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# Intro

Its official, another year done and dusted! I can't believe how fast it has gone and Christmas is here again. To all our wonderful readers, advertisers and local businesses who support the Kumeu Courier I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support. Graham McIntyre does a fantastic job getting this magazine out into our community and many of you will know this is not the only hat he wears, so a personal thank you from me for all your hard work Graham. For all those planning a family getaway over the festive season I hope you have a memorable break filled with plenty of friends, family and of course the ever elusive sunshine! Remember, Christmas isn't all about gifts (although we do love them) so spare a thought and give some of your time to those people in your life who would appreciate your presence rather than presents. Thank you all again for your continued loyalty to our publication, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

As always- Stay safe, Be Kind.

Sarah,  
Editor.



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## AUCKLAND COUNCIL MEDIATION DISASTER

About 100 groups, including the Association, lawyers and planners assembled by demand of the Commission for the first mediation session of the 'Unitary Plan Hearings'. It was a disaster! Only two pages were considered and the Commissioners hadn't resolved the grouping before the meeting, leading to more debate over the grouping than on the real issues of development growth and policies. The Association, like others, received a 'assessment of mediation' which was written in a form of an apology, stating that they will have 'more focussed mediation' in the future - not a good start to the 'Unitary Plan' meetings.

The most up-to-date knowledge we have is that the Rural Urban Boundary (RUB) mediation date will be advised shortly, and the substantive hearings on zoning and specific areas requests will be held about the middle of 2015.

In my view, the RUB argument raises other hidden economic issues. Once set, the area contained by the RUB will be able to be used to set levies for proposed infrastructure which will be needed for the projected growth over the next 30 years. In this way development and infrastructure can be incrementally paid for over time. The real question will be if there will

be any difference in costs dependent on unsighted and unknown development densities. I don't believe that the current mechanism of development levies on developments payable when development occurs will be the only avenue for funds for infrastructure for the Council.

At present the 'Rural & Countryside Living' zones are outside the RUB but 'Large Lot' zones (of which there are none in Kumeu) are included. The 4000m Large Lot is about 10 times the size of the 'Mixed Housing' suburban site, so there is a potential problem of fairness in infrastructure levies. The 'Large Lot' category, with limited services and self contained water and sewerage, is closer aligned to the 'Countryside Living' zoning at 1 hectare. That debate is set for the next mediation session.

As Auckland Transport and the New Zealand Transport Agency are yet to show how transport needs are going to be handled to service the known 20-30,000 population increase, it has been decided to write to the Prime Minister to see if he can help with the problem.

What is clearly apparent to locals is that the traffic in Kumeu is creating congestion, and we don't have any of the new housing areas operating yet. It is the shop owners and businesses on the Main Road who are noticing the greatest change. The Association will be expanding its membership in the new year to accommodate the interest expressed from the

business community.

I know this is the December issue, so on behalf of the hard working committee, I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas.

Pete Sinton Chairman, Kumeu Huapai Resident and Ratepayers Association.  
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## LOCAL BOARD UPDATE 2014

This week Councillors voted to propose an 'average' 3.5% rates increase as part of the LTP. This will see anything from a decrease in rates (in Rodney many peoples rates have fallen slightly) to a whopping 40% increase. Various suggestions to mitigate the effect of the increases were voted down.



I expect that the Local Boards will wear some flak for the increase as we objected to the proposed huge cuts to our budgets. We were faced with suggestions that ranged from cutting library hours to leaving parks un-mowed to give them a "meadow-like" effect. In Rodney we have an inadequate parks budget across an area 46% the size of Auckland, the cuts would have been significant. As advocates for our community it would be irresponsible not to fight the proposed cuts in areas like parks budgets.

This does not mean that Council couldn't have cut spending to mitigate the size of the increases. Council Controlled organisations like ATEED had untouched budgets even though in my opinion they are involved in what is essentially corporate welfare and events such as the V8's in Pukekohe. When times are tough are these things that should continue to attract millions of dollars of ratepayers money? Are there savings to be made in Corporate overheads? These include the millions spent on moving to new buildings when we have buildings in Orewa and Takapuna sitting semi vacant, then deciding that the buildings that staff moved from should be retained as possibly renovated at huge expense.

One of the issues with rates is the continued reduction in the business differential, many people are unaware that businesses essentially cross subsidise domestic rates by paying proportionally more than domestic ratepayers. Businesses have been an easy target electorally. I am happy to go out on a limb and say I support the continued reduction of the business differential. If we want local jobs and economic growth we need to be careful about milking businesses ratepayers because it's politically expedient to do so.

It will be interesting to see your feedback on the LTP (Long Term Plan) in the New Year, yes, there is more feedback required on yet another plan!

Phelan Pirrie, Rodney Local Board. Phone 021 837 167. Email: phelan.pirrie@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

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Ensure your animals have water and are well looked after if you are leaving them at home. Check your vehicles before you go, including tyre pressures, brake fluid level and operating lights. Make sure you keep your speed down, drive to the conditions and have patience, so your family and other road users can arrive safely at their holiday destination.

If you are attending work functions and other parties, arrange a sober driver, and be aware that as of 1 December the alcohol limits have been reduced when considering driving. Look after your friends and family, and please be responsible so we can all have a Merry Christmas and enjoy the festive season.

In an emergency dial 111.

For more information contact

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Urban sprawl has reached the Waitakere fire station and with it comes the end of a 30 year era! 6 locals started the fire station with a van and sheer determination to provide a service to the Waitakere/Taupaki area. On 1 November 2014 the Waitakere Volunteer Rural Fire Force became the Waitakere Volunteer Fire Brigade. We are one of three new stations in the country that will be run by New Zealand Fire Service but will retain a rural fire truck to attend rural incidents. The signage and uniforms will change but our commitment to the community remains.

Waitakere fire is now on Facebook. This is another way for us to communicate and relay information about the brigade, so visit either [www.facebook.com/WaitakereFireStation](http://www.facebook.com/WaitakereFireStation) or search Waitakere Volunteer Fire Brigade.

As summer approaches it is important that you know the rules regarding what you can and cannot do with the lighting of outdoor fires. Below is a link that explains all you need to know. [www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/licencesregulations/ruralfire](http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/licencesregulations/ruralfire)

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<b>HOBSONVILLE</b>				
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<b>HUAPAI - KUMEU</b>				
Residential	\$ 910,000	\$ 850,000	\$ 627,000	\$ 670,000
Lifestyle	\$3,400,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$940,000	\$ 1,125,000
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Residential	\$ 1,020,000	\$ 820,000	\$ 660,000	\$ 660,000
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# IN BRIEF

## UPDATES:EVENTS

### LION DISTRICT CONVENTION A GREAT SUCCESS

Waimauku Lions organised this year's Lion District 202K Convention, with assistance from Helensville Lions and Huapai-Kumeu Lions. The theme of the weekend was "Happy Days Revival" which meant everything had a fun musical aspect, including the flag ceremony on Friday. Over 200 lions from across the District attended, as well as dignitaries, some who'd flown in from the South Island. Grahame Edmonds, who headed the Convention Committee, wants to thank local businesses. "This weekend was a great success thanks to the generous donations, both produce and monetary, from many local businesses." All 36 members of the Waimauku Lions, and many family members, worked hard to make sure this event ran without a glitch. Saturday night's dinner and dance was very enjoyable with Roger Skinner and his band providing music from the 50s, 60s and 70s. If you are interested in joining Waimauku Lions, phone John on 09 411 8606 or email lionswaimauku@gmail.com.

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Auckland Council has undertaken a revaluation of all properties located within the Auckland region in November this year. Council was scheduled to post your notice of valuation between the 10th and 12th of November so if you do not receive it by the end of November, we recommend that you contact Council and ask them to urgently resend your notice. As you may be aware, the annual land rates that are charged to you by Council are calculated using a formula that takes into account the current Council valuation for your property. This is why this revaluation is so important to you as a property owner. As a landowner you do have the ability to object to any of the information contained in the notice but you only have until 5:00p.m. Fri. Dec. 19, 2014 to submit your objection. If you have any questions about the objection process or the revaluation in general, please contact Smith & Partners at 09 837 6884.

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## IS YOUR STREET THE BEST IN THE NORTH-WEST?

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the last 12 months, which saw us being named in Cuisine’s Top 60 New Zealand Restaurants List, as well as being named in Metro’s Top 50 List for the third year running. We look forward to bringing you more award-winning food & wine when we reopen from January 7 after giving the team a well earned break over Christmas. Keep an eye out for our Heineken Sundowners starting again on Sunday afternoons from the beginning of February until the end of April, and we will also be bringing you more Trust the Chef nights and special events.

Have a happy and safe festive season!  
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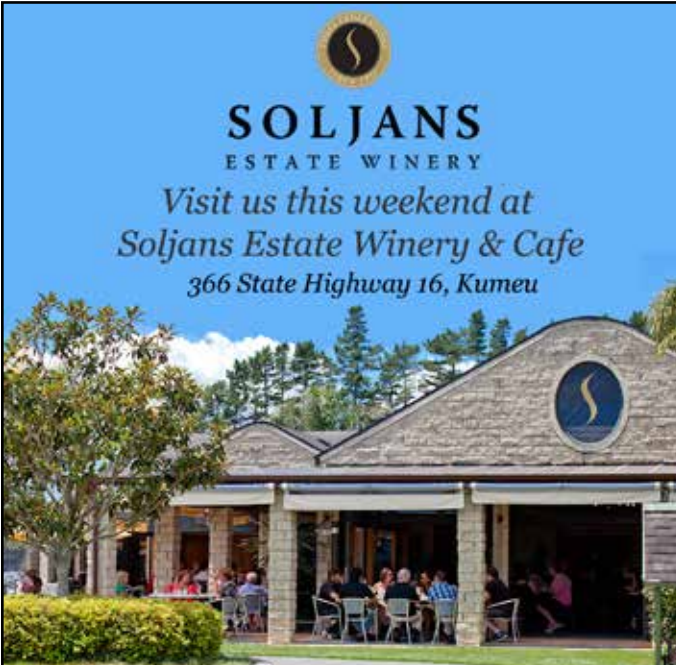
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## A MESSAGE FROM CRAIGWEIL HOUSE

Craigweil House would like to wish all readers of this amazing little/big news bulletin a Merry Christmas and a very Special New year for 2015. Our residents are always keen to have a celebration or another party and we seem to go from one to another with birthdays, anniversaries, the Melbourne Cup, Easter, Mum and Dads day and I could go on. We are all looking forward to summer which only arrives in short bursts, then we are back to hail, winds and rain again. But hey we soldier on. Christmas can be a lonely space for many people, some of our residents don't receive many visitors so we all become a family, and friends doing things together, supporting one another, and very often just having a good old chat, a cuppa and a laugh. What to choose for presents can be a bit of a problem at times, I have nine grandchildren between the ages of three years and nineteen years old, I mainly get vouchers and lots of favourite treats and they can have the pleasure of choosing and buying something that they need or want. Mind you it can get very confusing with all the choices that we have these days the toys, gadgets and electronic gizmos can be to the everyday person very challenging. I know I depend on the young ones when I am learning anything new or I am stuck on my computer, it's "help what do I do now". Finally a big thanks from Craigweil to all our families, community visitors, suppliers, church groups, Age Concern and most of all our amazing family of residents. Cheers, Sharyn Gray



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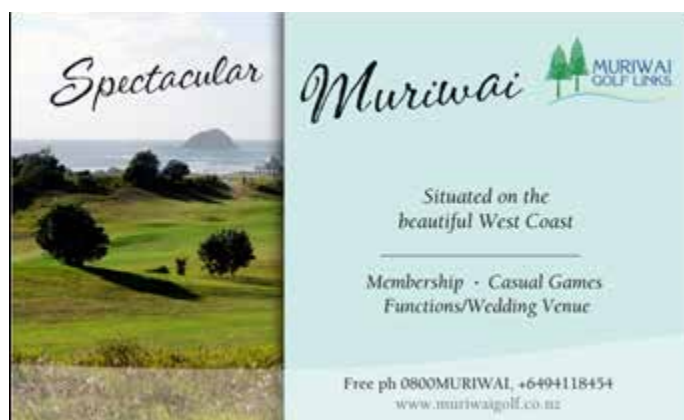
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### AUCKLAND COUNCIL'S HOUSE VALUE SITE CRASHES

Aucklanders celebrating massive rises in their homes' capital valuation should not get too excited about borrowing up large

for renovations or an investment property, experts say. Auckland Council's website crashed as property owners stampeded online to check their new valuations. The CVs for the country's biggest city have jumped by about a third since 2011, with some areas such as Hobsonville, Forrest Hill and Mangere Bridge up more than 50 per cent. Auckland mortgage broker Campbell Hastie, of Go2Guys, said the increase was a "double-edged sword" for those who had seen the biggest swing. "It does make you feel a bit richer, even if it is just on paper, but it also means you're going to pay more rates," he said. Hastie said homeowners were unlikely to rush out and borrow up a storm by leveraging their increased equity. "I don't think people are going to open up the envelope and go, 'wow, that looks cool, let's go and buy an investment property,'" he said. Instead Hastie said it would be "another tick in the box" to give people confidence to go ahead with extensions, renovations or investments they were already planning. He also said banks did not put much stock in CVs when considering loans, except as a rough measure of a property's value.

"The banks do look at them, but they certainly are more prepared to hang their hat on a registered valuation, and/or a desktop valuation," Hastie said. A "desktop" valuation is a less rigorous assessment that costs about half to a third as much as a full valuation, which includes a property inspection. Hastie said borrowers with less than 20 per cent equity or buying an investment property would almost certainly need to a more solid valuation than the CV. CVs, also known as rateable values or government valuation, are calculated based on other properties in the same area. They usually do not take into account the condition of the house and land, chattels, and landscaping. Property Institute chief executive David Clark said a lot of people thought CVs were the same as market value, but it was important not to confuse the two. "All [CVs] are is a determination for applying land tax, really," he said. "The valuations are for



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separate purposes, and they don't really cross over." Clark said it was unlikely there would be a surge in people seeking valuations to try and challenge the council's CV. In most cases, the expense of doing so would probably not compensate for any reduction in rates, he said. Bankers' Association chief executive Kirk Hope said the higher revaluations did not necessarily mean banks would start lending more money. "As well as looking at the equity you hold in your property you need to demonstrate your ability to repay any increase in lending," he said. "Banks will also ask valid questions about what you would like to borrow the money for."

Hope said banks would look at individual circumstances when deciding whether to accept the latest CV, or request a proper valuation. "Once again that's usually about your equity in the property and your ability to repay the loan," he said.

## BRAKES ON HOUSE PRICE GROWTH: QV

Signs of a spring pick-up failed to prevent house prices from hitting their slowest growth rate in two years last month. Latest figures from QV show that nationally, house values edged up just 1.1 per cent over the past three months, and grew 5.9 per cent annually. Sales were around 12 per cent lower than the same time last year. Once again all eyes were on the dominant Auckland and Christchurch markets, with the Auckland region up 2.5 per cent in the last three months and 9.2 per cent over the same period last year. QV spokesperson Andrea Rush said that although home values had slowed nationally, they had revived in many centres over the past three months. "Home values have accelerated again in Auckland since July at a rate not seen since last year.

## TIPS ON CHRISTMAS DECORATING WHILE YOUR HOME IS ON THE MARKET - AT HOME STAGING LTD

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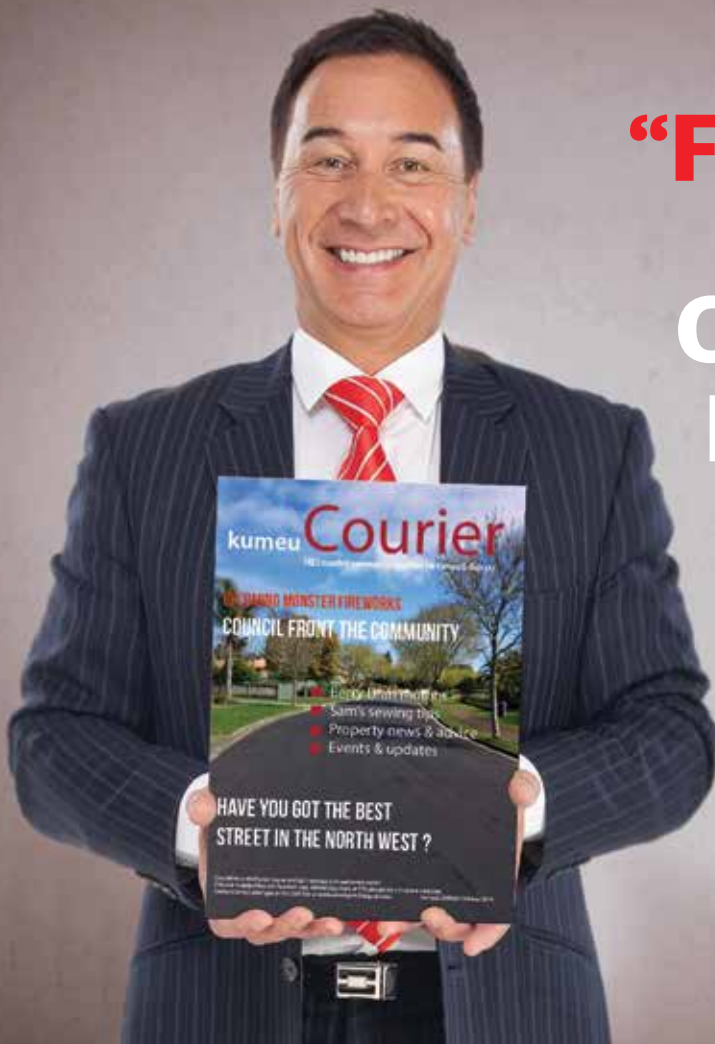
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## CANCER SOCIETY SEEKS TEAM CAPTAINS FOR WEST AUCKLAND FAMILY EVENT

Cancer Society Auckland is hosting Relay For Life 2015 at the Kumeu Showgrounds in West Auckland next February. "We are excited to be hosting the largest West Auckland Relay For Life at the Kumeu Showgrounds" says Cancer Society Auckland CEO, John Loof. "Every day 60 families face the huge challenge of a



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cancer diagnosis, and Relay For Life is a time when we come together as a community, acknowledge the impact cancer has and fundraise to make the work of the Cancer Society possible." "Teams sign up for many reasons, some to remember their loved ones, others to celebrate and acknowledge a friends cancer journey and some to fight back against cancer, a disease that takes so much". Relay For Life is a unique fundraising team event for the Cancer Society. "Funds raised provide Supportive Care and information for people going through cancer and vital research into more effective cancer treatments as well prevention campaigns in our community". Everyone is welcome to take part - families, friends and colleagues, to run, walk and join the fun and make a difference at Relay For Life on 14th and 15th February 2015. Registration is open now! We are looking for Team Captains to rally their friends and family and join us at Relay For Life Kumeu 2015. Visit [www.relay.org.nz](http://www.relay.org.nz) for more information and to register your team. Or call Lorien on: 09 308 0494. About Relay For Life:

- "Cancer touches 1 in 3 New Zealanders so unfortunately most of us know someone who has been affected. Whether it is a close friend, whānau or a colleague, Relay is a time to acknowledge those who have been through cancer".
- Relay For Life is made up of teams of work colleagues, school groups, family and friends who take strides to raise funds in support of those with cancer. The event includes music, camping-out, a candlelit ceremony, food, family fun and the on-going relay.
- Funds raised go towards Cancer Society support such as community nurses, counsellors and the 0800 information help line as well as cancer research.

Relay For Life 2015 will be held in Auckland on:

- 14 & 15 February 2015, Kumeu Showgrounds
- 21 & 22 March 2015, A & P Showgrounds, Pukekohe
- 28 & 29 March 2015, at Millennium Stadium, North Shore

For more information contact:

Penny White: Marketing and Communications Manager, Cancer Society Auckland. Email: [pwhite@akcansoc.org.nz](mailto:pwhite@akcansoc.org.nz); Mob: 0211 589 606; DDI: 09 308 01077.



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blue and gold faces, one blue leg each and a gold leg. These were posed for cameras and placed in portfolios. Some washed it off but others, including the tiger, roamed the centre. Suddenly it was clean-up time. A story for many out on the crash mats while the adults set up for another day and a chorus of cheerful goodbyes signalled the end... until tomorrow... If you would like to visit and see for yourself please call Waimauku Playcentre on 09 411 8256.

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afterhours service. Richard's philosophy, embedded in his service delivery is "People have unlimited potential and generally make the best life decisions in the comfort of their own environment." His role is to unlock the unique skills and qualities that people have. "I do that by offering a number of career tools and strategies to bring a person to a point of certainty about who they are and the steps necessary to achieve their aspirations," he says. Lifeworks 4 Me offers career guidance/life planning to people from 15 -65 years of age, across the employment spectrum; and assistance with pre-employment – CV design, successful interview and job search techniques. Richard has a Graduate Diploma in Career Development (AUT -2004), Diploma in Working with People with Disabilities and a Certificate in Adult and Tertiary Education. He has served on the Auckland CDANZ (Career Development Assn NZ) committee since 2006 and is presenting a paper at the National Career Symposium in Auckland in November. Richard was a Foundation Member of ASENZ (1993) and has retained an associate membership since 1997. He has served on the JAG committee (Justice Action Group for People with Disabilities) since 2005. Richard also coached midget soccer at Birkenhead United from 2000 to 2007.

Text Richard on 027 463 8523, email richard@lifeworks4me.co.nz or visit [www.lifeworks4me.co.nz](http://www.lifeworks4me.co.nz)

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## THE RIVERHEAD'S LOOKING FORWARD TO A BRILLIANT SUMMER!

The Boat House at The Riverhead is now open on Sundays with music in the brand new building. If you thought our Sundays were pretty cool before, just look at it now! We are looking forward to a fantastic summer and what better way to relax through your Sunday afternoon than spending the day with friends and family and jolly good music. There are new decks over hanging the water, covered decks, the gazebos, the lawn, the oaks, the view and the space...come and enjoy! We also have a new summer menu in The Landing Restaurant at The Riverhead. All your favourite gastro fare with some simply delicious, (can't get enough of) salads with tasty lamb, mouth-watering fish and delectable desserts! Our team is looking forward to seeing you... whether is on Sundays for the FREE music, Monday Nights for the Pizza or Pasta, Pint or Pinot Special offer, The Riverhead's famous all you can eat Rib's Night, Quiz Night on Wednesday, or any other day where you can escape and enjoy the brilliant view. To book phone 09 412 8902

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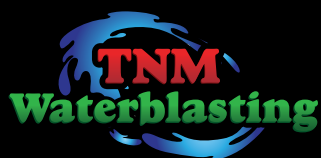
Don't forget to vote in seabird of the year – Forest and Bird's annual poll 2014 is only open to seabirds, to highlight the fragility of so many populations use [www.seabirdoftheyear.org.nz](http://www.seabirdoftheyear.org.nz). Locally we have the gannet/takapū colony at Maukatia, where white fronted terns/tara also nest. Fairy terns/tara-iti nest in the sand further north. Take care with dogs and vehicles on the beach - there are perhaps 10 breeding pairs of these tiny critically-endangered birds.

Rubbish – Plastic, paper, foil and that's just the food shopping! Consider the nation's bulging bin bags on 26 December. Auckland Council's mission to be waste free by 2040 continues with Make the Most of Waste. 15% items in the average rubbish bag could be recycled visit, [www.makethemostofwaste.co.nz](http://www.makethemostofwaste.co.nz) for more. Thanks everyone who has given time to the community this year. Work in Muriwai has covered plantings and protest visit [www.muriwai-environment.org](http://www.muriwai-environment.org) if you want to be involved.



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Our Xmas hours are: closing 23rd December and reopening on the 5th January. From the team at Fabric & Things, we would like to wish you all a very safe & happy xmas, remember if you have any sewing questions, come in and talk to Sam, your "Expert Fabric Advisor" at Fabric & Things 10B Shamrock Drive, Kumeu or phone 412 9123. We are open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm or check out our online shop at [www.fabricandthings.co.nz](http://www.fabricandthings.co.nz)

## SENIORNET NORTHWEST

SeniorNet Norwest would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

With the 2014 Season coming to an end, NORWEST SENIORNET will be holding their final learning class on 25th Nov. at 9.30 – 11.30 am. This class will show how to put all those 35mm slides that our families have hidden away in boxes, your own wonderful photo's and memories onto your computer. Anyone interested please email [admin@seniornetnorwest.net](mailto:admin@seniornetnorwest.net) otherwise contact: Joan 416-7172 or Bev 411-5201 for details.

Our outlook for 2015 will be to restart classes in February, with the intent on

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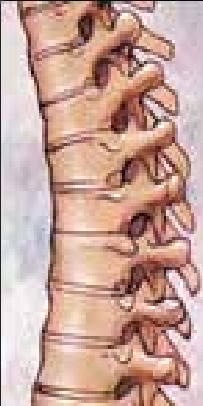
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## DT DENTURE CLINIC OPEN FOR BUSINESS

DT Denture Clinic opened its doors to the public on November 3, 2014. DT Denture Clinic is a sister company to DT Denture Design which has been operating in Whenuapai since 2005. DT Denture Design have decided to expand and open a clinic that will see patients directly. The clinical technician Mark Casey is able to see patients requiring full upper and lower dentures, partial dentures, relines of existing dentures, repair work to dentures and mouth guards. Dennis Pusich and Taka Hosaka are the Directors of both DT Denture Clinic and DT Denture Design. Dennis and Taka have over 34 years' experience between them in chrome framework and denture services. They have a team of three experienced consultants one of whom has over 30 years' experience in making chrome framework. Mark Casey is the clinical technical that will be seeing patients. Mark previously was acting as the team leader for the removable prosthetics department at the University of Otago's School of Dentistry. Mark Casey joined the team at DT Denture Designs bringing with him the most up-to-date techniques, understanding and expertise ensuring that you receive the best treatment and care. Phone us on 09 416 5072

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## KUMEU CLUB IN GOOD CHRISTMAS SPIRITS

The Kumeu Club meet every Wednesday and Friday from 5.00 pm at The Fireplace Restaurant 64 Main Road Kumeu. Members enjoy special pricing on meals and drinks plus the club runs weekly meat raffles and up until Christmas the prizes are quality Hams. You can if you're a member participate in our lucky members draw which jackpots each week by \$50 if not won. The Jackpot currently stands at \$200 and member must be in attendance to win.

The Annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Sunday the 14th of December at the Fireplace starting at 12.00 pm and members are in for a treat. Coming up in the New Year, February kicks off with the Kumeu Club Fishing Tournament followed by a night at the races in March. It all happens at the Kumeu Club. There are still a few membership vacancies and you can join by phoning the Secretary Treasurer Lenore Read on 09 412 6070 or Donald Suckling on 09 412-7479 and Sharon Walker on 09 412-8801

## PLENTY ON OFFER AT STEMS

This Christmas season at Stems Roses, we have some exciting specials on bouquets and floral arrangements to give as a gift or something to make your house get into the Christmas spirit! Vicki has made six different and beautiful bouquets and arrangements for you to choose from and all at great deals! Stems Roses, 108 Station Rd, Kumeu. Ph: 09127606

## EDIBLE CREAM PUFF WREATH FOR CHRISTMAS

1 cups water  
4 oz butter  
1 cups high grade flour  
1/4 tsp salt  
4 eggs  
350 ml cream – whipped  
Melted chocolate, fresh strawberries, mint leaves and a large red bow for decoration

Pre heat fanbake oven to 220°C  
Place water and butter into saucepan and melt together – as soon as it comes to the boil stir in flour and salt, stirring the whole time.  
Mixture will form a ball – lower heat and continue to stir roux mixture for 1-2 mins.  
Remove from heat and allow to cool slightly. Next stir in eggs one at a time and combine completely after each egg. Mixture should end up quite glossy and stable.



Place spoonfuls onto a baking paper lined tray in a circular shape to form a wreath look (or you can bake them individually and just plate them up in a wreath shape afterward)  
Bake for approx. 15 -20 mins till puffy and golden – do not open door of oven!  
Then reduce heat to 180°C and leave to dry out in oven for approx 10 mins.  
When cold place on a large circular platter and fill with whipped cream and drizzle with melted chocolate. Decorate with fresh strawberries and mint leaves and finish off wreath with a large red bow.



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**Fabric & Colour:** Fabric is an essential part of choosing curtains as the material will determine how well your curtains will function and last over time. If they are too heavy, they may not fold correctly when drawn; too light and they may not fall well. Linda the expert consultant at the interior tailor suggests holding fabrics up to a window and looking at them in daylight and also at night, as they will reflect different shades depending on the light source. Sunlight can fade fabrics over time. If the room is very sunny then it is smart to avoid bright colours as they will fade faster. If you choose neutral colours they are less likely to fade and will blend into the rooms décor more easily.

Some of the thicker fabrics will help to keep out the cold and to block out the light and keep heat in. A thinner fabric can be interlined with bump, a thick insulating felt type material – it can help to prolong the life of your curtains as it gives an extra layer of protection and will give body & fullness to your curtains.

**Length:** You will need to decide how high above the window frame you would like the curtains to begin. Having the cur-

tains higher than the window will give a sense of height to the room. The height will depend on the look you want to achieve. The higher the curtain length the more dramatic the look will be. For a more traditional look, the curtains can be puddled on the floor. For a modern, crisp look, the curtains would sit just touching the floor. If your floor or carpet is uneven then it may be a good idea to have the curtains slightly longer so that this flaw is not noticeable. For the width of your curtains you will need to make an allowance for fullness and ensure that the curtains will not block the window glass when the curtains are open. The extra width on the sides of the window will also help block out any extra light that may creep in.

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## UNFAIR CONTRACTS

Unfair contracts - new legislation to cover unfair contracts is on its way. Accordingly, it is a good time to consider a review of your general terms of trade. Some of those terms could be unfair and not enforceable under the new legislation. Some of your terms of trade may also be out of date because they refer to old statutes. Or, there is too much fine print which is not useful to your business.

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of the fine print will require legal expertise. However, the upside is a better customer relationship if you have terms of trade that are easy to understand. That is, even if those terms include necessary things such as hardline debt enforcement clauses. Your legal advisor can also get rid of clauses which may be unfair under the new regime. Kemp Solicitors wish all readers and clients a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. Phone 09 412 6000

## GOOGLE -WEBMASTER TOOLS

The importance of inbound links one of the main factors that affects your website position in the Google search engine is the quantity and quality of the number of websites that are linking to yours. An inbound link is a link from another website to yours and is perceived in the eyes of Google as a vote of trust for your website content. It is not however just about the quantity of the links, it is more about the quality of the link and whether the link is relevant to the content of your website and what value that link has in Google's eyes. An example of relevance might be a Wedding Directory linking to a hairdressing website or a Property Management company linking to a building services company. A link that is not perceived as relevant might be a Wedding Directory linking to a plumbing website for example. Google measures the quality of the links that are pointing to your website and apportions value to relevant high quality links and often penalises your search engine results positioning with poor or unrelated links. To find out how many links you have coming in to your website you can set up Google Webmaster Tools to monitor your website health and there is an option in there showing the number of inbound links and where these are coming from. David Partis (Designhand Limited) w w w . d e s i g n h a n d . c o . n z



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## THREE STRESS FREE HAIR STYLES FOR XMAS

There are plenty of things to worry about—your hair doesn't have to be one of them. Are you starting to feel stressed about our upcoming big event called Christmas? Here's one thing you can relax about: your hair!

People—especially women—get stressed because there is this idea of "perfection." They build up an idea in their heads that they can't possibly live up to. Every time I've stressed about anything it's never been worth it, and I've looked back and thought, "I can't believe I did it again!"

You've got to let yourself off the hook a little bit. One way to do that is with your hair. Sure, you want your hair to look beautiful, but people will mostly respond to how you feel. If you feel calm

you will radiate beauty. People want to see a happy person, not the perfect-hair person who is obviously stressed.

Schedule your cut and colour now, so it's out of the way and you're not trying to squeeze appointments into your busy schedule. Then add a few easy styles to your hair routine so you can look pulled together, but with ease and effortlessness.

**Hair Accessories:** Simple pins, clips and headbands from the chemist—in metallic silver or gold, black, tortoiseshell or a bit of crystal—are great because they present the idea that you've made an effort, even if all you've done is add a clip to your regular hairstyle. It's a simple psychological trick. Something as easy as side part and a plain bobby pin can work wonders.

**Braids:** The best part about braids is that you don't even have to be that good at them because they look soft and pretty when they're a bit rough and imperfect. You don't have to do anything intricate—just a nod to a braid is enough to impress people. If you don't want to braid all of your hair or dive into the braided circlet look, try a little braid or two starting at your part.

**Twist:** If you're running around, especially if you're hosting a party, the last thing you want to worry about is your hair. With a simple knot or twist you don't even have to wash your hair—a spritz of dry shampoo revives the hair, and then you can pull it back, twist and add some pins. It doesn't need to be perfect—just the act of lifting your hair back will make you look pulled together. Keep in mind that people are going to remember being relaxed and sitting around the table together, not that your hair was perfectly straight! And go ahead and enjoy Christmas this year. May you all have fun, rest and fantastic family time.

Merry Christmas everyone, see you all back in 2014 for another great year.

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## OLYMPIANS ON TOP AT WOODHILL SANDS



Olympic and double world champion Blyth Tait showed his class at the Fiber Fresh International CIC Horse Trial held on November 15-16 at Woodhill Sands Equestrian Centre, taking out the premier class. Twelve combinations lined up for the Fiber Fresh Feeds CIC2\* and Blyth and Leo Distinction were second after dressage on 42.7 in blustery spring conditions. They picked up four show jumping penalties but stormed to victory with a clear cross-country round and 8.8 time faults. Leo Distinction, a Hanoverian-cross by Dream Boy, was bred by dressage judge Julia Fraser and is now part-owned by Blyth, along with Julia and her daughter Fiona, Blyth's former groom. Charlotte Grayling and the vastly experienced NRM Lowenberg led the CIC2\* dressage on 39.5, but unfortunately retired early on cross-country. This paved the way for former local Jock Paget to move up into second place on Coleraine Coaltown. Third after dressage, Jock added just four show jump penalties and jumped clear on cross-country. Shelley Ross, the horse's regular rider, had her hands full as show jumping course designer for the weekend. Full results can be found at [www.woodhillsands.co.nz](http://www.woodhillsands.co.nz)

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Mon 1 Dec	05:46	12:07	18:13	-	-
Tue 2 Dec	-	00:43	06:52	13:13	19:18
Wed 3 Dec	-	01:45	07:57	14:16	20:19
Thu 4 Dec	-	02:44	08:56	15:13	21:16
Fri 5 Dec	-	03:38	09:50	16:06	22:08
Sat 6 Dec	-	04:27	10:37	16:53	22:54
Sun 7 Dec	-	05:13	11:20	17:38	23:36
Mon 8 Dec	-	05:55	12:00	18:19	-
Tue 9 Dec	00:15	06:34	12:37	18:59	-
Wed 10 Dec	00:52	07:12	13:12	19:37	-
Thu 11 Dec	01:27	07:48	13:46	20:15	-
Fri 12 Dec	02:03	08:24	14:22	20:54	-
Sat 13 Dec	02:43	09:02	15:03	21:37	-
Sun 14 Dec	03:28	09:47	15:51	22:26	-
Mon 15 Dec	04:21	10:39	16:46	23:21	-
Tue 16 Dec	05:21	11:41	17:46	-	-
Wed 17 Dec	-	00:21	06:25	12:48	18:48
Thu 18 Dec	-	01:22	07:29	13:52	19:49
Fri 19 Dec	-	02:21	08:29	14:50	20:47
Sat 20 Dec	-	03:15	09:23	15:44	21:41
Sun 21 Dec	-	04:06	10:13	16:33	22:31
Mon 22 Dec	-	04:54	10:59	17:20	23:19
Tue 23 Dec	-	05:41	11:45	18:07	-
Wed 24 Dec	00:06	06:27	12:30	18:54	-
Thu 25 Dec	00:53	07:13	13:16	19:41	-
Fri 26 Dec	01:40	08:00	14:02	20:29	-
Sat 27 Dec	02:29	08:49	14:52	21:20	-
Sun 28 Dec	03:21	09:41	15:45	22:14	-
Mon 29 Dec	04:18	10:38	16:43	23:12	-
Tue 30 Dec	05:19	11:40	-	-	-

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The Travel Brokers national annual conference in Fiji was just a quick getaway, over on Friday afternoon, a special welcome from the Fiji Tourism representative, a traditional Fijian lovo feast & fire dancing. All day conferencing on Saturday. Sunday morning I was privileged to be part of the most fantastic team building event. We had to build a child's bike, from scratch. Eight bikes were tried, tested and approved by the bike mechanic on site. A van arrived from treasure house, an orphanage in Nadi. Eight children aged from 6 to 10 hopped out, and were presented with the bikes we had built. Such a wonderful feel good factor, and seeing the looks of surprise on their faces when they were told the bikes were for them to keep was just priceless!

I have been an independent, self employed travel broker just over two years, and I was very excited to be awarded a high flyer, top achiever award at the Travel Brokers national business awards.

On another note, The Travel Brokers support Kids Can as our charity of choice. So in lieu of sending christmas cards to my clients this year I have made a donation to Kids Can. <http://www.kidscan.org.nz/>

There are still earlybirds out for travel to Europe next year. Look out for new year specials to be released in January.

Remember that I can match 99% of what you see advertised out there. I wish you all a safe & happy christmas,

Tanya Franklin, your local travel broker, Ph 09 411 9105, or 021 254 9169, or email: [tanya@ttb.co.nz](mailto:tanya@ttb.co.nz). Make an appointment to see me in my home office in Waimauku to chat about your next business trip or holiday!



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