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Kumeu Courier

free monthly community newsletter for Kumeu & districts

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Sarah

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Mike Pero office opens in North West



"Smarter, sharper, with finance options and 100% New Zealand owned and operated." These were just some of the reasons says Graham McIntyre, of Country Living Realty for the change of brand and the new offering to the North West Area. "We have been researching the market for some time and found so many brands to be the same model with a different

colour, likewise, a number of (operate from home) independents were not offering good service, good support, nor infrastructure to give consumers confidence" Graham says. "Mike Pero Real Estate is a kiwi icon brand, with excellent and exclusive marketing options, including TV and Kumeu Courier, a link to mortgage finance and a larger database of prospects. The smarter commission structure at 2.95% is a great added bonus but this is just the cherry on top of a great offer to home sellers in the North West.

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Kumeu-Huapai growing pains

The Council called a meeting on Tuesday 23 July with interested developers and landowners for the Huapai North catchment area. The meeting was in response to the Environment Court ruling that a liaison group be established by Auckland Council within 12 months of the court order to manage the storm water infrastructure for the development area. The meeting acknowledged by the council staff was already 12 months late and was to advance the storm water catchment problems before development was due to proceed. This discussion showed how far apart the council infrastructure team and the developers are. On one hand the developers are ready to start on the 1st October with earthworks for subdivisions only to find out that the Council infrastructure team are behind with their program.

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NZ Gourmet - local growing legends



New Zealand Gourmet has been supplying customers with the best red, yellow, orange and green capsicums since 1994. The company operates a number of glass growing houses through Kumeu, Waimauku and Woodhill. Over the years, they have expanded their capsicum glasshouses to over 20ha of production. They specialize in Airfreight to provide a global customer

base with fresh product of the highest possible quality.



Fire fighters supporting our kindy kids

We recently had our 5th group visit at the new Waitakere Fire Station this year that was by a kindergarten group. This is a great opportunity for us to interact with the kids, parents and to push the fire safety message. The kids have a great time trying on the gear, climbing through the fire trucks and squirting the fire hose. The teachers take back to the classroom fire safety activities. Now that the wet season is fully upon us it is time to check that your waterways and wet paddock areas are fully fenced so stock do not get stuck. We will always turn up to rescue an animal but it ties up 2 or 3 fire trucks and 8 to 12 fire fighters for a number of hours. Most often the situation could have been avoided if proper fencing had been put in place to keep the animal safe. It also makes good environmental sense to protect the waterway as they filter the water going to the ocean. Keep warm and stay safe. Denis Cooper, Chief Fire Officer, Waitakere Fire Brigade.

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Norwest Garden Club opens garden tours

Did you know a lily bulb can raise or lower itself in the ground to adjust its own living conditions? Or that the best way to remove bright orange lily pollen from your white clothing (or new carpet) is to let it dry and then just brush or vacuum? Did you stop dead heading your roses in May? Should all roses be pruned the same way? The Norwest Garden Club hosts a different speaker each month, with lilies and roses being two of the most recent subjects. Topics are many and varied, from pest control to seed saving to organic gardening and you are bound to learn something new. The Club also organises club visits to other people's gardens. In the past 12 months this has included the tulip festival at Eden Gardens, a spectacular private magnolia garden and a bus tour of five north Waikato gardens. New members and casual visitors are welcome to join us on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm at the Kumeu Community Centre, Access Road. Club nights feature a specialist speaker, plant sale, door raffle, notable items from members gardens and supper. Members also get the chance to borrow from our library. The next meetings are on 24 July and 28 August. Entry is \$3. Please contact Annette Billington for more details phone 09 412 7558.



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Coatesville-Rvhd Hwy	1,000,000	1.087HA		1,080,000
Helensville				
Rautawhiri Rd	\$310,000	674M2	100M2	\$320,000
Rimu St	\$360,000	893M2	150M2	\$359,000
Puriri St	\$305,000	460M2	105M2	\$272,500
Springs Rd	\$265,000	790M2	100M2	\$330,000
Old North Rd	\$670,000	11439M2	205M2	\$767,500
Cabeleigh Dr	\$355,000	520M2	149M2	\$445,000
Kumeu				
Main Road	\$440,000	980M2	110M2	\$461,000
Matua Rd	\$1,150,000	1.571Ha	347M2	1,200,000
Muriwai				
Taiapa Rd	2,650,000	52.113HA	490M2	\$2,530,000
Muriwai Villy Rd	\$810,000	3.288HA	363M2	\$1,300,000
Riverhead				
George St		775M2		\$380,000
Albert St		1218M2		\$840,000
Riverhead Rd	\$1,190,000	1HA	367M2	\$1,500,000
Waitakere Township				
Wairere Rd	\$510,000	1409M2	156M2	\$561,000
Waimauku				
Inland Rd	\$1,250,000	35.26HA	170M2	\$1,075,000
Inland Road	\$900,000	2.06HA	325M2	\$970,000
Alf Access Rd	\$1,125,000	53.52HA		\$1,000,000
Old North Rd	\$580,000	1.405HA	160M2	\$425,000
Whenuapai				
Waimarie Rd	\$680,000	2529M2	190M2	\$700,000
Kowhai Rd	\$640,000	2264M2	167M2	\$835,000
Puriri Rd		1681M2		\$950,000

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Graham McIntyre
Brand & Territory Owner



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Money Matters

Following on from our comments in last months issue we have seen a slight increase in fixed interest rates across most of the lenders. We have been busy fielding inquiries from borrowers looking to switch their home loans from floating to fixed interest rates with 2 and 3 year options been seen as the best bet. Last month we also touched on tools the Reserve Bank would like to implement to restrict banks from lending to low deposit borrowers. Work is in the pipeline and progressing fast so expect to see changes soon. Already we have seen one or two banks apply the "handbrake" to what's seen as riskier lending. The two points raised above highlights yet again the benefit in dealing with an independent Mortgage Advisor. We are impartial and can provide you options that dealing directly with the banks can't. Call us for a no obligation and confidential discussion. Phone 09 4119251 / 027 4119255 or david@davidlloydmortgages.co.nz



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Muriwai environmental action



Village Green Update. After a great turnout for the last planting day the first stage of the Village Green Restoration project is looking great and the plants are doing well. Following the planting day Council had a bulldozer cut the first path which will follow a gentle buggy friendly zigzag down the hill. We would like to call another planting day on Sunday 4th August at 10am to finish this all off, based on the last fantastic response this shouldn't take long as we planted over a 1000 plants in 2 hours! Please bring a spade, some drinking water, your friends and neighbors and your positive attitude. Sausage Sizzle will follow. Thanks for your support! Erin Griffin kinsdale@clear.net.nz Village Green Planting Day. When: Sunday 4th August. Time: 10am to 12pm Where: Village Green above tennis courts. Free Composting Course, We are running another free composting course. Learn how to return all your food and garden waste back to the soil, Bokashi fermentation, Worm farming, Conventional composting. Bookings are essential. Secure your place now: Sarah Jane on 02102994328 or email: saraheverett@outlook.com. Venue: Surf Club. Date: Saturday 9th November. Time: 10am to 1pm. Community Garden Waste Compost Facility, We are closer to establishing a Muriwai based garden waste compost facility. This will mean locals have somewhere to bring garden waste so it can be recycled into mulch and compost for our community based projects. We need volunteers to help set this up once the site work has been done so it's ready to go by the end of winter. Please contact Phelan on either 021 844 124 or phelan@muriwai-environment.org if you'd like to get involved with this project.





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Seminar on using the web to generate business

Later this month we are going to hold a seminar on how the web can work for your business. Our company Toast has been involved in the print and web industry for the past 13 years and has been a part of the explosive growth of the Internet age. We would like to invite you down to the Kumeu hall on the 15th of August to hear Mark Godenho (Senior Creative Director @ The Radio Network) to talk about the value of a strong brand and how your company can use a website simply and easily to grow your business. My team and I will be there to answer any questions you might have with regard to your own needs. Make sure you book in today @ www.smartonlinesolutions.co.nz. Oh and check out our own website too – www.toast.co.nz Steve Turner / Managing Director 09 486 2798



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"It is disappointing what our competitors are saying in this area" says Graham, "I have heard all the stories you can dream up and more, but the one fact remains. We made a positive decision to support home owners in this area and get access to smarter marketing options, a more connected mortgage funding relationship and an overall sharper commission structure, and we absolutely believe this is what our customers want moving forward. We are having to work a lot harder and smarter for our commission but this will resonate with most people selling their homes, many who expect that level of service and marketing support. This sets our vision very clearly for the next ten years and under Mike Pero Real Estate it provides some exciting opportunity for real estate sales people wanting a successful career and for property owners wanting a successful property sale". For more information please phone Graham McIntyre on 09 412 9602 or email graham.mcintyre@mikepero.com. Fees are 2.95% to \$390,000, 1.95% thereafter, plus \$490, plus GST.

Crook neck, or bung back

If so, come and see us at Kumeu Chiropractic. Dr's Chris and Nolene McMaster are well known in the West Auckland area where they have lived and practiced Chiropractic care for over twenty five years. They are now into their second year of practice at Kumeu Chiropractic and have loved the positive effects that Chiropractic has had in the lives of the many local people they have already taken care of. Back and neck pain can deteriorate into other body malfunctions such as headaches, limb pain and more debilitating conditions such as sciatica. Kumeu Chiropractic's approach is one of correction and then prevention, as it is important to maintain good health habits even after the affected area has healed.

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Kumeu wine country reprint

The key brand used to promote the greater Kumeu region is looking to reprint its very popular tourism booklet. We want to be sure all relevant businesses are included. Kumeu Wine Country is a well known and respected brand used to promote all the Tourism related businesses in our area. The booklet focuses on Food and Wine, Activities, Accommodation and also includes an Events Calendar, Regional Information and Maps of the area. If your business fits one of these categories, you can't afford NOT to be included. For more information contact Kylie Bradley, please phone 09 412 2824 or email kylie@soljans.co.nz

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A meeting with Mayor Len Brown

A group of Kumeu/Huapai residents was received recently by His Worship the Mayor Len Brown. Their purpose was to present a document - the KHPPF MAP (Kumeu/Huapai Past Present Future Map) with its many signatories (to date) who support it.. The Map was prepared to determine the area of 'The Wine Trail' its extent and assets, for the purpose of its preservation, requiring an Act of Parliament, as is the Barossa Valley (Aus) approximately the same size and population, for careful and proper planning of its future; to countryside living with choices, and preserving its character. The Map was well received, and discussed. The area known as 'The Wine Trail' being situated on the Northwest Corridor, is a natural refreshment stop for travelers and tourists to the scenic North. More than this, it is a destination in itself; 25 minutes from the CBA , an easy day or overnight outing access to our wonderful West Coast, mineral springs spa, gardens of note, farming activities where children are able to get relatively close to animals. Refreshments offering include fresh fruit drinks and ice cream especially during strawberry season; fresh produce including honey and honey products and of course, World class Wines. A choice of ethnic restaurants (Chinese, Indian, Thai, Japanese, Turkish, Mexican, Fish, Roasts and Takeaways, plus a range of good bakeries. It has Historic value, varied activities, A&P Showgrounds also feature music concerts, cars, Just gardening, Fireworks and Christmas Parade. This list was attached. This area is a great asset to Auckland City, and its character is well worthy of protection from being swallowed up in a new dense housing rush with accompanying industry supposedly to provide employment.. The Mayor recalled his several visits here, and his observations were of a haphazard, unplanned unattractive town that seemingly residents didn't care.. This evoked a very quick response of the continuous hours spent in researching and preparing submissions, driving to hearings, pleas to the then Council with suggestions and plans for beautification and a Town Welcome sign, plantings to provide for fast falling bee populations , a Heritage Park, a share of our Rates back to spend on our area, with no response. Several other matters were raised. That the greatly overdue removing of Covenants be attended to, as previous Council had been repeatedly requested. That items of overdue maintenance be attended to. That an offer of an alternative site offered for the ecologically damaging clean fill be accepted. The outcome was that there would be a meeting of residents, business and tourism interests with a planner to work out with careful thought planning for a good future for our town. The Mayor asked that our KHPPF Plan be left in his office.

Time has flown at Jojo's

Jojo's is a month away from its 1st Birthday!!!! What a year it has been, with so many new projects and initiatives throughout the centre we have really enjoyed setting the scene and creating a point of difference with what we offer our community. As our roll has grown we have had the chance to grow our team with some amazing teachers, all bringing exciting new ideas and philosophies to the centre. We are getting new enrolments almost every week, many due to the fact that we are able to offer 3 x 6 hour days free* to our over 3 year olds which is giving every child the opportunity to experience pre-school care and education. Also meaning we are getting the chance to welcome new families not only into the centre community but often into the Kumeu community. If you are looking for preschool care and education for your child or looking for a new centre with a point of difference, pop in and see Jo, Sarah and the team anytime. Corner of Oraha Rd and State Highway 16 or phone us on 09 412 5325.

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Mix n match says "do you like cheese"

Do you like cheese? Mozzarella, Ricotta, Mascarpone. Can you believe these beautiful cheeses only take 30 minutes each to make? Cheese making is very easy and of course tastes very fresh. You can play with different herbs, olives and fruit to produce a different look or flavor. Mix n Match is holding a beginner's cheese making class at 7:00 on the 22 of August. We will make these 3 Italian cheeses on the night and taste freshly made cheese. The fee is \$60.00, which includes a Mad Millie beginner's cheese making kit worth \$40.00. The kit is very easy to use and really demystifies the process of making cheese at home. The simple steps and delicious results this kit can help you produce will astound you! Book on 411-9586. Mix n Match unit 14, 5-19 factory road, and Waimauku village. www.facebook.co.nz/mixnmatch

Senior pet health check

A senior pet is a special member of the family indeed – they've enjoyed the fun times with you and have always been there with a sympathetic ear and a reassuring lick when you've needed a friend. Thanks to advances in veterinary medicine and improved diets, our beloved seniors are living longer. With increased lifespan, come the inevitable increases in age related conditions. Our senior pets are more likely to suffer from arthritis, dental disease, kidney disease and thyroid problems. Thankfully, we have more treatment options available than ever. Your senior pets quality of life can often be dramatically improved with simple daily medication or a change in diet. To recognise the importance of an annual senior wellness check, we are offering a great deal to our mature patients - \$45 for a full senior consult (usually \$58) plus a range of other discounts on further diagnostics. Call the clinic today to find out if your pet qualifies for this great offer. Kumeu Veterinary Services – Phone: 09 412-9016



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Want your building completed for summer?

Believe it or not, to get your next building project complete before the summer holidays, you will need to get in and sign up now. It's not related to how busy we are, it's simply how long the entire process takes. The longest stage of the process is the paperwork, unfortunately. Every building needs to be drawn and sent to a structural engineer for checking and certifying before it goes into Council. Allow another month for Council and only then do we get started on the build; site preparation, concrete slab, materials delivered, and then the build itself. Take all that into account and tally up the number of months left this year – only 5 months! The process usually takes around 3-4 months, depending on the complexity of the building and the level of detail required (i.e. a dwelling or minor household unit or an industrial building take longer than a unlined shed). We have increased our team staff members in the last two years, from 2 full time equivalents to our team now of 3.5 full time equivalents! This is to cater for all the growth we are experiencing locally as well as the demand for our buildings as an excellent alternative to expensive living accommodation. We must be doing well, as we have just been awarded the national title for KiwiSpan NZ Dealer of the Year for the year ending June 2013! Damn proud of it we are too! So, come on in and have a chat with us about your next project, whatever that may be and however you want it configured, we are sure to help. Get in soon if you want to see it up before summer too! For more information contact Kiwispan on phone 09 412 8455 or freephone 0800870 078



Free gift at Harney Fine Teas - Kumeu

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The problem stems around development levies being collected on behalf of upstream landowners and the Council reluctance to pay those fees to developers who are required to pay and construct oversized ponds for storm water detention on their land. Clearly there is a reluctance on developers part, to build pond structures to clean and retain storm water if there is no process to recover costs outside their development area. There is clearly a willingness on the Council staff to advance the problem so development can take place. They talk of a 'holistic approach' to the whole catchment as being necessary. The infrastructure planning and land use planning at Council are not running in 'tandem'. The Huapai North land use planning is now 5 years old and at the point where developers want to start the infrastructure planning is not in place. Staff say this is an Auckland wide problem and partly explains the delay in releasing land for development. What was agreed was, that the Council have to be the agency to collectively administer the levies and payments for the wider community. They also have a statutory authority under the Local Government Act to do so and have the staff (engineers, botanists and ecologists) to ensure storm water released from subdivisions is to a high standard, so that streams and rivers are not polluted. The common sense approach to cleaning waterways to reduce flooding seem to be lost on staff! Hierarchical modeling without stream cleaning will produce distorted results. There is an urgency for the Council to set storm water levies and reach agreement with developers so that authorized subdivision work can proceed. Developers are often blamed for high costs and delays but in this case the delays and costs are of Council making. Common sense tells us all that the infrastructure engineers and land use planning at Council must work together in advance of development pressure so that Auckland can grow logically. The general public expect this to happen, when it doesn't the costs of delays simply are pushed onto the consumer, the section buyer loses in this case end up paying. Contact me by phone 09 412 2016 or by email to petesinton@townplanner.co.nz



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Community notice board

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Passenger lists and immigration. A family historian's most frequent brickwall! Finding when your ancestor arrived in NZ can be very frustrating. This talk will explore some of what is available online as well as resources which may not ordinarily be thought of in relation to immigration records. Saturday 24 August, 10.30 am. Enquiries please phone 09 4127995. Full details of the programme are available at www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz, or from Kumeu Library and include beginners sessions, presentations on Ancestry and Find My Past, identifying and preserving photographs and a morning with Richard III. Events begin Wednesday 31 July, 2013.

North West Flooring. We would like to farewell Angus McKinnon and wish him all the best in his retirement. Angus gave us (North West Flooring) the last twelve years of his service in the flooring industry. We would also like to welcome into our team Dan Mead who has been in the flooring trade for fifteen years. He started off at the age of fifteen laying carpet for eight years then into sale for the last seven years. Drop in to our showroom at 10 Shamrock Drive and see all major carpet brands, Feltex - Godfrey Hirst - Cavalier Bremworth - Jacobsen - Victoria Carpets - Irvines. We are very excited opening a new display showroom in Placemakers Westgate and soon opening in their Helensville store. We have also ventured into blinds So drop in and see the friendly team Len - Brad, Karen and Dan, or give us a call on 09 4128188, we will be able to help you with your furnishing requirements to help you transform your home. Regards Karen

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So much is concentrated on tragedy's, near misses and despair we often witness, well a fire safety visit to the Play-school at Wookey Lane Kumeu is what makes it all worthwhile. We enjoyed an hour or so with some 35 plus preschool and staff delivering a preventative fire safety presentation. As you will see from the pictures they and we had a great time. The presentation is interactive and concentrates on delivering a number of important fire safety messages. A number of highlights Wayne's leopard crawl made peter pan look like a novice, and Mr stickers Dave Arnold the most popular man in the room. The children enjoyed the Q&A presentation, and very knowledgeable they were too, then a trip around the "The big Red Truck" and a finale of the fire song " Get Out, Stay Out, Well Done" a mega hit just waiting to be discovered! A big thanks to Wayne and Dave for making up the three. A great morning, great message and for sure makes it all worthwhile...Thanks from Kumeu Fire



Does choosing the correct pre-school make a difference

Some key facts from the World Health Organisation. - WHO. Early childhood is the most important phase for overall development throughout the lifespan. Brain and biological development during the first years of life is highly influenced by an infant's environment. Early experiences determine health, education and economic participation for the rest of life. Every year, more than 200 million children under five years old fail to reach their full cognitive and social potential. There are simple and effective ways for families and caregivers to ensure optimal child development. During early childhood (from the prenatal period to eight years of age), children undergo rapid growth that is highly influenced by their environment. Many challenges faced by adults, such as mental health issues, obesity, heart disease, criminality, and poor literacy and numeracy, can be traced back to early childhood. **Early brain development:** Early childhood is the most intensive period of brain development during the lifespan. Adequate stimulation and nutrition are essential for development during the first three years of life. It is during these years that a child's brain is most sensitive to the influences of the external environment. Rapid brain development affects cognitive, social and emotional growth. Such development helps to ensure that each child reaches his or her potential and is a productive part of a rapidly changing, global society. The more stimulating the early environment, the more a child develops and learns. Language and cognitive development are especially

important during the first six months to three years of life. When children spend their early years in a less stimulating, or less emotionally and physically supportive environment, brain development is affected and leads to cognitive, social and behavioural delays. Later in life, these children will have difficulty dealing with complex situations and environments. With this in mind you can consider what Jennifer Grisham-Brown of The Gale Group has to say about New Zealand in particular. Influences on early childhood development. **Practices:** Early childhood development is defined as "a set of concepts, principles, and facts that explain, describe and account for the processes involved in change from immature to mature status and functioning" (Katz, 1996, p. 137). Development is generally divided into three broad categories: physical development, cognitive development, and social emotional development (Berk, 2000). Physical development addresses any change in the body, including how children grow, how they move, and how they perceive their environment. Cognitive development pertains to the mental processes (e.g., language, memory, problem solving) that children use to acquire and use knowledge. Emotional and social development addresses how children handle relationships with others, as well as understand of their own feelings. The period of development between birth and 8 is unique in a child's life. Some have argued that there are critical periods of time by which children should learn specific skills, if they are to learn them (Shore, 1997). There is also an argument that there should be a shift from emphasis on critical periods to critical experiences. "What are the experiences that are absolutely necessary for all children to maximize school success, mental health, and social development?" Clearly the practices that early childhood educators implement with children from birth to 8 have the greatest impact on child outcomes. Knowledge of those practices and the underlying theoretical orientation that supports them is essential in order for young children to receive "critical experiences." At Country Bears we believe that research continues to reinforce our core belief, that children need a supporting family/whanau and access to excellent preschool education. This is the key to children achieving to their full potential. Preschool children thrive with teachers that understand and support children in their areas of strength and by giving children the confidence to take on new challenges without worrying about failure. Please feel free to come and have a look at what Country Bears Early Childhood has to offer you. Ph: Rita 09 4128055 www.countrybears.co.nz or www.facebook.com/cbearsecc for more information .



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New candidacy for local board elections



"Our district desperately needs a Local Board that is 100% committed to getting the best for our community, at the moment it's like a motor that's not running on all cylinders and that shouldn't be acceptable to voters" says Phelan. Phelan claims that it is critical that every board member is totally engaged with the community and has their eye on the ball, "we can't afford to have Board members whose attention is elsewhere or who do not have the time or skills to ensure that our district is getting top quality representation. "The Rodney Local Board is the largest in Auckland covering 47% of the city's area, but for the last three years the area from Kumeu to Kaukapakapa has been given limited attention by Council and Council CCO's like Auckland Transport and ATEED (Auckland Tourism Events and Economic Development) "Over the last three years as Chair of Kumeu Business Association I have battled with ATEED to get them to take economic development seriously in our district" says Phelan "while we got some Board support, we are constantly being told there is no money available, no money to help business, fix or pave footpaths, seal roads properly, the list keeps growing, but nothing seems to happen, projects that we were told three years ago would be done haven't even started". Phelan also expressed frustration with why the Local Board has persisted in meeting in Orewa, "Orewa isn't even in our Board area, so why should we have to travel almost as hour to make submissions and see our elected representatives in action? Why are they cutting themselves off from the community that they are meant to be representing?". Phelan says that a vote for him this year will put someone on the Local Board who will passionately advocate for our district, attend Local Board meetings, make themselves accessible to residents and community groups and make sure we are on the map as far as Auckland Council is concerned, " I will be working with those Board members who want to be active in ensure that our Local Board starts getting the funding and attention it, and our community, have been missing out on" More information about Phelan's campaign can be found at www.votepirrie.org

Always a delicious meal awaiting you at Ruby's

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- 1/3 cup pine nuts
- 100g block PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, crumbled into small pieces
- 2 x 95g cans tomato and onion flavoured tuna (similar)
- 8 baby red capsicums (or 4 regular capsicums, halved lengthways)

Slice the tops off the capsicums and scoop out the seeds. Place capsicums on a lined baking tray, cut side up. Mix together the tuna, PHILLY, basil, breadcrumbs, pine nuts and seasoning. Divide mixture evenly between the 8 capsicums. Spray with olive oil and bake at 200°C for 15 minutes, then add capsicum tops back onto filled capsicums and bake a further 5-10 minutes until tender. Serve filled capsicums with a side salad

Bridge is the brain game

Bridge is a stimulating card game that keeps your mind active no matter what your age. As you grow older, and less mobile, bridge can be a great way to spend time with others. People take up bridge as a hobby, since you play in pairs, you can join a bridge club and make friends. When you know how to play, how to bid, which card to play first, understanding what it means when other people bid, you can take part in this game to keep you mentally on your toes. Once you begin to play bridge, you will find yourself getting involved with the game and discover that you have a lot to talk about with others who are interested in the game as well, sharing tricks and tips. But first you need to learn the card game. Interested, lessons start at the Waitemata Bridge Club in September. Give me a ring 027-286-4396 or email Denise at waitematabc@xtra.co.nz



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Social squash - bar tournament Thursday pm

Fancy playing some friendly games of squash? Join us every Thursday night during term 3, from 6:30-7:30pm at the Kumeu Squash Club. First night is Thursday 1st of August, last night is the 10th of October. Games are handicapped, so all skill levels from absolute beginner to expert are welcome. We can even lend you a racquet for the night (but you must bring non-marking shoes). Entry fee (for non-members) is \$5 plus you must buy a drink from the bar - existing Kumeu Squash members just have to buy a drink from the bar. This is designed to be fun series of games, you don't have to come every week, so come on down and have a go. If you have questions call Glen on 021 416 491





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Fantastic to see the warmer weather considering returning. I have been enjoying the sun and managing to get out in the garden and start re-doing the vegetable patch for summer. Have you checked your outdoor lighting ready for the summer? Do you want some decorative lighting to show off your garden or section during those pleasant evening barbecues that we look forward to? If so please give me a call, Tony on 021 772 756. I look forward to helping you light your garden and add to it's beauty.



The web unspun (SEO concepts part 1)

The term 'SEO' is an often used acronym which stands for Search Engine Optimisation. SEO is the art of tuning your website to perform better in Google and BING and other search engines. There are many factors that are taken in to account to make up your search engine results position 'SERP' in Google and over the next few months I will attempt to cover the main points. We have already mentioned 'keywords' in a previous column and these are the focus area at the beginning of any SEO initiative. Finding the right 'keywords' to begin with will enable you to compete for a better search engine result.

There are two main parts to SEO, tuning of 'On Page Factors' and 'Off Page Factors'. Factors that affect 'On Page Factors' are things called 'meta tags', such as 'meta title', 'meta description' and sometimes 'meta keyword' as well as the tuning of the first heading on the page, and the degree in which you sprinkle your chosen 'keywords' throughout the content. Google looks for 'relevance' and searches through each page you have sent for indexing and works out what your chosen 'keywords' are and what relevance they have to the content material.

The second area is 'Off Page Factors' and these are factors externally to the website that affect your search engine rankings. The current belief is that these rate higher in your 'SERP' and have about 70% effect, which means 'On Page Factors' really only have about 30% effect on your overall rankings. More on SEO next month. David Partis (Designhand Limited) www.designhand.co.nz



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