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Intro

Well we are nearly on the other side of winter and are edging closer to some decent weather. Although the rain and cold has been awful, there are still plenty of people keeping busy in our communities. Need to shake off the cobwebs? Why not take a friend to the Kumeu Gym & Indoor Sports Centre on a Monday night and try the new DMA Kickboxing class. If any local ladies have considered joining Girl Guiding as a leader, then there is no time like the present! Waimauku Guides are looking for a Brownie Leader as well as a Pippin Leader. Have a browse at <https://www.girlguidingnz.org.nz/what-we-do/leaders> for more information on joining as a leader and what is involved. It is also possible for a Dad to join as a leader so step up for our girls and help shape the women of the future. A big Happy Birthday to Ambience Home & Gifts who is celebrating its 8th year in business this month. Be sure to pop into store to take advantage of some great Birthday Sale offers and start stocking up for Christmas. Yes, Christmas. How time flies.

Sarah,
Editor.



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The Association has been concerned for some time over the problems of funding and the lack of a 'Structure Plan' for the Kumeu-Huapai area. The confirmation by the Board that a 'Structure Plan' is at least 2 years away before it is started is unacceptable. That timetable, if adhered to, is going to create problems in the Huapai-Kumeu area as it precludes normal planning consideration with what is occurring at present with S.H.A. areas. The Association believes, for the reasons set out below, that the 'Structure Plan' needs to urgently be advanced so that some of the key elements are identified before development proposals are approved. The following are issues to be addressed in a 'Structure Plan':

1. Need for a definitive Structure Plan to cover projected growth areas in the Kumeu-Huapai area.
2. Identification in the Structure Plan of the different density needs for housing within the Proposed Urban Boundary identified under the Unitary Plan proposed by the Auckland Council.
3. Identify the timeframe of growth areas within the RUB zone to coincide with the approved and identified infrastructure to match growth.
4. Estimation of population for the District

5. Identify the main and secondary roading structure to serve the residential growth in the District.
6. Resolve the needs of through traffic created by the State Highway bisecting the Township of Kumeu & Huapai. Identify the traffic solutions, that not only provides for this traffic, but also enables the growth of Townships to serve the expanded District.
7. The need for a solution to the Rail & Bus Transport needs for the District as both are currently substandard or non-existent.
8. The recognition of the changing nature of Huapai-Kumeu from a farming/orcharding rural town centre serviced by rail, to a rural town centre for lifestyle blocks and urbanisation serviced by a new motorway system from central Auckland.
9. The need for transformation of the rural town centre to a distinctive and new rural based shopping complex that requires a future building and streetscape layout concept.
10. The Structure Plan must recognise the commercial/industrial potential for growth and the ability of roading and other transport options to service and enhance those areas.
11. The Structure Plan must take into account stormwater flow paths and potential flooding areas.
12. Town Centre image, streetscape and

gateway recognition needs to be identified within the plan.

13. The proposed new 'Future Urban' areas don't have any basis for inclusion at present into full urban areas. The Unitary Plan process is being used to convert 'Future urban' areas into high density terrace or medium density housing without local consultation by Government approval (SHA Areas).
14. The 'Special Housing areas' (SHA) have been approved by the Government to fast track planning consents with little or no input from the Council or the community. The isolation of design and processing without a structure plan in place has resulted in wider infrastructure and design issues not being considered by the community, and is being left to outside agencies and designers to solve.
15. The collective impact as a result of all of the above will be that there is no overall structure plan in place in time for the formal Unitary Plan hearing in 2015.

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BRING ON THE CAKE!

Paula Jane Cakes are a talented decorating team based in Kumeu that design magnificent Wedding, Birthday and Celebration Cakes for special occasions. The duo recently competed in a live 8 hour cake decorating challenge at NZ first ever cake expo to raise mon-

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Hi I am Gary Sawyer and I am happy to announce I am coming to Kumeu Gym & Indoor Sports Centre to run a new class called DMA Kickboxing. I was born

in Wales and started training when I was 7 years old. When I was 10, I moved to NZ already having been selected to represent Great Britain as a Black belt in Taekwondo, several freestyle karate titles, a European title with 2 x international cup titles. At 18, I made the step to full contact. I have fought for the NZ TITLE AND THE NORTH ISLAND K1 TITLE. I am eager to see what we can achieve together and show the rest of the country how it is done. Come on down and give my 1 hour classes a go – open to all – Monday's 5.30pm – 6.30pm and Saturday afternoons 3.00pm to 4.00pm



LAUNCHING SOON IN KUMEU

BNI (Business Network International) New Zealand is about to launch in the Kumeu/Huapai region. This world leader in business networking and word of mouth marketing provides a structured and supportive system of giving and receiving business. It has been in New Zealand since 1999 with 122 groups around the country, some of which generate close to \$2 million in referral business annually. Each week qualified business professionals meet to establish a strong network of trustworthy businesses that can refer its members to others and vice versa. By establishing this formal relationship you have the opportunity to substantially increase your business. BNI Kumeu/Huapai held a recent Visitors Day which attracted over 30 businesses. They'll be holding another one in a few weeks' time, where Graham Southwell, National Director of BNI New Zealand, will speak on the value of structured networking to business success. Only one business of any type

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TRADITIONAL GLOBAL TEXTILES FOR ARTISANS

New online company Provenance™ is a site dedicated to providing an outlet for artisans from around the world, showcasing beautiful textiles hand-crafted using traditional techniques. Provenance™ founders Yvonne and Amanda Stewart are committed to a Fair Trade business model, combining their passion for traditional textiles with a desire to support and sustain artisans enabling them to flourish.

Yvonne and Amanda have many years of experience in textiles with a special interest and understanding of traditional hand-crafted textiles. Yvonne (MA(HONS) | BA | TTed(cert)) teaches a textiles-based curriculum and Amanda has a background in home textiles. Both have combined their talents and knowledge to develop Provenance™. Initially Provenance™ will be providing textiles by-the-metre, primarily coloured using natural dyes and pigments. After travelling to many countries watching and talking to skilled artisans creating unique textiles with original patterns and dyes,

Amanda and Yvonne want to bring those wonderful techniques and textiles to Australasia to be accessed by our own artisans. With this unique range of textiles artisans can create their own original works, home-wares, or even apparel. To make projects even more special, Provenance encloses a Certificate of Authenticity with textile purchases over a certain value and a sew-in label verifying the country of origin, artisan and technique used. By applying the Fair Trade principles outlined by the World Fair Trade Organisation, the Provenance™ team hope to create a sustainable outlet for global artisans and a unique source of traditional textiles for local artisans.

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



Winter is certainly upon us now with rain, wind and cold weather so make sure you follow these fire-safety tips to help keep you and your family safe and warm.

Electric blankets

- If your electric blanket or cord is showing any signs of wear, have it checked by a competent service person or have it replaced. Don't take the risk.
- Always make sure that your electric blanket is switched off before getting into bed.
- Never use pins or sharp objects to secure the electric blanket to the bed and never tuck it in under the bed.
- If the blanket becomes soiled, sponge it lightly and allow to dry naturally on a flat surface. Do not dryclean or use a washing machine or spin dryer.
- When putting your electric blanket away for summer, don't fold it – roll it.

Heaters

- Remember the heater-metre rule – always keep furniture, curtains, clothes and children at least one metre away from heaters and fireplaces.
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Address	Max	Median	Minimum	Most Recent Sale
COATESVILLE Lifestyle	\$ 2,820,000	\$ 1,690,000	\$ 780,000	\$ 1,210,000
HERALD ISLAND Residential	\$ 990,000	\$ 790,000	\$ 660,000	\$ 660,000
HOBSONVILLE Residential	\$ 760,000	\$ 610,000	\$ 493,000	\$ 710,000
HUAPAI - KUMEU Residential	\$ 1,050,000	\$ 735,000	\$ 530,000	\$ 799,000
Lifestyle	\$ 3,300,000	\$ 1,700,000	\$1,230,000	\$ 1,400,000
MURIWAI Residential	\$ 750,000	\$ 680,000	\$ 560,000	\$ 658,000
RIVERHEAD Residential	\$ 825,000	\$ 691,500	\$ 595,000	\$ 825,000
TAUPAKI Lifestyle	\$ 1,075,000	\$ 1,080,000	\$ 740,000	\$ 1,075,000
WAIMAUKU Residential	\$ 855,000	\$ 830,000	\$ 530,000	\$ 855,000
Lifestyle	\$ 3,150,000	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 972,000	\$ 972,000
WAITAKERE TOWNSHIP Residential	\$ 750,000	\$ 570,000	\$ 498,000	\$ 570,000
WESTHARBOUR Residential	\$ 940,000	\$ 653,000	\$ 485,000	\$ 615,000
WHENUAPAI Residential	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 630,000	\$ 750,000

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UPDATES:EVENTS

SEASON STARTS EARLY AT WOODHILL SANDS

Although winter shows have run every weekend all winter long, September sees the start of the National level events at Woodhill Sands Equestrian Centre. The first Show Jumping show is on the 6th and 7th of September this is three weeks earlier than normal. Event Manger Angela Nobilo says "we are going early this spring due to the fact we have had so many riders keeping their horse in work and will be ready to go our last early spring show was very popular and we think the earlier start will suit a lot of riders." The first half of the season which runs September through to March will see Woodhill Sands hosting five Star rated Show Jumping shows including a premier event early November and two horse trials, one of which will be an international CIC and capping the first half of the season off will be Dressage Waitemata's Championship show mid December.

Photo – Katie McVean winner of the Aon 3star Grand Prix : Photo Credit Tui Images



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COMMUNITY NOTICE

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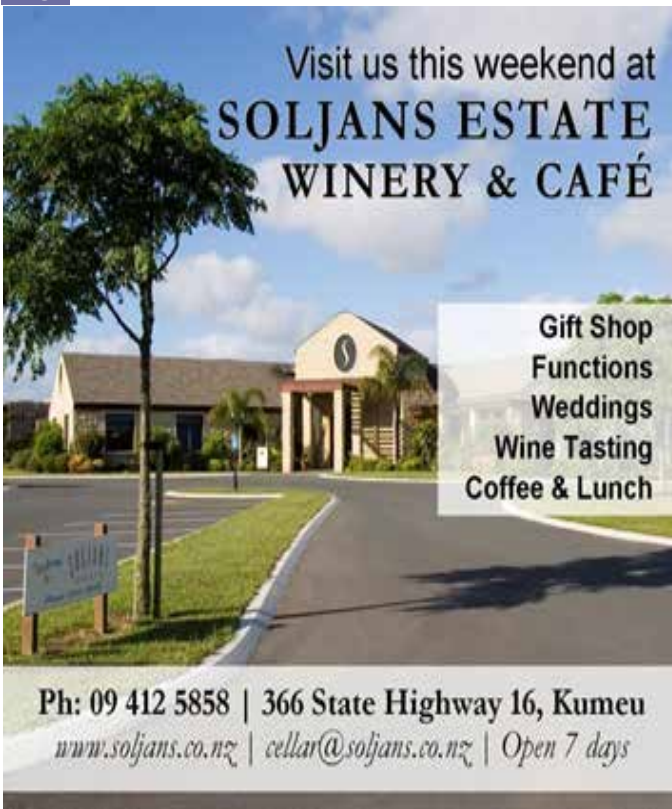
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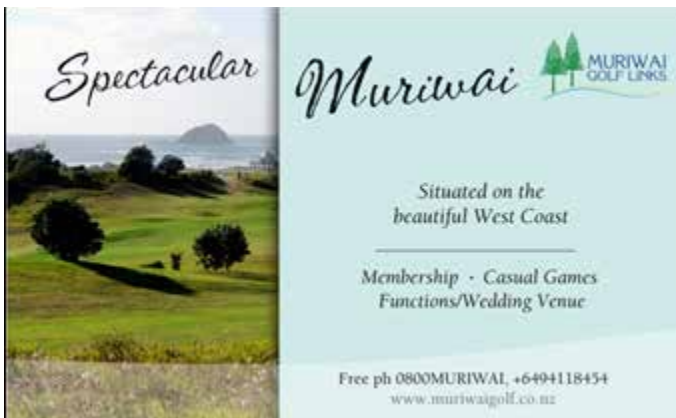




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BIRTHDAY SALE!

It is hard to believe, but Ambience Home & Gifts is celebrating its 8th year in business this coming month!

Originally we started from a tiny shop in Whenuapai in 2006, which we quickly outgrew in three years and needed to find a larger location and hence a further 5 years in Kumeu. Throughout the eight years we have loved being in business, selling beautiful home ware and gifts to our wonderful community as well as many customers coming from afar to visit our shop. To celebrate the end of Winter and 8th birthday we are having a sale with 25% off everything with a few items marked with a blue dot that will be exempt from the sale. So come visit and celebrate this great occasion with us – we've got some wonderful new stock and of course enjoy that discount on selected items. We're open on Monday – Saturday from 10am till 5pm Sunday from 11am till 4pm. 325 Main Road, Kumeu, Phone 09 412 2466.

KUMEU WI NEWS

At the July meeting of the Kumeu Women's Institute, members enjoyed a soup and sandwich lunch, before Mary Davies, Delegate at the recent National WI Conference, gave her Report. The Conference had been held in Wellington's Michael Fowler Centre with an attendance of 255 delegates as well as many visitors from all over NZ. Kumeu members were especially interested in their Remit "That the Minister of Health investigates the level of pay, work conditions and staff ratios in rest homes and other care providers." This was seconded by Coatesville WI and passed unanimously. The Speaker at the August 6th meeting will be Mr Ben Steiner, a Jewish Holocaust survivor, who will speak of his experiences. For further information phone Joan 09 411 8964 or Doreen 09 416 9522.

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How annoying and frustrating it is to break a screen! It is easy to do as the screen is the most vulnerable part of any device. Over the last few months we have seen an increase of computers, smart phones and tablets come in for repair with broken screens. For notebooks this often is the LCD panel but for smart devices like smartphones and tablets, this is normally just the glass front and not the actual LCD screen. Most customers are surprised that we can replace screens at a reasonable cost. In most cases this is far more cost effective than getting a new device. We can get spares for almost all known branded hardware. Some no-name units are harder to get and in most cases it is more cost effective to replace the whole unit, especially if the hardware is older than 4 years. If needed, we have a large selection of refurbished and new hardware that we can offer to you as a replacement and we can set this up with your data, email and settings as well as great protection software for virus and malware. If you are not sure, just bring this in and we can give you an assessment on the status of your device. On

another note, due to the great feedback we received regarding our longer opening hours, we have now increased our opening hours even further; from 7am to 7pm, Monday to Friday. This to provide you with better options to drop in repairs or ask for advice. If you bring in a job before 11am, you get a complementary coffee for on the road from us as a thank you for using our service. We are the main professional IT support company in the West that can offer a complete solution for your home and office needs. After having supplied, installed and supporting 100's of servers, desktops and remote internet solutions, we welcome the opportunity to look after your computing needs too. For more information please contact IT@Hand, Your local computer solutions. Come and visit the bright yellow and black shop on 322 Main Road in Huapai. Phone 09 412 9227 or email Huapai@ITatHand.co.nz

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It may be cold & wet at the moment, but spring is just around the corner, and before we know it the grass will be growing as fast as you can mow it. Lush wet grass makes spring one of the hardest times of the year for your mower to work, so it makes sense to have the machines in the best working condition. It is amazing how different a well serviced mower will perform with the blades sharpened and the motor serviced. We can also identify a lot of pending problems and reduce break downs during the season. Now is the logical time to have your mowers, riders and trimmers service and checked by Grasslands, we have a pick up & delivery service and with our two workshops, will be able to get your machine serviced and back to you before the spring onslaught. GRASSLANDS 20 Shamrock Drive Kumeu Phone 09 412 7880



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Enquiries Over

794 Old North Road, Waimauku
Enquiries Over \$769,000 - Viewing by appointment

A classic renovated bungalow with three generous bedrooms, bathroom and ensuite and two living areas with alfresco to north facing decking overlooking the land and beautifully planted pond where native birdlife abounds. If you seek the good life, filled with fresh produce, options to graze a few horses or sheep, a lawn to run a-muck and sheds to tinker within, this is the ultimate property for you. An independent double garage, garden shed, workshop and storage area adds to the offer. Closed fire place to warm the home in the winter months will make you so warm and toasty you wont want to leave. Lovingly created and crafted into a highly desirable but seldom found two acre hide-away yet minutes to Waimauku and Kumeu.

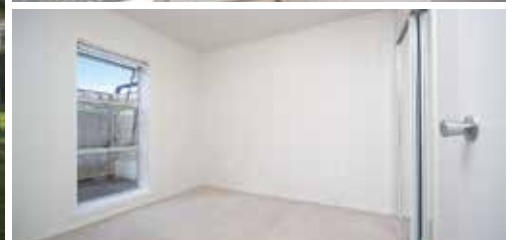


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3 / 18 Parr Terrace, Castor Bay
Set Date Of Sale 5th August at 5pm. - Viewing by appointment

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Elevated and sunny two bedroom unit, recently refurbished and offering an excellent living and open plan entertaining environment. This private home is compact, offering, lock-up and leave living. Well constructed and presented in a quaint, retro feel, the home overlooks lawn and pool area. An outlook towards Rangitoto and minutes drive to convenience shopping, schools and transport links.



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NEW, CONTEMPORARY, INNOVATIVE, WELL-APPOINTED - MURIWAI

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61 Domain Crescent, Muriwai
Enquiries Over \$779,000 - Viewing by appointment

An outstanding, elevated, contemporary, new home, with "step up" split level easy-flow interior and cleverly contoured exterior delivering commanding views from all three bedrooms. A breathtaking panorama from the open plan entertainer's lounge, open dining and kitchen offers views over Park, Golf Course, Sand Dunes and Surf Club. Sliders open to north-west decking with glass safety railing provide uninterrupted access to the breaking white water and Tasman Ocean. There has been no expense spared with a delicious mix of oak flooring and woven loom carpet. Twin breakfast bar, three generous bedrooms, bathroom and en-suite, generous laundry and storage throughout, along with expansive under house parking complete the package. This home makes a significant statement inside and out.



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GREEN FIELDS AND FRIENDLY FOLKS - NEAR KUMEU

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The perfect picture for family and friends. This improved and developed 1920's villa sits proudly upon a rural aspect, around 2 hectares with post and rail fencing, farm shed, implement bay, homestead and sleep-out. Many options here with this large 4 bedroom, two bathroom, two lounge homestead with the benefit of an open plan kitchen and entertaining area with flow to wrap around decking to the north and west. Established plantings and paddocks providing easy access for a few sheep or ponies and an easy turning circle for the horse float or stock crate. Some options here for some cosmetic DIY to make it just right for your family. Don't dilly dally as this land and home package is often sort after and seldom found.



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CITY AND SEA VIEWS IN WEST HARBOUR - CLOSE TO WESTGATE

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Enquiries Over

22A Van Dyke Place, West Harbour
Enquiries Over \$695,000 - Viewing by appointment

With extensive, elevated views of the city harbour and sky tower to the Waitakere ranges on the second level entertainment decking, this home is an absolute entertainers delight. This contemporary three level home offers a truly spacious and cosy living environment with excellent flow to outside courtyard and decking. Open plan kitchen, dining and lounge, a true entertainers hub which you will enjoy sharing. Four double bedrooms, 3 toilets, separate bathroom and master with ensuite and walk in wardrobe. Internal access double garage completes the picture. A high level of internal specifications, and finishing will give you confidence and peace of mind. Set in the heart of West Harbour and minutes from convenience shopping, boat ramp, Marina View Primary and transport links.



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HORSE LOVERS 23 GRAZING ACRES 12 MINS WAIMAUKU

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Enquiries Over

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Easy and comfortable living, this 5 bedroom, 3 bathroom, 2 lounge home with 23 acres delivers in privacy and suitability for horses or drystock. It will create a lasting impression with it high cathedral ceilings, rural outlooks and open plan entertainers style kitchen, dining area.

I particularly like the layout of the home that has separate living and sleeping areas that would suit a mixed age family or extended family. A recent refurbishment has refreshed the home. A mature and maintained lifestyle block fenced into 13 grazing paddocks with access through a central race, it provides easy options to move stock and manage your land.



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Set Date of Sale 6th August at 5pm. 2 Homes in Te Atatu South with an opinion from TerraNova(planners), regarding subdivision potential which we are happy to forward with title for observation. Big potential here for profits and return as a long term or short term investor. Three bedroom home, open plan lounge-dining with alfresco area to the North, a private garden to the rear adds privacy while the location is excellent. Well presented kitchen and bathrooms, you can move right in. In addition a two bedroom dwelling, fully refurbished with open plan, entertainers kitchen-dining and small yard provides options abound. New Carpet, paint and finished to a very good standard. If you are searching for a home and an income or seeking profits we suggest you take an interest in this property very soon indeed.



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BRICK AND TILE, DIY IN KARAMU - TE ATATU PENINSULA

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Enquiries Over

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WHAT IS A BLOG?

The term 'blog' has originated from the term 'web log' and is basically a website page that has content or information that is updated regularly and shared across the world wide web. In essence you could say Facebook is a blogging platform. The nature of a blogging website is a dedicated page that includes a number of posts or articles that then can be shared to subscribers of the blog. Posts are small snippets of information that you can write, assign to a specific category and post on your blog page. Anyone that has subscribed to your blog feed will see your updated posts. A blog page will also often have a sidebar that includes Recent Posts, Archived Posts and Categories. An example of a blog website is Graham McIntyre's blog



page which you can find at <http://www.grahammcintyre.co.nz/housesales/> and this is a blog about Real Estate articles and information. There are a number of blogging platforms available on the internet and one of the most common is WordPress. I have listed below a few others to consider but I have found WordPress the easiest to use and it has the added advantage you can have WordPress as your main website and just add a blog page as a standard feature.

- WordPress
- Tumblr
- Weebly
- TypePad

If you would like more information about blogs or websites I would be happy to help.

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HOW TO FIX SPLIT ENDS

There's no hair enemy as fierce and unyielding as the much-dreaded split end. Whether you're young or old, have chemically treated strands or a completely natural hue, you're always at risk of experiencing the phenomenon. "Split ends occur when the protective

outer layer of the hair cuticle wears away because of external stressors, such as heat styling and salon chemical services." "Once the internal structure of the hair is exposed, it becomes weakened, dehydrated and damaged, causing split ends." While the only true way to rid yourself of roughed ends is to have them snipped off, there are several things you can do between salon appointments to improve the look of damage and prevent more splits from occurring. Use a wide-tooth comb: After you apply conditioner in the shower, slowly run a wide-tooth comb through hair until all the tangles are out. Mind your heat tools: That bargain-bin blow-dryer may be a tempting purchase, but inexpensive tools tend to dangerously overheat over time and burn ends into splits. Instead invest in a professional grade dryer or iron such as GHD or Cloud9. Limit damaging services: There's unfortunate-

ly no way around it -- treatments like hair colour, highlights, straightening and perms all cause trauma that can result in a bevy of split ends. Try to limit service to just one major hair concern. . Not only will hair health improve after you go on a chemical-service diet, but your wallet will thank you. Get regular cuts: While a haircut is the only way to get rid of split ends, regular trims are your best protection against them. The longer you wait to trim, the greater chance you have of split ends worsening and traveling up the shaft. It may sound counter-intuitive, but this is why it's actually best to get frequent trims if you're trying to grow longer, healthier hair. Whatever your hair type or style, our experts recommend you get a cut or trim at least every six to eight weeks. Phone or txt Carla at Zash Hair today for your next appointment 021814663

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A LITTLE BIT OF KUMEU HISTORY...

The kumeu – riverhead railway 1875 – 1881

“Old Railway Road really was a Railway!”

The Kumeu-Riverhead section was a short-lived railway line in the north-west of Auckland. It was built as part of the Kaipara-Riverhead Railway, which was isolated from the national railway network until 1881, just before closure of this section. Construction - The Kaipara-Riverhead Railway was built to link the eastern Waitemata Harbour at Riverhead with the western Kaipara Harbour at Helensville South, to provide more convenient access between the northern districts and Auckland and to improve export prospects for the timber industry in the Kaipara area. The first sod was turned on 31 August 1871 by the Auckland Provincial Council, but at the start of 1872 the national government took over the job. The railway was only 25 km long, and specific delays with acquiring rails and the general difficulties associated with the relative isolation of the time meant that construction dragged on for a few years. On 29 October 1875, it finally opened. Brief operation and closure - The section had no intermediate stations, and operated for slightly less than six years. Construction of the North Auckland Line was proceeding steadily, and on 13 July 1881 it reached Kumeu from Auckland. The Kumeu-Riverhead section became the Riverhead branch, but it did not last even a week. Between Kumeu and Auckland the North Auckland Line was far superior to shipping, so the Riverhead branch closed on 18 July 1881. The line today - Despite the line being closed for well over a century, some faint remnants still exist. The embankment on which it left Kumeu diverges from the North Auckland Line near the Kumeu River Number 1 Bridge. Old Railway Road is on the formation of the line, and at the T-intersection with State Highway 16 the road ends and the formation continues straight ahead. At Riverhead no substantial relics remain.





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I Mike Pero Real Estate today announced that it will take the naming rights sponsorship for the Barry Sheene Motorcycle Classic at Hampton Downs this Labour Weekend October 24-25-26. The Barry Sheene is a tribute meeting to one of the great characters of the Grand Prix arena and twice World 500cc Grand Prix Champion. This annual historic motorcycle race meeting is the largest International meeting in NZ's history with fifty Australians competing against the New Zealand Team for the coveted Trans Tasman Trophy. Mike Pero is one of New Zealand's best known businessmen through his previous Mike Pero Mortgages business and in recent years, his growing Mike Pero Real Estate business. In his youth Mike Pero took to motorcycle racing like a 'duck to water' and went on to win twenty-two New Zealand Road Race titles on Yamaha machines during his 1980s career. "I am very proud to be the major sponsor of the Barry Sheene, it's a premier historic race meeting, New Zealand's largest road race meeting with over three hundred riders. Barry Sheene and Kenny Roberts were my heroes when I started racing. Barry was a larger than life character, a cheeky cigarette smoking cockney who challenged the establishment but delivered the goods on the racetrack. Barry won the European Formula 750 title in 1973, numerous British titles and the World 500cc Grand Prix Championship in 1976 & 1977. Barry became a Superstar in the British media and was the first rider to attract major sponsorship to motorcycle racing. Barry and his family retired to Australia's Gold Coast in 1984 and worked as a motorsport TV commentator and property developer. He passed away in 2003. At the Barry Sheene Classic we will honour Barry's memory, race machines from the 1930s through to 1989, and enjoy catching up with old friends," says Mike Pero. Pero, himself will also be competing on a Yamaha TZ250W, a former Grand Prix machine from the late 80s. A special feature of the event will be a focus on 'women racers' with our International Guest Maria Costello MBE from England. Maria was the first woman racer to podium at the Isle of Man TT, received her MBE 'for services to motorcycling' in 2009 and published her auto-biography in 2012, 'Queen of Bikers'. She will be joined by twenty women racers from Australia and New Zealand including Sophie Lovett from Australia. Mike Pero Real Estate was started in 2011. The business has expanded rapidly across New Zealand with more than 50 Mike Pero Real Estate outlets from Invercargill to Northland. The company offers a commission rate of 2.95% which is less than most other national brands. For further details contact Mike Pero on 0800 500 123 mike.pero@mikepero.com







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NEW CORE MOVEMENT SKILLS PROGRAMME A SUCCESS

At Nature's Explorers we have recently introduced a Core Movement Skills Programme into our Kindy routine. Every second Tuesday our three and four year olds head off to their local hall, to participate in this fun-filled class with Amy. Amy has experience working for Harbour Sport, and is well equipped with skills and knowledge in the field of sports and movement. Children participating in this programme work on a variety of core movement skills. This includes balancing, gross and fine motor skills and hand and eye co-ordination. Mastering these skills boosts children's confidence, they learn about their bodies and how they can move. They also develop social skills as they work together taking turns as they complete a variety of fun circuits set up by Amy. We have found this programme to be a valuable worthwhile learning tool for our children. They always look forward to Tuesday mornings with Amy. If you

are interested in finding out more about Nature's Explorers Kindergarten, please contact us on ph: 09 412 8800.

A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

After attending a lecture with Professor Guy Claxton from the U.K on Building Learning Power (BLP), it has reinforced the importance of encouraging children to take on challenges and learn through the process. Throughout the years, Country Bears programme has been developed with this principle in mind (amongst others), we promote the use of our rural property's outdoor environment to extend and challenge all of our children. We also have offered exposure to new experiences outside of our property by way of excursions and "expert" tuition, such as gymnastics and 'learn to swim classes' leading up to summer months to give children not only confidence in the water, but a respect for water. The time in the water has been linked to strengthening children's co-ordination and confidence in all other areas of development, eg increased up-

per body strength changes their ability to handle different tasks like finer motor skills linked to writing. Learning to Swim Classes will be starting again in Term 3. Aerobic fitness is also directly related to brain health and cognition in childhood and adolescence. Higher-fit preadolescent children exhibit better behavioural and attentional processes compared to lower-fit children, according to a recent study published in Neuropsychology.

Participating in aerobic exercises, such as running, swimming, during peak developmental stages supports effective brain functioning and overall health in children. At Country Bears we believe that children that have had the opportunity of engaging in as many different experiences and activities, gain benefits for their whole body, their wellbeing as well as an ability to grow with confidence in themselves.

As part of the Country Bears programme we have also been enjoying our wonderful appreciation of music, with fun sessions and learning to play the ukulele every Tuesday, trip to the theatre to see Whale Rider, fun holiday programme, and the usual discoveries within our wonderful learning environment. Thanks to our amazing teaching team we have enjoyed an exciting last month through the wet and windy weather and look forward to another month of exciting adventures of learning and having fun.

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FENCE 'VS' BOUNDARY

This month we review a recent Real Estate Agents Disciplinary Tribunal decision about real estate agents' obligations in respect of identifying boundaries on a property. The name of the case is Fitzgerald & Anor v Real Estate Agents Authority & Anor [2014] NZREADT 43, and the facts are relatively simple. In 2010, the purchasers purchased a cross-leased rear property that had a fully fenced back yard. As it turned out, the fence was in the wrong position and did not represent the correct boundary for the property (unfortunately for the purchasers, the boundary was several metres nearer the house than the fence was). It was accepted that the purchasers did not ask about the fence or boundary, and that the agent did not make any representations about the boundary. The purchasers, however, claimed that the agent should have been aware of where the real boundary was and should have made them aware that the fence line was not on the boundary. At paragraph 21, the Tribunal noted that, while an agent must make every effort to know the product that they are selling, an agent is not required to anticipate problems where a problem might not exist. In the Tribunal's view, "[i]t would be unduly burdensome if in every case where there is no apparent cause for concern an agent was required to verify the boundary or be liable for failure to do so." Accordingly, the Tribunal ruled that the agent in this case was not liable for unsatisfactory conduct. Importantly however, the Tribunal emphasised in the same paragraph that "... there is an obligation on an agent to be proactive where they are asked or might reasonably be expected to be asked about a boundary, for example where there is no clearly marked fence, where the boundaries appear to be in bush land or where a title is 'limited as to parcels.'" So, had the agent been asked in this case whether the fence constituted the boundary, the agent would then have been obliged to make enquiries about that and either confirm where the boundaries were or advise the purchasers to obtain a surveyor's advice. While the Tribunal's decision is short, it is well worth a read as it provides further clarity for both agents and potential purchasers around the issue of identifying boundary lines on a property. For more information contact Danswan Law Limited on 09 412 7348 or visit us at danswan.co.nz.

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work. We currently don't have a Pippins unit, and to lose the Brownies Unit now will have a profound impact on the Girl Guides Woodhill District. If any local ladies have considered joining Girl Guiding as a leader, then there is no time like the present! Have a browse at www.girlguidingnz.org.nz/what-we-do/leaders for more information on joining as a leader and what is involved. It is also possible for a Dad to join as a leader - something to think about. As a new leader myself, I can honestly say that it is a wonderful experience and a privilege to be a part of these girls' lives and futures. We appreciate the ongoing support of our Guiding families through these changing times. Hopefully some new leaders will come through in the next few months and the

Woodhill District will continue as a full unit with Pippins, Brownies, Guides and Rangers.

LIVESTOCK MARKET AUCTION RESULTS

This months cattle auctions saw prices very strong once again, with an ongoing battle for killable cattle causing prices to be extremely good. With prime steers to \$1,890, heifers \$1,230 and boner cows selling to \$1,220, vendors were very happy indeed! The young cattle section saw a much bigger yarding than previous weeks. This is a natural response to

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Monday 11TH August at Kumeu Baptist Church Access Rd, Kumeu. 8 political parties – National, Labour, Greens, Maori, Act, NZ First, Conservative, Internet Mana are invited to be represented by their candidates and up to 2 other party policy speakers. Parties will have opportunity to set up stands in the church hall, with public welcome to attend from 6pm to chat casually. The main meeting will commence in the church at 7pm. Seating for 230, with sound system. Each candidate will have 5 minutes to present themselves, followed by written questions from the public, drawn for order. At 9pm the meeting will end, with opportunity for everyone to return to the hall for informal discussion and refreshments. The meeting will be tightly managed, with any interjectors removed after one warning. Questions may be answered by the party policy supporters, seated behind the candidates. RSVP to Holly Ryan, Convenor Phone 021 488 427



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which Ray Charles could see was never going to happen. Every silver lining has a grey cloud, so Mr Postlethwaite swallowed his pride and thought God zone might do: after all, it's even further from Huddersfield. If he'd had the cam belt changed when the mechanic suggested, he wouldn't be in the saddle right now. He wouldn't be sweating like a pig – not that pigs seem to sweat all that much, even on a day like this – and his backside wouldn't feel (and look) like a four day old roadkill possum. But if his car couldn't get him to Massey to work, he'd ride. First time in years. The homeward journey was much worse – saddle-sore from the morning ride, now heading into the late afternoon sun, trying not to get killed in the rush-hour traffic.....but at last, his destination was in sight. Percy slammed his Raleigh Roadmaster into the bike rack outside Matti B's, delicately eased the saddle from where it'd become encaptured, and staggered inside. After exactly nine minutes on the red sofa his knees had almost stopped trembling, and his pulse was edging under 220. He sneered at the piece on TV3 News about older people not exercising enough, leaned towards the counter and bellowed "FISH, CHIPS an MUSHY PEAS, LASS – and don't spare t'vinegar".

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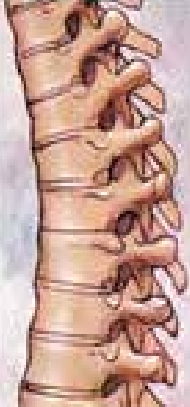
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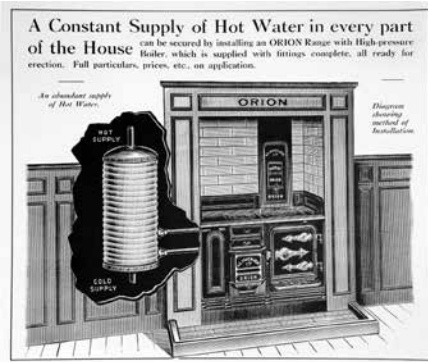
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- 1 Can coconut cream
- ½ tsp ground nutmeg
- 2 Chicken Oxo cubes or chicken stock
- Salt and pepper to season

Melt butter in a large saucepan and sauté onion. Add chopped Pumpkin, kumara and potatoes. Cover with water and sprinkle Oxo cubes over, add salt pepper and nutmeg and bring to the boil. Cover and simmer until veg's are soft.

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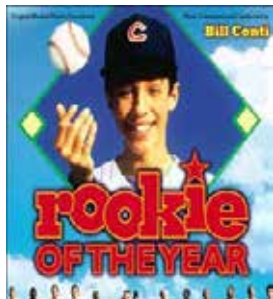
POWER OUTAGES AND SURGES

We have been out and about this month assisting clients with the aftermath of the storms and resulting power outages and surges. These surges resulted in at least one customer needing to replace most of their domestic appliances, the TV and DVD player. In most instances, this can easily be prevented by installing surge protection devices but to be effective, these really need to be installed in the distribution board, cheaper plug-in ones are not as effective.

With the early power outage being so long in Waimauku and Muriwai we have been talking to customers about generators and inverters. These can be set up to ensure that at a basic level you have hot running water despite the lack of power. This is especially important in a house with young children. An inverter runs clean quiet, as required, power from a battery bank. It requires enough battery capacity to provide the power required over a given time period. Alternatively, a generator is less quiet, requires fuel and starting. It runs consistently regardless of whether it is actually being used. Fuel can only be stored for up to six months and regular servicing is important. Should you wish to discuss these options, and obtain a quote on the system most suitable for your requirements. Give Sparkn Tony a call on 021 772 756.

WHAT'S IN A WORD

I noticed that a real estate agent that seems compelled to fill my letter box with endless self promotional rubbish, called herself the Rookie of the year. I thought that I would staisfy my disbelief in her use of the word and the images it creates, and laughed to myself in the definition and sensing that others might like a good laugh thought I would mail this to you. I am not sure that this real estate agent is the brightest bulb in the socket, maybe you'll agree.



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