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Intro

Well it looks like this issue has gone to the dogs...no, not really but there are a few tips and articles for all those dog lovers out there in our community! This month has been a real mixed bag of Summer trying its hardest to hold on to the last of the warm weather and Autumn doing its best to change the seasons. As always though there are still many events around the area that families can attend and enjoy those last few rays of sunshine. With daylight savings coming to an end, now might be a good time to do some extra work around the home and garden to ensure the colder months are spent cosying up in front of the fire and not cleaning out gutters during torrential downpours like we had thanks to Cyclone Pam. Enjoy this issue and please feel free to email myself or Graham if you have any interesting news or events you would like to share with the community.

As always, stay safe and be kind.

Sarah,
Editor.



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LOCAL BOARD UPDATE MARCH

Another round of public feedback sessions draws to a close with the Mayor's Draft Long Term Plan – the plan that sets the budgets and direction of Auckland for the next ten years.

The biggest question for locals seems to be – are we being listened to?

There is hope that things may change and recognition of the significant growth in population is at last attracting some overdue attention to our needs from City Hall.

The Mayor attended the 'Have Your Say' event in Kumeu and heard the issues loud and clear. Following on from this there are indications that starting Master Planning for Kumeu and the surrounds may happen sooner rather than later – at the time of writing we are waiting on confirmation of how this might work and when but there is hope for optimism.

The Local Board has asked for over a year for planning to be updated to reflect the rapid change in growth - now that message has been backed up by the community we are getting some attention. Watch this space.

The Board has been focused on streamlining how it works to speed up projects. An example of this can be seen in the decision to directly fund the Kumeu Arts Centre to carry out overdue maintenance work. They have been waiting for some

time for the roof to be repaired on the Council owned building and completion of internal improvements.

The high cost of doing this through Council's 'preferred supplier' process and the length of time to get a result saw the Board short-circuit the issue with a direct grant to the Arts Centre. This is an idea we think may work in some situations even though it is a departure from 'business as usual'.

If you are having issues with getting community based projects off the ground and bogged down in bureaucracy, please get in touch with me and I will see what I can do to help... Phelan Pirrie email: phelan.pirrie@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz mobile: 021 837 167

HILLARY TRAIL FOR FUN



Auckland is home to some fantastic walk-

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ing trails and there is no better than the Hillary Trail. A brochure can be downloaded online or picked up from Auckland Parks at the Arataki Visitor Centre. Over the next few months we will be featuring a number of spectacular scenic shots that hopefully will inspire you to get out with the family and enjoy this amazing area we live in. As a one day adventure or a five day excursion this provides fun, fitness and bonding for one and all.

DAY 1

The trail starts at the Arataki Visitor Centre on Scenic Drive. If you are catching public transport to Titirangi, you can walk 6.6km from there to Arataki via Exhibition Drive and the Beveridge Tracks. From Arataki the trail descends into the Nihotupu Valley and onwards to Huia. The first night is spent at the Karamatura campground. 12.5km, 4-5 hours from the Arataki Visitor Centre 19.1km, 5.5-6.5 hours from Titirangi

DAY 2

Starts with a steep climb out of the Karamatura Valley, a subsequent descent down to the Manukau Heads and along the spectacular Omanawanui Track.

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AUTUMN AT THE RIVERHEAD

Now that daylight saving is right upon us, we should be thankful for the amazing summer we've just had and focus on all good things we love about the cooler months...wearing boots, popping on that favourite coat, the camaraderie of big rugby games and snuggling up in front of a roaring fire. The best thing about the venue at The Riverhead is that

it does Winters just about as well as it does Summers. Not only do we have a new menu this month, we have a brand new website which shows off our three distinct areas far better than our original website did. Now it's even easier to navigate to the area which best suits the experience you're after at The Riverhead. Check it out on www.theriverhead.co.nz. You can even make a booking online to try out our new autumn menu. This year we're looking forward to 'Sunday Live' in our new Boat House building, where the weather won't dampen our spirits. If you haven't seen our new Boat House venue yet, pop on down on a Sunday afternoon and enjoy the festive atmosphere and free music.

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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE" AND "PRESERVES – This month Dawn Preston-Thomas will make us more aware of what "Restorative Justice" is about and Chrissie Jones from Frech Estate at Shelly Beach will tell us about what the property produces and has to offer us. Please come along and hear what these two local women have to share with us. Join us on Friday 10 April at 1pm, St. John Ambulance Rooms, 7 Rata Street, Helensville. All welcome, gold coin entry – excellent afternoon tea. Next Meeting 1 May at 1pm. Call Judy, 09 411 8322 for more information.

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ABSTRACTION EXHIBITION

'Abstraction' Exhibition at Kumeu Arts Centre 17th April to 15th May 2015. Opening night, Friday 17th April, 7 - 9pm, all welcome. We also hold a range of artistic classes including painting (all media), abstract art, clay, kids, special needs, knitting, flax weaving and plenty more. Check out our website for more information www.kumeuartscentre.co.nz Or phone 09 412 9480 or email thetinsheed@clear.net.nz.

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The team at Terra Nova Planning are delighted that the Crabbfields development in Riverhead has won the Best Street Award for 2014. Terra Nova was engaged by Ron and Lynne Crabb to assist them with obtaining the residential zoning, layout design, and planning and resource consent management through the Auckland Council for the 44 lot subdivision in this very high amenity location. The success of the development can also be put down to the Crabb's commitment to producing a high quality, pedestrian and cycle friendly residential neighbourhood that sets a high standard for Riverhead.

WINTER TIME FOR SENIOR DOGS

As the weather starts to cool, it is important to think about the impact it has on exercising our senior dogs (especially those with arthritis). However, there are a number of things you can do to keep your senior dog mentally and physically active over the winter months.



If you are heading outdoors for a walk, two or three short walks a day is often better than one long walk which can make your dog stiff after resting from it. Mental stimulation can be given in the form of feeding meals from puzzle toys. Even just a car ride can provide mental stimulation. Exercise therapy (static exercises, like Pilates but for dogs) helps to maintain/build muscle and improve balance as well as providing mental stimulation and can be done indoors. Hydrotherapy can also provide good exercise with low impact on arthritic joints. Tania Evans - Canine Exercise Therapist. www.pawsitivelifestyles.co.nz.

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In an emergency dial 111.
For more information contact
Ph 09 412 7756.

On the 28th February 2015 Prime Ministers John Key and Tony Abbott met the two teams of fire fighters from the Auckland Rural Fire Authority to thank them for their contribution in the 2014 Australian bush fires. Tony Abbott is a qualified fire fighter in Australia and still goes out on the truck once or twice a year. Tony formally thanked each of the fire fighters and presented a cap from his local Brigade. We in return presented him a New Zealand Rural Fire cap.

This was also an opportunity to show both Prime Ministers the new fire appliance for Great Barrier Island and to explain to them what it's like to be both a urban and rural Fire Brigade like Waitakere Fire.

In light of Cyclone Pam I would strongly recommend that you visit the Auckland Civil Defence website as it has a lot of very useful information on preparing for an event such as a cyclone. www.aucklandcivildefence.org.nz/



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Address	Max	Median	Minimum	Most Recent Sale
COATESVILLE				
Lifestyle	\$ 3,625,000	\$ 1,912,000	\$ 775,000	\$ 1,775,000
HERALD ISLAND				
Residential	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 830,000	\$ 830,000
HOBSONVILLE				
Residential	\$ 2,680,000	\$ 695,000	\$ 654,000	\$ 693,000
HUAPAI - KUMEU				
Residential	\$ 945,000	\$ 820,000	\$ 654,000	\$ 820,000
Lifestyle	\$ 3,900,000	\$ 2,170,000	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 1,775,000
MURIWAI				
Residential	\$ 665,000	\$ 715,000	\$ 370,000	\$ 665,000
RIVERHEAD				
Residential	\$ 967,000	\$ 670,000	\$ 521,000	\$ 725,000
TAUPAKI				
Lifestyle	\$ 1,020,000	\$ 1,008,000	\$ 740,000	\$ 1,145,000
WAIMAUKU				
Residential	\$ 920,000	\$ 820,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 920,000
Lifestyle	\$ 2,300,000	\$ 1,573,000	\$ 1,350,000	\$ 2,000,000
WAITAKERE TOWNSHIP				
Residential	\$ 640,000	\$ 636,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000
WESTHARBOUR				
Residential	\$ 1,258,000	\$ 810,000	\$ 580,000	\$ 932,000
WHENUAPAI				
Residential	\$ 4,150,000	\$ 1,650,000	\$ 755,000	\$ 755,000

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- The KiwiSaver First Home Deposit Subsidy will be replaced with a KiwiSaver HomeStart Grant. For those who are eligible this will double the level of the grant if buying or building a new house and increase the price limits for all grant applicants.
- Larger KiwiSaver first home purchase withdrawals will be available, which include the member tax credits. This means after three years of KiwiSaver membership first home buyers will now be able to withdraw all of their KiwiSaver funds except the \$1,000 kick start.
- Expanding eligibility for Welcome Home Loans by aligning the house price caps with the new KiwiSaver HomeStart Grant house caps. Auckland has risen from \$485,000 to \$550,000.
- Ability to pay the grant out at beginning of the process to assist with purchasing properties off the plans. So if you're a first home buyer and keen to build please contact us for a no obligation discussion. 09 411 9251 or 027 411 9255 or david@davidllyodmortgages.co.nz



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IN BRIEF

UPDATES:EVENTS

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ALL HAIL THE MINCHER PUMPKIN!

With a winning weight of 115.5kg this impressive specimen won the Giant Pumpkin competition at the Kumeu A&P Show on Saturday 15th March. Featured is Dave Schellingerhout - Head Gardener at Mincher - A Garden of National Significance, Coatesville. Congratulations Dave!



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During my time there I saw a wide variety of interesting clients including athletes, office workers, pregnant women and even a few celebrities! I have also danced professionally therefore I am particularly interested in injury prevention and rehabilitation through massage and sports therapy techniques. Whether you have an injury, postural and work related issues, or just need some time out for relaxation, I can tailor my massage techniques to your individual requirements. Contact me on 021 755 745 or vwiltshire@live.com.

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abseiling, a climbing wall, a confidence course and flying fox, a water slide, making balistas and rope bridges, singing around a campfire and toasting marshmallows, a night stalking game and many other exciting outdoor activities. Great fun was had by all. The Brownies and Guides are currently accepting new members interested in the outdoors, and who enjoy helping others and looking for new challenges. We are also looking for new leaders who enjoy helping girls to grow and see them reach their potential. Watch out for our girls in March and April as we will be selling Guide Biscuits. Look out for our girls in pink or blue at various stalls. A number of shops are also selling on our behalf. The funds raised from these sales help train our leaders and provide equipment for the District. For further information about Guide Biscuits, Brownies and Guides, please contact our District Co-ordinator, Ann Miller, phone: 09 411 9337.

NOR-WEST SENIOR NET

Norwest Senior-Net's Monthly Seminar to be held on Wednesday 1st April at St Chad's Hall, Huapai, shall have the pleasure of Matthew Kerr, Manager of the Kumeu Library. Matthew will be speaking on how to access Auckland Libraries' sites and the services they offer from our home computers. This will include ordering and renewing books, e-books for our Kindles. and the many databases available. Our Meetings are open to all, a \$3 entry fee entitles you to a cup of Coffee/Tea & Biscuit. Come along at 10am and enjoy finding out what you can do online, down-



loading great books to sit down and read when relaxing once daylight saving is over. A Raffle is always held with a variety of prizes. Find out about the many Computer classes that we have on offer. There is always something to learn with all the changes that come with the new gadgets that are on the market now.

MEACTIVITY

11am - 4pm Sunday 12 April - Olympic Place, New Lynn

EcoDay is a community celebration, bringing together the best of West Auckland's community environmental groups, green businesses, ethical food vendors and local entertainers to create a fun, free and family-friendly day out featuring:

- +Live Music and Performances
- +Eco Art and Upcycling Activities
- +Body and Soul Wellness Zone
- +Sustainable Living Workshops
- +Green Community Hub
- +Pop-Up 'Wash Against Waste' Food Court

+ Q&A Sessions with Eco Experts
Head to facebook.com/EcoWestFestival for event updates and all details!

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Households throw away over \$500 food annually. Studies suggest half of food purchased is not consumed. WasteMINZ

are running love food hate waste - their facebook page includes recipes for past-it avocado and stale bread, plus the love your leftovers app makes the back of the fridge a feast of culinary possibility.

HIBERNATE FOR WINTER

Woodfires, Wetbacks and Radiators - days are getting shorter, evenings are getting darker. It's the perfect time to avoid the rush and install that new Woodburner. Spend cosy nights in the ambiance of your new fire. Avoid the wait with consents and get your woodburner installed now. KPL has a range of Firenzo, Kent and Wagener burners on display including the Wagener Fairburn Cooker. Customise your burner with selected tiles, railings and bases. There's something here for every household. Combination HWC also available, hooked up to your wetback and radiators to keep you warm through those cold winter days. Our showroom displays a range of wood burners to view. KPL supply and install woodburners. Come and talk to our friendly staff or call now for a FREE no obligation quote. 156 Main Road Kumeu 09 412 9108.

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PROGRESS AT LAST

On the 16th December 2014 at Soljans Winery, at the meeting

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NZTA requested of the Kumeu-Huapai Residents & Ratepayers Association, assembled a representative group to represent the District to be able to meet with Engineers of their office and Auckland Transport.

The challenge was given to me to select the group that could represent and speak for the area from Brighams Creek, Waimauku, Riverhead, Taupaki & Muriwai.

The resulting group is about 20 strong and has a wide range of professional and business skills to bring to any meeting. Members include two representatives of the developers of the Triangle Project, the adjacent Residents & Ratepayers groups, and two members of the Local Board, so hopefully the wider group can achieve more for the District than has been done in the past.

The Mayor's visit to the Arts Centre on March 5th is probably was an eye opener for him. He admitted that he was surprised at the passion of the expression and issues raised by the community.

As a result of that meeting, he asked to meet with the group on Saturday 14th March (in the Auckland Mayor's Office). That meeting was attended by two Board members, Penny Webster and 9 from the community. The Mayor welcomed the group and indicated that the Kumeu-Huapai area had been left behind by his Council and the previous Rodney Council.

He gave an undertaking to work with the group to resolve the infrastructure problems in our area. Knowing that the Triangle submission closes on the 27th March, Len Brown promised a response to the group by the 20th March.

Looking overall, it appears that the Structure Plan and associated

Issues will be advanced ahead of time which can only be a good thing for the whole community.

It appears progress is being made at last on infrastructure. For the communities sake, I really hope so.

Pete Sinton

Chairman

Kumeu-Huapai Residents & Ratepayers Association

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FROM THE RED CHAIR

If you get a panel of property experts and ask them to speculate about the future of house prices in Auckland and the property hot spots in the future you would expect some similarity of answers. Not so. The New Zealand Herald canvassed opinion from QV's Andrea Rush, REINZ CEO Helen O'Sullivan, Property Investors Association Boss, Andrew Bruce and Financial Analyst, Bernard Hickey but the answers will surprise you.

On the topic of future house prices, Andrea, Andrew and Bernard said you should expect increases up to double digits per year because supply is not able to keep pace with demand. The common theme is there is just not enough resource to build enough new homes. On the other hand, Helen said that in 12 months we would see an increase in supply and prices will plateau. I am sorry to say that new building consents are half that of ten years ago, we are going backwards not forwards.

Regarding hot property areas we had a wider gap, Andrea said a 2-3 bedroom townhouse was a sure bet, Helen indicated buy in neighborhood's that were cheaper, we saw this in Riverhead recently when the median price went from \$375,000 to \$650,000 in 12 months.

Andrew said that next to new motorway infrastructure would yield good returns; certainly Greenhithe has been testimony to this fact. Bernard was a traditionalist indicating close to CBD with a prime school zone. So with this in mind what are my predictions, well I am going with the double digits in some areas, we are see-

ing amazing growth in areas like Massey, Ranui, Swanson, Waitakere Township and this will continue. And on the topic of hot property areas, I would look for freestanding weatherboard homes on big sites, they are easy to move, or rotate, easy to renovate and buyers understand them. Look for a small house on a big site, these are gold mines for renovation or add-ons. Avoid townhouse developments where parking is compromised and living is cramped. But whatever you do, get onto the property market however you can and hang on. The market is not finished growing, the market does not have the ability at present to satisfy demand. Graham McIntyre, Brand and Territory Owner, Mike Pero Kumeu. Ph 0800 900 700, see www.grahammcintyre.co.nz

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NATIONAL HOUSE PRICE MEDIAN UP 3.6 PER CENT

House prices recovered from their summer siesta last month, and sales numbers were the highest for a February since 2007. The national median house price was \$430,000, up 0.9 per cent on the previous month and 3.6 per cent than a year ago. That was an improvement on January, when prices slipped 5.3 per cent on the previous month, although for the year they were stronger at 6 per cent.

However, it was on the sales front that February was strongest, up 42 per cent on the previous month and 12 per cent higher than a year ago.

Seven regions saw prices rise, led by Auckland where the median rose 14 per cent to \$675,000, an increase of \$83,000 on the year before. Excluding the distortionary effects of the hot Auckland market, the national median house price was flat at \$350,000.

The Real Estate Institute, which provides the figures, said the surge in sales was a little stronger than normal, but partly reflected a catch-up effect from weaker sales in January. REINZ chief executive Colleen Milne said the flatness of house prices when Auckland was excluded was telling. "This underlines again the view that there are two distinct real estate markets in New Zealand – Auckland and the rest of the country."

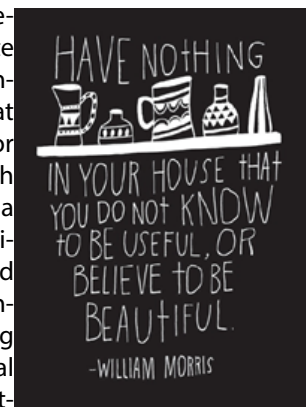
She said that while politicians and policymakers focussed on Auckland region's housing supply problems, they were right to think about whether new policies would have an adverse effect on the rest of the country.

House sales rose across the board, but Waikato-Bay of Plenty had the largest increase, with a near 62 per cent increase in sales on a monthly basis.

Sales picked up by nearly 59 per cent in Canterbury/Westland and by 54 per cent in Hawkes Bay.

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RENTS IN NZ UP 6.5 PER CENT YEAR-ON-YEAR

KEEP ON CLIMBING: The most expensive place to rent is Auckland, up 5.6 per cent at \$475 a week. Residential rents took a breather in February, but were still a healthy 6.5 per cent higher than a year ago, according to a monthly index by Trade Me Property. The median weekly rent across the country rose to \$410 a week, just below last month's record \$420 a week. On a monthly basis, however, the pace of rental increases slowed from the 9 per cent increase recorded in January. Trade Me, which collates its figures from listings on its website, said the rental market appeared to be tipped in favour of landlords because supply was tight. "We've seen a noticeable fall in new rental properties coming onto the market since the start of the year, down 12 per cent across the country," said the head of Trade Me Property, Nigel Jeffries. He believed landlords were finally responding to the rise in property prices, especially in Auckland. Landlords were looking to align rents with property values and improve their yields. Jeffries said median rents have risen nearly 21 per cent over the last five years, up from \$340 to \$410. But the majority of this increase has been in the past two years, jumping \$40 since February 2013.

BROKEN DOWN BY THE REGIONS - Regionally, 12 regions saw year-on-year increases in rent, led by Marlborough which was up 15.5 per cent. Only Gisborne and the West Coast saw rents fall compared to a year ago, down 10 per cent and 2 per cent respectively, and Otago was unchanged. The most expensive place to rent was Auckland, up 5.6 per cent at \$475 a week, followed by Canterbury (up 7.1 per cent to \$450) and Wellington (up 5 per cent to \$420) Rents were up 2.2 per cent in the Manawatu-Wanganui region, 2.9 per cent in Nelson, and 5.8 per cent in Hawkes Bay. Jeffries said the Christchurch rental market showed signs of easing, having been tight on the supply side for the last two years. "In February we saw that annual rental growth was pretty subdued. This is underpinned by more listings hitting the market and alleviating the pressure." Rental listings in Christchurch were up 16 per cent on a year ago, the highest level since May 2011.



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Enquiries Over

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Enquiries Over \$565,000 - Viewing by appointment

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By Neg

153D Colwill Road, Massey
By Negotiation - Viewing by appointment

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WHENUAPAI LIFESTYLE NEAR TO WESTGATE

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By Neg

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By Negotiation - Viewing by appointment

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Enquiries Over

45 Woodford Avenue, Henderson
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WAITAKERE TOWNSHIP - CLASSIC CHARACTER HOME

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Enquiries Over

114 McEntee Road, Waitakere
Enquiries Over \$599,000 - Viewing by appointment

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PAREMOREMO PANORAMA - NEAR ALBANY, COATESVILLE

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By Neg

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By Neg

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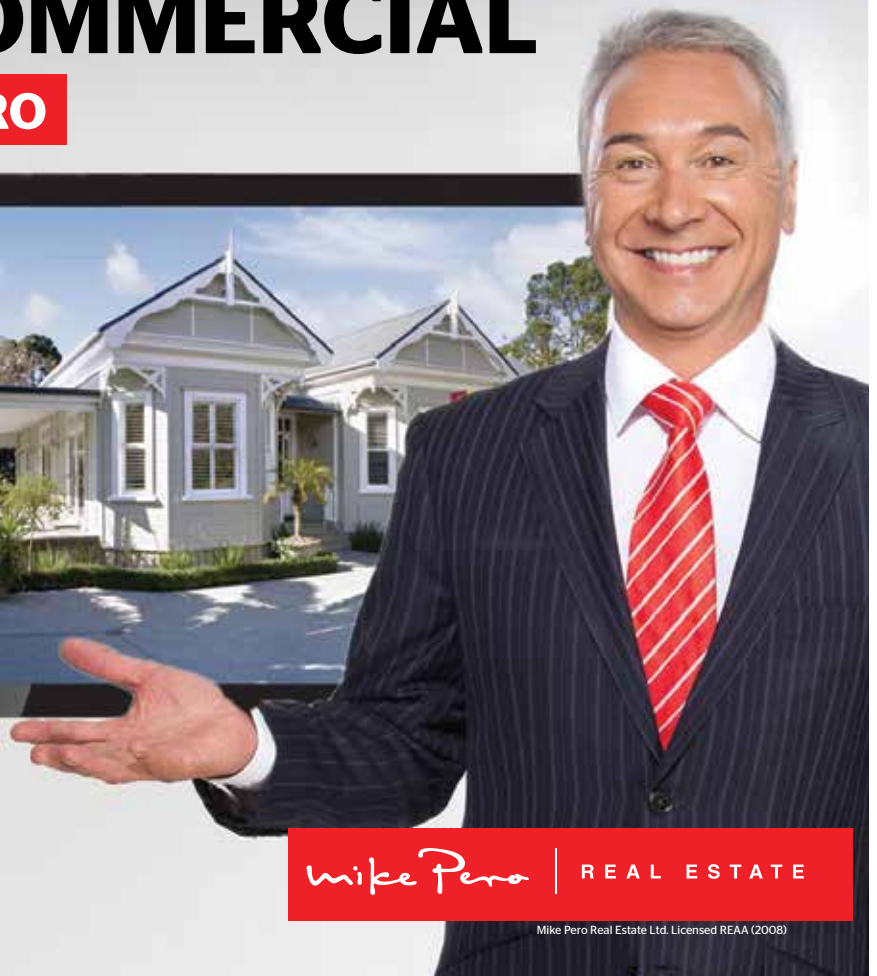
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MORE DOGS BEING TRAINED THANKS TO BAYER CARES FOUNDATION

The New Zealand Epilepsy Assist Dog Trust, based in Kumeu, can now train more dogs to assist people living with epilepsy, thanks to a donation from the global Bayer Cares Foundation. More than \$4500 has been granted by the Foundation towards the selection and purchase of three young dogs as well as the training from an animal behaviourist.

The dogs will be trained to help with daily tasks and to ensure the surroundings are safe and injuries are prevented when a person is having a seizure.

Bayer New Zealand veterinarian Mary Valintine applied for the donation from the Bayer Cares Foundation, Germany, which provides funding for community development projects in neighbourhood areas of Bayer sites.

About NZ\$415,000 is distributed annually to 78 winning projects around the world.

Valintine says she is thrilled that the New Zealand Epilepsy Assist Dog Trust was able to receive the donation.

"It is so wonderful to be able to help three more people live a confident, fulfilled and happy life. The dogs are not only the tool for independence but they are also great companions.

"It makes me proud to be a part of a work place like Bayer that supports the people in our community to live happy, healthier lives," Valintine adds.

According to the Epilepsy Assist Dog Trust, the unexpected loss of consciousness from epilepsy can lead to a loss of self-confidence and social isolation for those affected.

The assist dogs give those with epilepsy a tool to have confidence to work, travel on public transport and socialise with members of the public knowing that they will be kept safe if a seizure occurs.



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Lemon water - upon rising drink a small glass of water with 1/2 lemon squeezed in, 30-45min before breakfast. It will help increase the digestive juices that break our food down for energy (these reduce as we age).

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A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

THE KUMEU – HUAPAI CARNIVAL 10TH MARCH 1917 - The Kai-para and Waitemata Echo. The Patriotic Sports and Garden Fete was the scene of general attraction at Kumeu on March 10th 1917. The Carnival Committee in co-operation with the local branches of the Farmers' Union held a Red Cross Fete in Mr R.Barnes' paddock. The weather was ideal and numerous displays of flags waving across the grassy fields, located the spot where the busy, energetic workers greeted the visitors. In the unavoidable absence of His Worship the Mayor of Auckland, the Mayoress (Mrs Gunson) opened the Carnival, and gave a neat speech on our duty to our boys and our country, amidst cheering and applause. Mrs Gunson declared the Carnival open at 10.00am and numerous stall-holders stepped forward into a business position and being dressed in white with white caps with red crosses, added an inviting appearance to the well-kept stalls. The gift stall, in charge of Misses Bews was very attractive and the articles numerous and of excellent quality. The net income from this stall being £40.0.0. [\$80.00]. The produce stall was in charge of Mrs.C.Boord was also well supplied and did a big business. The competition stall was all that could be desired and every article that was entered for competition was given to be sold for the fund. The soft drink stall was responsible for selling some 46 dozen [550+] drinks. The tea kiosk, in charge of Mrs Boucher and Phillipson was attended by many workers and a splendid lunch and afternoon tea was set before each caller at a cost of 6d [5c]. This stall raised £28 [\$56.00] nett profit. The ice cream stall was a busy corner and resulted in a good return, the Misses Griffen being in charge. The children's sports were a very enjoyable feature. The events for boys and girls under-16 years of age were eagerly competed and the winners were awarded a valuable prize, given by the Hobsonville Branch of the Farmer's Union. The adult events were numerous and competition keen. The sheaf tossing and tug-o-war (farmers v. all-comers) were of particular interest. Many of the prize-winners paid their awards to the Red Cross Fund. At about 2.30 when the stalls were in full swing and the sports at their best, the air was filled with sweet harmonious notes from the Auckland Garrison Artillery Band and the carefully selected programme added much to the pleasure of the great throng of people present. In the evening Mr Parr C.M.G. M.P. gave a very interesting address on the Army and Navy. The Kumeu Hall was packed and at the close of the address the Chairman (Mr Boucher) moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was carried by general applause.

The President, Miss Bews and Hon Secretaries Miss Bews and Mr Phillipson, audited account of income and forwarded the sum of £160.13.7½d [\$321.36] to the Red Cross Fund (Auckland Branch) and announced that when all money is available, the sum will amount to over £180.0.0 [\$360.00].

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Lymphagitis, Malaria, Menier's Symptoms, Meningitis, Neurasthenia, Ophthalmology, Canine Parvo Virus, Pneumonia, Pleurisy, Prostate, Quinsii, Rheumatism, Ringworm, Rhinitis, Scarletina, Schor-rhea, Septic Ulcers, Sepsis, Ulcers, Warts, Whooping Cough, Yeast Infections. Why did they put silver pins / plates in for the surgical repair of bones? This was to help in the healing process. Colloidal Silver can be applied directly to the skin, eliminating surface infections with no burning or stinging. The hospitals are beginning to use silver dressings to aid the healing process. Colloidal Silver can also be used in your eyes for eye infections and in a Nasal Spray for allergies, like hay-fever and sinuses, as it helps to clear the nasal passages. Colloidal Silver has a high mineral content and is a great healer. Our soils here in New Zealand are depleted of trace minerals; our body requires these trace minerals for a healthy immune system. It supports the immune system by helping to boost the mineral levels in humans. Colloidal Silver is a great digestive and can be used as a water purifier - add 1 Tbsp to 1 Litre of water. Silver containers have been used to prolong the freshness of food. Some of you will remember your Grandmother putting a silver coin in the milk jug this was to keep the milk from going off or spoiling in the heat. Colloidal Silver should always be stored

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3 & 4 year olds

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A very small sale, numbers wise, was well attended by buyers but cattle were harder to sell than previous weeks, except for killable stock which sold extremely well! Whilst cattle on offer were relatively light, prices were good, with steers to \$1,420 and heifers \$1,110. Boner cows sold extra well to \$1,050. The weaner cattle are what struggled a bit, understandable as dry conditions have been unrelenting, however, the rains associated with cyclone Pam started the next day and cautious buyers will perhaps wish they had been a little braver and purchased the very good cattle on offer as it is unlikely they will be seen at such low values again!

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Light prime steers	\$1,240 to \$1,420
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THE POWER OF DRAMATIC PLAY

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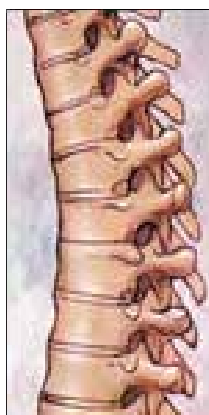
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 1 egg



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Melt butter and set aside to cool.

Peel then mash the bananas in a large bowl, add the sugar – mixing to combine. Lightly beat together the butter, egg and milk, add to banana mixture. Sift the dry ingredients together. Stir choc chips into the liquid mixture; gently fold in the dry ingredients – mixing with a fork to just combine.

Spoon the mixture into well greased muffin tins.

Bake for 15 – 20 mins

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KUMEU'S SECRET VINTAGE!

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Defining them simplistically, they do not march, compete or otherwise put themselves under pressure – they've all been there, done that and now just want to relax, play music not only for their own pleasure but also so that others may enjoy the fruits of their passion. Such opportunities include the annual Kumeu Show, retirement villages, parks and the like: Check out this address for more information: www.kumeubrass.org.nz/events.php

There are credits galore and an archetypical example is Graeme Gillies, their musical director. Graeme, among many titles and achievements was a member of the National Band of New Zealand – among the world's highest rated bands. His extreme passion alone has been known to bring a tear to one's eye – literally. Two others, Mike Shaw and John Gould also carry the same prestigious "National" title. There are ex Royal New Zealand Artillery, Army and Air Force players as well as Navy band players. Not all players come with coveted titles – some are returning to playing after years of absence but all players have backgrounds in NZ community bands and some in British, Canadian and Australian bands as well.

Most members travel quite some distance to Kumeu to rehearse. In fact, Doug Rose (Principal Cornet) drives 90km each week to rehearsals. The average experience is 50 years -- such passion only serves to enhance their musicality.

Like a Vintage wine, they seemingly improve with age. Like our local classic cars, Kumeu Vintage Brass is a treasure to be seen, heard, enjoyed and applauded and you can do that at no charge in a forthcoming event in The Kumeu Community Hall on April 19 at 2.00pm where they will perform a combined charity concert with their younger brothers (and sisters) in brass, the Kumeu Senior Band. Proceeds of a collection will go towards West Auckland Hospice.



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MAKING THE NORTH WEST COUNT

There was a good turnout at the public meeting hosted by the North West District Business Association recently in Kumeu with the Public Transport Users Association in support of their campaign to improve rail and public transport. We appreciated having Peter Clark, General Manager of Strategy & Planning at Auck-

land Transport attend.

It's been great to see increased attention on the North West from Mayor Len Brown who has made several visits to the area during the Long Term Plan consultation. The Association has been pushing for greater funding for infrastructure improvements on things such as footpaths and roading in the area.

We look forward to announcing our new brand for the North West within the next month – we believe we have come up with an exciting proposition which will generate greater exposure for all business and tourism groups as well as the wider North West community so keep an eye out in next month's Kumeu Courier for more information

Contact Gary Holmes Ph: 0274 966283 or email manager@northwestbusiness.co.nz.

ADOBE ROLLS OUT WEB-BASED TOOLS FOR WRANGLING PDFS

Adobe Systems is sending PDFs into the cloud.

The software maker, which helped to make the portable file format ubiquitous, is rolling out web-based tools for people to create, store and manage documents online. Called Adobe Document Cloud, the service will cost US\$15 a month and also give users access to digital signatures, mobile applications and other software for tracking documents.

The new product joins Adobe's cloud-based marketing and creative-design tools and is part of the San Jose, California-based company's push to generate more sales from internet-based subscriptions instead of software installed on computers. While Adobe's sales declined after the company began its transition to cloud computing in 2011, revenue has recovered and analysts project that results today will show that sales are on track to climb 18 percent this year.

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by adding new cloud-computing services for businesses. Adobe Document Cloud will help businesses reduce their printing and making it easier to sign and modify digital documents, the company said. Users of Adobe Creative Cloud will have access to the new product as part of their subscriptions.

E-Signature Technology

Adobe added e-signature technology, used to signed official documents via the Web instead of in-person, with the acquisition of EchoSign in 2011. The division that includes Acrobat and EchoSign contributed \$795.6 million to the company's 2014 revenue of \$4.15 billion.

Adobe said Document Cloud will work with products from Microsoft, whose Office suite of business applications is used to create documents.

"Everything we're trying to do is to make Acrobat and the Adobe cloud a strong companion for Microsoft Office," Jon Perera, vice president of product management for Document Cloud, said in an interview.

A broader array of products will help Adobe compete against DocuSign, Box and other cloud competitors, according to Melissa Webster, an analyst at IDC.

"What's unique about Adobe here is that it's bringing a basket of technologies together in one cloud, and you need several technologies to solve this problem," Webster said. "This could steepen the growth rate for Acrobat and EchoSign, through the addition of cloud and mobile."

SMALL IS THE NEW BIG - J5 BLACK KUMEU RUGBY

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culture of fitness, effort and goals that starts and is groomed into every team member and every practice, then injected into every game. We understand there will be highs and lows, and wins and loses but through this Kumeu Rugby J5 Black team I have already found good friendships developing, good understanding rising and fitness growing. A big thank you to Kumeu Rugby and North Harbour Rugby District who have a very effective management, coaching and referee process and training program that allows for old rugby leather (like me and Phill) to have a path to re-learning the game, the coaching and the rules, easily and effectively. Anyone that has an interest in join-

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SIX HOME DECOR TIPS FOR RENTERS

An increasing portion of the population are becoming locked out of the property market, especially in Auckland, and many New Zealanders are citing long-term renting as their only option.



So many are now seeking a better rental experience, and are looking to the Government to action policies - such as rental WOF checks and restrictions on capital gains.

But politics aside, what can you do to make your rental experience a more positive one?

BYO: Bring your own design flair to a neutral rental home space.

Many renters feel they don't have permission to decorate, but approaching your landlord about making small but significant changes to the decor can be an option.

But if that isn't viable, here are six tips on how to make your rented abode feel a little more like home.

1. Having a clear vision of the style you want is a good way to see beyond the limitations of the room itself. Don't worry about the colour of the walls or floor, because a consistent look throughout the home will overshadow those permanent fixtures.

2. Purchase furniture and homewares that can be configured in different ways – such as a modular sofa, or smaller occasional side tables – so that they are more likely to fit in a variety of room sizes. Rather than a knee-jerk reaction to each new rental space, try to be consistent in your purchases to create an overall design aesthetic. Then when you move you will be able to re-create your decor with little effort or expense.

3. Favourite art pieces, framed or unframed, can hide imperfect walls, and create a focal point for a room. It will also help give you a foundation for colour and design. These can also add a pop of unexpected colour, avoiding the need to match the home's existing decor.

4. Rugs make quick work of dated flooring, and can define spaces in open-plan areas, while hallrunner and entry mats can bring colour and freshness to an otherwise neutral or unwelcoming part of the house.

5. Rental bathrooms can often be trouble spots, as they can be expensive for landlords to update. Put aside a small budget to update your bathroom – adding a new shower curtain, bright towels and fresh flowers are an inexpensive way to refresh the space. Also consider adding some colour through an art print and/or bright bathroom accessories.

6. Changing up the curtains not only creates a visual impact, it

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- 200g Almond meal or flour
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/8 tsp salt
- zest of 1 orange
- 3 eggs, whisked
- 1/4 cup coconut sugar
- 2 tbsp butter, melted
- 2 tbsp orange juice
- 1/4 cup cranberries (can use dried but they have added sugar)
- 6 medium strawberries, quartered

Preheat oven to 180c and line a muffin tin with paper cases. Combine dry ingredients & orange zest in a large bowl. Mix wet ingredients into a medium bowl. Stir wet ingredients into dry ingredients and fold in cranberries and strawberries. Spoon into muffin cases. Bake for 18 - 25 minutes, until golden brown and a toothpick comes out clean.

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Thu 2 April	-	03:42	09:44	16:03	22:06
Fri 3 April	-	04:22	10:22	16:42	22:43
Sat 4 April	-	04:59	10:57	17:17	23:17
Sun 5 April	-	05:34	11:30	17:52	23:51
Mon 6 April	-	06:08	12:04	18:27	-
Tue 7 April	00:24	06:43	12:38	19:03	-
Wed 8 April	00:59	07:20	13:15	19:40	-
Thu 9 April	01:37	07:59	13:55	20:21	-
Fri 10 April	02:18	18:43	14:39	21:06	-
Sat 11 April	03:05	09:33	15:30	21:58	-
Sun 12 April	04:01	10:33	16:32	23:01	-
Mon 13 April	05:08	11:43	17:43	-	-
Tue 14 April	-	00:13	06:20	12:55	18:56
Wed 15 April	-	01:25	07:30	14:01	20:05
Thu 16 April	-	02:30	08:34	15:01	21:07
Fri 17 April	-	03:28	09:31	15:55	22:02
Sat 18 April	-	04:21	10:23	16:46	22:52
Sun 19 April	-	05:10	11:12	17:33	23:39
Mon 20 April	-	05:56	11:58	18:18	-
Tue 21 April	-	00:23	06:41	12:42	19:02
Wed 22 April	01:06	07:26	13:25	19:46	-
Thu 23 April	01:49	08:10	14:08	20:29	-
Fri 24 April	02:32	08:57	14:53	21:15	-
Sat 25 April	03:20	09:48	15:45	22:06	-
Sun 26 April	04:15	10:47	16:45	23:06	-
Mon 27 April	05:19	11:51	17:52	-	-
Tue 28 April	-	00:14	06:25	12:54	18:57
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