire on cold wet winter days to warm you up and dry the house out. Winter means power cuts and having a fire when they occur keeps you warm. You may even be able to heat the kettle or soup pot. Stihl Shop Kumeu are your local specialist for high quality NZ built woodfires; free-standing, inbuilt, convection and radiant. They supply a full service and finance is available for all woodfires via GE Creditline. Call them on 09 412 8592 or see the showroom at 54 Main Road Kumeu.

Figures

Great Sales in April !

Access Rd, Kumeu	\$1,083k
Brigham Lane, Kumeu	\$1,700k
Old North Road, Kumeu	\$ 772k
Oraha Rd, Kumeu	\$1,155k
Merlot Heights, Kumeu	\$ 500k
Pinotage Place, Kumeu	\$ 439k
Alice Street, Rvhd	\$ 500k
Ararimu Vally Rd, Rvhd	\$ 642k
Cambridge Rd, Rvhd	\$ 429k
C/R Highway, Rvhd	\$2,135k
Glenmore Rd, Rvhd	\$1,100k
Nixon Rd, Taupaki	\$1,115k
Sunnyvale Rd, Taupaki	\$ 680k
Freshfields, Waimauku	\$ 799k

“For a report on the latest sales in your area free of cost contact: L.J Hooker Kumeu Licensed (REAA2008) Ph 09 412 9602”

Savvy savers can dip into kiwisaver savings

The Westpac Rescue Helicopter Appeal is in full swing and a special thanks is due to Waimauku Primary who raised \$546 and Riverhead Primary who raised \$246. We are on track to meet our target of \$1.2m.

The main point of interest since the May issue of the *Kumeu Courier* is the release of Budget. In particular, an increase in GST, a decrease to

income tax brackets and the removal of certain tax benefits relating to property investment. The latter may have a slow-down effect on the housing market and we may see a consequent improvement in the affordability gap between income and house prices.

We still believe June will see the commencement of increases to the Official Cash Rate.

Finally, for all you savvy savers who joined Kiwisaver 3 years ago and are looking to jump onto the property ladder, in July you can withdraw your own and your employers contributions to assist with your deposit. Please contact me for further discussion.

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“June will be the start of increases to the Official Cash Rate”

Kumeu Police Files

Your community needs you.

The Nor West Community Patrol is currently looking for willing people prepared to give a little of their time to assist the Police in making our community a safer environment.

The patrol acts as extra eyes and ears for the Police and patrollers are generally rostered to work for several hours one night a month alongside another patroller.

We currently have patrollers of all ages.

Applicants are vetted by Police and must complete the initial 1 hour training package conducted at the Kumeu Police station.

If you are interested please call Constable Mike Collins at Kumeu Police on 09 412 5194 for more information.



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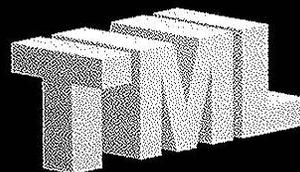


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This newly built home within an excellent neighborhood awaits your interest. A beautifully designed home with excellent builder pedigree, the home features three bedrooms, two bathrooms including ensuite, double garage with internal access, award winning kitchen and generous space and flow to the East and West for entertaining onto a fully fenced 580 square meter lawn area.

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FAMILY HOME IN WESTGATE

This beautifully presented weatherboard home on approximately 400 square metres ticks so many boxes. Bordered by hedging and grass the home has been positioned to attract generous sun and excellent privacy. The home is an architecturally inspired two level home with three bedrooms an office or guest room, two bathrooms, garaging and carport.

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MAY ALL YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE

This house has it all, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms with separate toilet, open plan living with a kitchen that has all the latest fittings with a gas hob. The house faces the park and beyond to the riverhead forest set in one of the finest streets in Riverhead. The house is designed to give optimum flow to the outdoor living area that is fully decked front and back.

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REFURBISHED IN RIVERHEAD

This sun drenched, 3 generous bedroom, bungalow has been tastefully refurbished throughout that offers all day sun within an open plan living / dining area. Set upon a semi fenced 809 square meter section with mature trees and established gardens with river-stone pathway. It offers a delightful playground whilst being low maintenance.

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