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Kumeu Courier

free monthly community newsletter for Kumeu & districts

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Water, water everywhere but not a bucket to spare. Let's check on our neighbours over the winter weeks.

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No consultation puts chair in stool



When the new local board was elected we asked "chair" Bob Howard for an interview to get (from the horses mouth) a view of the goals, the barriers and opportunities moving forward. We had heard that no money had been allocated and this would present options for negotiation within Council. The meeting was refused. The following year we asked said chair, for a meeting to gather thoughts from the local board about the coming year, again a refusal. A member of Kumeu Coast and Country, (the local tourism

business hub) asked for support and co-ordination with Council, Auckland Tourism and the organization. Multiple email requests regarding the i-site where ignored while phone calls were not returned. A Riverhead resident had a very poor experience that the chair forgot previous discussions, emails and undertakings around the allocation of Riverhead Reserve contributions. Again no closure. The latest issue puts Mr Howard as the recipient of repeated correspondence from Auckland Transport asking for direction on the replanting or allocation of \$2000 worth of Community Cherry Trees, ripped out and left by the side of the road to die last month.cont page 4

Unitary plan—feedback to Council

The Association deferred the AGM until the 3rd July to enable a full submission to be made to the 'Unitary Plan'. That submission after assembling issues and consideration by the committee was lodged on the 31st May. We have put on record the lack of consultation the community has had with the Council Planning Team, and made the observation that had to improve, otherwise the Kumeu planning solution for the future will be through a hearing process. We confirmed that limited industrial growth should occur in the existing zones in Kumeu. The extension of industrial land in Kumeu is not justified given the Westgate growth. The Huapai North Development is now scheduled for September 2013 (the start of the earthworks season). That will mean the land development and Watercare Services should be finished about the same time in late 2014 early 2015. Community character was emphasized in the submission. Auckland Council want to recognise 'special areas'. The wineries are well established and surround Kumeu and Huapai. ...cont page 10

Waste costing up to \$5000 per day



We asked Watercare to give us an update on the issues facing the pressure waste system. Why were water trucks flushing the line at Coasteville Riverhead Highway and why after several months of talking, up to ten trucks a day of sewerage waste is still being catered off to dumping ponds. The answer it seems lies in a pressure system that needs a great deal of volume to work, however residents are growing nervous with the amount of money being wasted without a solution in sight. We ask who pays for this ongoing issue and are the consultants held to account.

Fire fighters preventing fires



Recently we were called to a family home where a dehumidifier was on fire in a bedroom. The occupants of the home were well prepared. There were numerous working smoke alarms, a fire extinguisher that was used to take the heat out of the fire, after this they evacuated the home and called 111 from the neighbours. This was a great example of a family that had a fire safety plan. Luckily for the family we were on site within 4 ½ minutes. The loss of furniture and clothing close to the fire was relatively small but the smoke damage throughout the home was extensive with black soot in over half the home. Here are some tips to keep your dehumidifier from becoming a fire or electrical safety hazard:

- Make sure you clean or replace the air filters to avoid overheating and check power cords.
- Make sure your unit is placed on a level surface, clear of other objects and that there are no obstructions to its air intake. Blocked air intakes can cause dehumidifiers to overheat and lead to increased fire hazard risk.

For further information on energy safety visit www.med.govt.nz/energysafety. Keep warm and stay safe - Denis Cooper, Waitakere Fire Force, For information or to join Waitakere Fire Force phone 09 810 9251

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Shared land value uplift—Ak Council response

Rezoning of land often sees land values increase, although it is possible the increase in value occurs before finalisation of a zoning. This increase comes from the extra development potential resulting from the rezoning. At the moment any increase in value from the rezoning decision remains with the landowner. A number of countries allow councils to obtain a share of the land value increase from rezoning the land for a more intensive use. The council received some informal feedback during the preparation of the Housing Action Plan and the draft Unitary Plan querying whether or not a similar tool called Shared Land Value Uplift (SLVU) could be used to help fund infrastructure and/or affordable housing. The SLVU option and examples of how it applies overseas were included in the Addendum to the Draft Unitary Plan seeking people's views on this type of funding tool. The Government would need to pass new legislation to allow the council to introduce a SLVU. The council is undertaking preliminary investigation to evaluate the merits and market impacts (including the cost of housing) of a SLVU tool. The introduction of a SLVU cannot be considered in isolation to other funding tools. The council would need to consider whether a SLVU would complement or substitute existing funding tools, including development contributions. The evaluation and feedback of a SLVU will be reported to the Auckland Plan Committee in July. The report would be available to the public at that stage.



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Peak Road	\$1,150,000	40620M2	320M2	\$1,320,000
Ridge Road	\$920,000	20000M2		\$1,325,000
James Paige Lane		20000M2		\$748,000
Waimauku				
Murray Way	\$630,000	1500M2	248M2	\$790,000
Solan Drive	\$700,000	2270M2	202M2	\$700,000
Waikoukou Valley	\$1,250,000	198785M2		\$675,000
Muriwai				
Constable Road				\$650,000
Waitakere Township				
Waitakere Road	\$455,000	868M2	131M2	\$600,000
Wairere Road	\$800,000	14613M2	216M2	\$820,000
Unity Road				\$480,000
Waitakere Road	\$360,000	4079M2	114M2	\$425,000
Kumeu				
Oraha Road	\$1,215,000	10716M2	334M2	\$1,465,000
Pomona Road	\$580,000	20234M2		\$620,000
Hanham Road	\$790,000	16761M2	890M2	\$785,000
Foster Road	\$1,400,000	40026M2	303M2	1,232,000
Riverhead Road	\$470,000	820M2	140M2	\$582,000
Broadwood Rise	\$1,065,000	10000M2		\$1,100,000
Oraha Road	\$1,090,000	10000M2	250M2	\$1,400,000
Coatesville				
Potter Road	\$580,000	20437M2		\$620,000
Mahoenui Valley Rd	\$750,000	10000M2		\$907,500
Goldflats Lane	\$4,700,000	24891M2	1056M2	\$1,250,000
Coatesville-Riverhead	\$2,860,000	49937M2	632M2	\$3,150,000
Coatesville-Riverhead	\$900,000	24090M2	120M2	\$1,035,000
Goldflats Lane		10000M2		\$1,048,000
Whenuapai				
Kauri Road	\$445,000	1161M2	140M2	\$570,000
Helensville				
Ararimu Valley Rd	\$1,330,000	61662M2	440M2	\$1,325,000
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The general consensus amongst market commentators is that the Official Cash Rate will begin it's "normalisation" in the year ahead, which will see an increase from it's current record low of 2.5% to a peak of around 4.5% by mid-2015. This movement will put pressure on your lending rates so expect to see some upwards movement in due course. The Reserve Bank has also been busy looking at ways to slow down the Auckland property market. Serious consideration is underway around limiting the amount of low deposit loans banks can fund. This may have a significant impact on the first home-buyer market, which may need a larger deposit before making that first step on the ladder - watch this space. On a personal note, I am about to embark on a 6 month around the world trip with my wife and 2 boys (aged 7 and 4). We leave 1 August but will still be working whilst we're away so please email me if required. More about the trip in next month's issue. Phone 09 4119251 / 027 4119255 or david@davidlloydmortgages.co.nz



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Computer slowing down?

The thing with computers is that as your computer gets older, it needs to have a birthday every now and again. This is when the operating system that runs the computer gets logged with files that are obsolete and uninstalled applications that leave parts behind so the overall performance of the computer comes down. Also some newer or updated applications can have more features than your computer can handle properly. There are a few options to get the computer to work faster again. Deleting log files, checking for malware and virus as well as Trojans often restore part of the speed. If newer applications are installed or the hard drive simply runs out of space, then a larger hard drive or more memory would be needed. You can do this yourself or we can do this in our shop in Huapai. If your computer is really old (older than 5 years) then it is usually more cost effective to get a refurbished PC. This generally has a much larger hard drive (or a new one if requested), a lot more RAM memory as well as a fresh operating system. This is like a new computer again. It-iQ can then copy all your software applications, documents, pictures and email (including settings) to the new computer. As we are only replacing the 'box', you can keep your same monitor, keyboard and mouse so the cost is much less than purchasing a brand new computer and you get all the functionality that you need. For example, it-iQ can transfer all your data from your old computer to a refurbished HP Compaq computer with Windows 7 Professional computer, 4GB RAM and 320GB Hard Drive. All this for \$495 plus 1 hours labour ex GST. For more please come to it-iQ Huapai Computer Services on 322 Main Road in Huapai (opposite LJ Hooker). Phone 09 412 9227 or email Huapai@itiq.co.nz

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There is a disconnect it seems between what Bob Howard claims to be doing for the community and what his civic duty is. A recent news article signaled a range of projects underway, but it appears no community consultation has ever taken place on the community benefit, the actual need, and people in the community affected by public works. Your thoughts?

Wriggle and rhyme a hit

Self review and development is integral to what we do at Jojo's Childcare Ltd. After looking at what we provide for our children to extend them and provide that little bit more, then putting in place Gymnastics sessions at Westgate YMCA for the over 2's we didn't want to forget about our infants and toddlers. We are excited to have Tina from the Kumeu Library bring their "Wriggle and Rhyme" sessions to us in Centre starting in June. Another big area for review for us was our Transition to School Programme. We have met with Riverhead, Huapai District and most recently Waimauku School and have discussed the transition and preparing not only children but families for the change. Great news is we were on the right track already; even better news is that through the review process we have involved the local schools and our existing families and with the benefits of 2 primary trained teachers on staff we can now continue on the right path to preparing everyone for "Big School". Come in and see us at any time for a chat, give us a call 09 412 5325, find us on our website [Jojoschildcare.co.nz](http://www.jojoschildcare.co.nz) or Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/JojosChildcareLtd>



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William Scott - massage therapist

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the Norwest community. My name is William Scott and I have recently relocated to the area. I have a real love of this part of the country and have spent many holidays over 20 years here with friends in Waimauku and South Kaipara Head. After many years working in the business and recreation fields, I decided to re-train as a massage therapist, gaining a Diploma in Applied Massage Therapies. Over the years I had become increasingly aware of the benefits of holistic health approaches in my own life and the lives of those around me. I offer a range of massage techniques from simple relaxation massage through to remedial, deep tissue and trigger point therapy. My goal for clients is that they leave their massage feeling an enhanced sense of relaxation, wellbeing and relief from stress and muscular tension. It is my pleasure to be part of the great team at Osteopathic Natural Health in Waimauku and to make it easier for those who find weekday appointments difficult to get to I am at the clinic on weekends. I have an introductory offer available until October 31 (2013) – book and pay for two 1 hour massage sessions and receive a gift voucher for a 1 hour massage. Contact me on 021 2727 126 or at Osteopathic Natural Health Ph 09 411 5002.



News and menu update at "The Riverhead"

Tuesday Night Music Club - Every 3rd Tuesday of the month, music lovers will be treated to the very best in the business. This is an intimate show for people who appreciate damned good music. The Tuesday Night Music Club will feature the best local and international musical acts across all genres, original acts with a difference... acts where it's the music that matters. The Tuesday Night Music Club will be in the warm and intimate Boat House itself and will have limited seating available. \$20 door sales will not only get you a night of superb music, but also a free drink to start. Check our website www.theriverhead.co.nz for details on guest musicians. And why not take advantage of our Tuesday Night special deal beforehand... 'The Riv's Ribs', all you can eat ribs for \$28. Bookings are essential in the Landing Restaurant. Our New Winter Menu - Our Chef has designed our new winter menu and it's a cracker with some traditional comfort food with a twist complemented with many of your old favourites.

Entrees include: Chicken Livers - Free Range - Pan fried with capers, smoked bacon and shallot vinaigrette, served with grilled toast & leaf salad with a malt beer belly jelly \$16 Grilled Balsamic, Garlic & Rosemary Marinated Field Mushrooms - V/GF with a leaf salad, parmesan wafer & lemon gremolata \$15 Mains include: Flame Grilled Half Chicken - Free Range Mild lemon peri-peri marinated chicken served with crispy potato cubes, stir fried veges & smoked chilli aioli \$30.50 Apple, Blue Cheese & Spinach Risotto - V/GF With honeyed walnuts & baby beetleaves \$26 And our new lamb shank with parmesan polenta is to die for! Lamb Shank - Slow cooked Tuscan style lamb hind shank served with parmesan polenta, lemon gremolata and zucchini spaghetti \$30.50 Let alone the new desserts: Fresh Banana Banoffee crusty pastry filled with dulce de leche caramel, banana, honey cream & toffee curls (served at room temperature) \$14 Honey & Pistachio Baklava with white chocolate semi-fredo & runny honey \$14 Lemon Tarte au Citron with marscapone & berry compote \$13 **Chocolate Chiffon Gateau** with creme fraiche, kirsch cherries & white chocolate ganache \$14. For more mouth watering, jaw dropping treats, best you shuffle along to The Riverhead to night. Phone 09 412 8902

Soljan's fusion strikes another gold medal

Soljans Fusion Sparkling Muscat wins another Gold medal, this time at the Gisborne Regional Wine Awards. It was one of only two Sparkling wines to be awarded a Gold medal in this competition. Fusion took a Silver medal in this same competition last year and is New Zealand's most-awarded Sparkling wine, having won numerous medals, awards and accolades since its first release in 2000. Managing Director of Soljans Estate Winery, Tony Soljan, is especially pleased with this latest accolade. "Muscat wines of this style are growing in popularity around the world and we are proud to be producing such a popular and award-winning wine as Fusion is" says Owner Tony Soljan. The Gisborne Regional Wine Awards is an annual wine competition which focusses solely on wines produced from grapes grown in the highly acclaimed viticulture region of Gisborne. Fusion Sparkling Muscat was made by Auckland Winemaker, Aaron Bilcich, from 100% Gisborne-grown Muscat grapes. "I think it fantastic that such a humble grape variety like Muscat is rewarded with a gold, because it's a de-

light to make, and year after year it consistently produces such deliciously delicate wines" says Winemaker Aaron Bilcich. This fruit-filled wine is fragrantly perfumed with lively aromatics, a low alcohol and a refreshing sugar/acid balance. Soljans Fusion Sparkling Muscat, RRP\$15.95, is available from Soljans Estate Winery's cellar door in Kumeu, West Auckland, and from various liquor outlets. For further information contact: Lisa French 09 412 5858 support@soljans.co.nz

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Coastguard kaipara - powered up

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 Liberty Brewing Co. <http://www.libertybrewing.co.nz/>

Rat bait poisoning pets

It's that time of the year again when those pesky rats and mice come sneaking into the house. Before you reach for the rat bait, please consider the risks to your pets. Bait works by stopping the blood from clotting, which eventually causes hemorrhage. Unfortunately, it has this effect on any animal that ingests it - rat or treasured pet. Signs of poisoning typically appear 2-4 days after ingestion and may include difficulty breathing, lameness, pale gums or blood in the faeces or vomit. Modern baits can stay in the system up to four weeks. The antidote, Vitamin K, needs to be given for 3-4 weeks. Some animals may need intensive care, a blood transfusion, and sadly it can be fatal.

So when thinking about laying any rat bait, please consider traps as a safer option, or look into bait stations and restricting access from your pets. Remember, as careful as you may be, rats can move the bait around for animals to find. If you notice any bait has gone missing, or you notice green or blue stools – please contact the clinic immediately. Kumeu Veterinary Services Phone 09 412 9016



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From my Place - Dawn Kendall

Amazing! Noisy darkness filled with roaring rain, hail, thunder and lightning, lashing chaotic windto glad birds waking singing; blackbird and thrush, throaty tui, repetitious dovenow settling into mysterious calm. From sky blue, sun warming my back, Cat Cloudy uncurling, stretching tummy northward. Wild ducks, heads under wing, sleeping on circular crunching carpets of gold and wine liquid amber leaves, vineyard leaves dangling sparsely in this backlit morning hour, bright little stained-glass windows. Not every Aucklander is so lucky, nor will remain so - with time to enjoy a space, nor a space in which to enjoy time. I worry. How do the "World's Most Liveable City" Planners propose to 'obtain' spaces from greeny, treesy suburbs to replace with 'terrace housing' and 'high rises'? LAWNS! 'BLOKE SHEDS!' Replacing 'RIDE-ONS' and GUMBOOTS! Ruination of neighbourhood Springtime renewal, Summer shadiness, Autumn glory, brisk Winter walks. Will Mums with babes walk noisy polluted streets for picnics, kicks on rugs under trees, listening for birds (if birds found nesting-places), to gather fascinating acorns, coloured leaves, cicada shells to hook on jerseys to take home to show Dad? Irreplaceable simple pleasures, healthy pursuits for development of bodies and brains, our childrens' birthrights and that of our future generations. As long as stocks last. Dawn.

New skin therapy clinic opening this month

Silver Fern Medical Centre in Waimauku welcomes our new skin therapy clinic this month. Our specialist Registered Nurse Jo Mellor has 8 years experience in cosmetic skin therapy, working in Auckland and the United Kingdom. At your consultation you will be given expert advice to select the most appropriate treatment for your skin. Treatments are tailored to your individual needs to achieve a fresher, brighter, smoother and more healthy looking skin. Wrinkle relaxing injections relax facial wrinkles, dermal fillers increase volume and soften wrinkles, and cosmetic peels improve pigmentation and clarity of the skin. We are also stocking Environ Skin Care, a comprehensive treatment range for signs of ageing, acne, pigmentation, sun damage, and scarring. Do you want great, healthy looking skin? Come in for a *free* consultation, and we can help you to age gracefully, reducing and improving the visual signs of ageing. To book in for your personalised treatment plan, call 09 411 5222



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If you are retired, with some time on your hands at last, this is ideal for you. U3A is a response to the idea that human life is divided into three periods. The term third age, means no longer in full time work. It does not refer to a specific numerical age, though most members are in the 'senior citizens' bracket, but generally ages range from fifty upwards. It is during retirement that we are able to do those things for which we had neither the time nor the opportunity earlier in life. The third age is an important opportunity for listening, learning and understanding. The 'U' in U3A stands for University and is used in its original sense as a community of those who come together to seek knowledge and to gain a greater understanding of life. This differs from today's more recognised use of the word university which implies set administration standards, lectures, examinations, qualifications and degrees. In deference to the NZ qualifications Authority, here in NZ, we use the term U3A rather than the full title. The word 'university' cannot be used except by those institutions permitted by law to do so. What will you gain by joining U3A?

You will hear top line speakers. You will have the opportunity to explore new interests in home study groups at convenient times. You will make new friends. U3A is full of people just like you – retired and semi-retired. U3A provides you with the chance to stimulate your brain cells. The only qualification required is enthusiasm. There are no compulsory activities and no examinations. Costs are minimal and within the reach of everybody. The atmosphere for learning is informal and friendly. U3A taps the great reservoir of knowledge, skills and experience found in older people. Learning topics are selected and courses planned by members. Presenters or study group convenors are members of the group. Monthly meetings for relevant business and listening to the guest speaker are important; however it is the study groups that are the heart of U3A. Most study groups meet in homes or hired halls. These study groups are U3A's Point of difference from other groups for seniors. U3A does not promote religion or politics, nor does it indoctrinate its members. It doesn't duplicate existing groups already established in the area. All meetings and study groups are held during the day. For more information, Ph Jenny Hunt: Phone 09 827 8861. jenny-intouch@vodafone.co.nz

Controlling those unruly curly locks

I know you've pressed, chemically straightened and even begged your curly hair to please, for the love of all that is right in the world, just co-operate! And when it doesn't you curse itand all those straight haired girls who don't know how easy they have it. But what if I told you it's time to stand up and be proud of your coarse and sometimes unruly mane? Before you curse me, here's the good part, I'm not suggesting you let your curly hair run amok. Rather I'll give you some secret product tips to getting the most flattering curly hair for your specific curls.

- Use Wella Boost Bounds mousse for controlled crispy formed curls, applied daily onto wet hair.
- When dry finish with Wella Luxe Oil onto all ends, this will increase smoothness and shine.
- For those who don't want the crisp curl use Wella Enrich leave in crème for soft bouncy curls.
- Regularly have your hair cut every 6 weeks; no one likes to see long unhealthy hair.

So it's simple really, 4 easy steps to perfect curls everyday.

Phone Carla at Zash Hair 021814663

So what's changing at Rubys

Still awaiting the signage, hopefully not much longer, the silver wall is ready and waiting.....The Winter Chill has finally hit, and after many requests we are open TUESDAY nights from 4pm as well!!! We will be celebrating that chill with some mid winter xmas specials, So pop in for a warming glass of our own Mulled Wine – Xmas in a glass J, or a Slow Cooked Lamb Shank with whipped potatoes and a hot Sticky Date Pudding to finish.... Or a delicious Liqueur Coffee topped with softly whipped cream Our dessert special for July is Crème Brulee and a glass of Lone Goat Dessert Wine for \$15, a delicious food match, but then you can't go past the Hot Apple Pie & "Kisses" which remain firm favourites as does our Cheesecake. open for Allpress coffees, wine, "crafty" beers and Moa Original on tap, Ruby's on matua, Winebar and Grill from 4pm Tuesday to Sunday 3 Matua Rd, Huapai Phone 09 412 7127



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The opportunity for the Council and the Local Board to encourage the character will be important to the growth of the district in the future. The sensitivity of development around wineries will have to be addressed. Kumeu should become to Auckland what the Borossa Valley is to Adelaide. The most significant change suggested by the Association was the change of the current 'Countryside Living' to a 'large Lot' Residential classification around the North of Kumeu. The development in these areas over the last 5 years have left little or no blocks left for subdivision. All are around the 1.0-1.5ha and have substantial homes on them. The ability for further development is limited. The current zone is immediately adjacent to the Commercial Industrial area making it suitable for limited intensification to large Lots. It would be inappropriate to have small sections like Huapai North zoned on this land. It is better to have the area non-sewered areas on (4000m- 1 acre sites) for the future and retain the substantial homes on adequate land. The area therefore should be in the R.U.B. Area not outside as at present. The other issues raised are:

- (a) Roading Bypass Road south of Kumeu which hasn't been identified or planned for
- (b) Lack of Primary & Secondary School planning for the District
- (c) Further Sports fields haven't been shown - suggestions have been made for this by the Association
- (d) The Cemetery - no progress has been made by the Council on this pressing aspect.
- (e) Cleanfill - sites are continually being established under the old Rodney rules with adverse effects
- (f) Transferable Rights - transferring rural titles to urban areas is unworkable. There has to be a fairness and workable approach for rural land owners to accept the principle.

I see no evidence of that at this stage. The last matter is that the local body election season is about to open in late July. The community has time to think about our representation. The next term of Council & Board representatives will determine our direction for the next 15 years. Will you stand ?



Pete Sinton

Chairman
Kumeu Huapai Residents and
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Kumeu Art Centre is all together busy

Kumeu Art Centre has had a busy few months with the installation of beautiful new bi-fold doors and heaters. This has transformed our 'Tin Shed' into an amazing space for all the many art classes that take place here. Kumeu Arts Centre has two Members on Show exhibitions during the month of July. The first is a collaboration of talented local women Margie Phillips, Libby Patterson and Gretchen Scott-Blyth exhibiting work around the theme of Wild Wings. The exhibition runs from 1st July – 13th July. Opening night is 1st July 6pm – 8pm. Our second Members on Show exhibition of the month is showcasing the work of Jenny Sol. Mon 15th July – Sat 27th July. The gallery has a range of affordable arts and crafts by local artists, perfect for those last minute birthday gifts and handmade cards. We have our usual classes running throughout July which include Painting with Amber Emm, Access to Art – Abstract painting and Printing with Julie Moselen, Classes for Special Needs, Clay workshops, Knitting Group, Flax Weaving with Toni Tanner, Life Drawing and Kumeu Children's Art Club. We also have classes for children during the school holidays. For more information on classes or upcoming exhibitions please contact us. thetinshed@clear.net.nz Phone 09 1429480



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GRAHAM MCINTYRE **0276320421** **LICENSED REAA 2008**
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Centrally located in Helensville, this two level freehold commercial property makes a great investment choice for savvy investors and business owners. There is potential to further maximise the residential returns from this property with a little creative planning and building work by way of adding a second upstairs unit. 88 Commercial Road, Helensville.

BY NEGOTIATION **2 BEDROOM** **2 BATHROOM**
DARREN RYDER **021307014** **LICENSED REAA 2008**
www.ljhooker.co.nz/169H14



Grab 14 Acres more or less of flat land on Fordyce Road in Parakai just a 5 minute drive from Helensville. This excellent property offers a flat building site. Position your house where you want with no building covenant's you could also relocate a house onto this property. 128 Fordyce Road, Parakai

BY NEGOTIATION **LAND ONLY**
DARREN RYDER **021307014** **LICENSED REAA 2008**
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Hot in Riverhead! This large, newly built, solid brick and tile home is a must see! Sitting on a 1500m2 site in a private, quiet location. Offering 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a separate dining area, and 2 living rooms! There is space galore! There is an internal access into the double garage and great indoor and outdoor flow throughout the home. 18A Alexandra Street, Riverhead.

BY NEGOTIATION **4 BEDROOM** **2 BATHROOM**
GRAHAM MCINTYRE **0276320421** **LICENSED REAA 2008**
www.kumeu.ljhooker.co.nz/187H14





This is an absolutely outstanding land lot, within minutes of Kumeu CBD and Huapai and Waimauku Schools. The land is gentle sloping with ample house sites off a formed but un-metalled drive. Excellent boundary fencing with good pasture, good contour including a pond. Views and great potential available on this premium land lot of 24.8 acres. Kauri Crescent, Kumeu.

BY NEGOTIATION
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Established equestrian business called "Blagdon Equestrian Centre" is for sale offering a fair return, fantastic facilities and a lifestyle home that naturally entwines the business. This dressage training and livery facility set on 7.4 hectares of prime land minutes from Kumeu's CBD with a host of business chattels and an established income track record. 175 Foster Road, Kumeu

BY NEGOTIATION
GRAHAM MCINTYRE
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4 BEDROOM **3 BATHROOM**
0276320421 **LICENSED REAA 2008**



3 bedrooms, two large doubles and one single bedroom. Open Plan living area flows out onto a large deck with. A Kent Style Fire in the lounge and an outdoor spa. Views over farmland and beyond to the Kaipara Harbour with spectacular sunrises and sunsets. 2171 Kaipara Coast Highway, Kaukapapa

BY NEGOTIATION
DARREN RYDER
www.ljhooker.co.nz/18UH14

3 BEDROOM **1 BATHROOM**
021307014 **LICENSED REAA 2008**



On offer here is a unique elevated lifestyle property comprising lush grazing paddocks, a mature pine forest and a magnificent home set in the "McKenzie Country" foothills. 17 ACRES OF LAND: 5 Acres (approx) is a mix of gentle to steep sloping grazing paddocks. Perfect for keeping horses fit ready for Woodhill Sands just 15mins down the road, show jumping or bush treks in and around Muriwai Beach etc. 585 Inland Road, Waimauku.

BY NEGOTIATION
DARREN RYDER
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3 BEDROOM **2 BATHROOM**
021307014 **LICENSED REAA 2008**





Don't let this opportunity pass you by, first in, best dressed. Wonderfully positioned home with a great indoor- Outdoor flow, great for entertaining. Designed with family in mind and sure to impress is this 4 double bedroom, 2 bathroom home. 36B Clayburn Road, Glen Eden.

BY NEGOTIATION **4 BEDROOM** **2 BATHROOM**
Warren Marshall **0212224255** **LICENSED REAA 2008**
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Snap up this lovely elevated sunny section in a high profile spot in the popular and upcoming Riverhead township. Sitting on 802m2 with established trees, plants, walk to school, the river, the local cafe and dairy. This property offers a great opportunity to get into Riverhead at an affordable price. 1021 Coatesville-Riverhead Highway, Riverhead.

BY NEGOTIATION **LAND ONLY** **SERVICES AT THE GRA-**
GRAHAM MCINTYRE **0276320421** **LICENSED REAA 2008**
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SOLID INVESTMENT: If you are looking for an affordable first home or a solid investment with a big upside then look no further. This 3 bedroom home on one of Parakai's quieter cul-de-sac's will be hard to pass up with plenty of scope to reinvigorate and capitalise \$ on the property. 30 Parakai Ave, Parakai.

BY NEGOTIATION **3 BEDROOM** **1 BATHROOM**
DARREN RYDER **021307014** **LICENSED REAA 2008**
www.ljhooker.co.nz/189H14



What a start to the day, morning coffee on the deck looking out to expansive views of the Waitakere Ranges, who could say no. This is one of the reasons the owners fell in love with the property when they first purchased. This elevated two storey weatherboard home offers good off street parking. With a newly painted exterior, entertaining deck at the rear for family and friends for the weekend barbeque. 81 Rangeview Road, Sunnyvale.

BY NEGOTIATION **3 BEDROOM** **1 BATHROOM**
WARREN MARSHALL **0212224255** **LICENSED REAA 2008**
www.ljhooker.co.nz/198H14





Services are in place and a shared paved drive is also already for you to use! This tree-lined, gently sloping section has all the makings for an easy build. Covenants are in place, the section is suited to build a new "brick & tile" type house. To the rear of the property there is farmland and neighboring sports fields behind another mature tree-lined boundary. 152 Awaroa Road, Helensville.

BY NEGOTIATION
DARREN RYDER

LAND ONLY
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SERVICES AT THE GATE
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Reap the rewards in the highly desirable and up and coming Waimauku Village. With several options available for you to either purchase: the building and both businesses, just the building alone, the juice bar by its self, or the hair salon by it's self. The choice is yours! 9D Factory Road, Waimauku.

BY NEGOTIATION
GRAHAM MCINTYRE

BUSINESS/BUILDING
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Here lies an outstanding opportunity to acquire a truly majestic piece of Helensville history. The front veranda is complete with timber baluster's ornate fretwork chamfered pillars and a lovely convex roof sets the front of the house off. Step into the hallway and you are immediately aware this property is worthy of your attention. 3 Garfield Road, Helensville. Auction on 7th July at 2PM.

BY NEGOTIATION
DARREN RYDER

3 BEDROOM 1 BATHROOM
021307014 LICENSED REAA 2008

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Consider this a rare opportunity to secure a quality solid concrete tilt slab home in a sought-after location nestled amongst some of the areas highest quality homes. Offering 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms this is a low maintenance home in a quiet cul-de-sac yet still very close to the local Waimauku high decile school and village centre. 15 Solan Drive, Waimauku.

BY NEGOTIATION
Darren Ryder

4 BEDROOM 2 BATHROOM
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BY NEGOTIATION **5 BEDROOM** **2 BATHROOM**
DARREN RYDER **021307014** **LICENSED REAA2008**
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An opportunity of a life time is calling you from the tree tops! This is the perfect blank canvas on which to craft your stunning grand design without the typical restraints of urban living. The very generous 4.0700HA consists of land, power, and phone to site. 853 Old North Road, Kumeu.

BY NEGOTIATION **LAND ONLY** **SERVICES AT THE GATE**
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North facing flat section. Next door is Wellsford Primary School, this is an ideal opportunity for a young family or investors. Needs TLC
 Set sale date 24/07/2013 at 4.00PM. 1/65 School Road, Wellsford.

BY NEGOTIATION **2 BEDROOM** **1 BATHROOM**
AARON LAWLER **0211643031** **LICENSED REAA 2008**
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Nestled in a quiet cul-de-sac, elevated with great sun. This four room, two bathroom home with double garage sits on a fully fenced 885 square meter site with gentle access and extensive valley views.
 The home enjoys expansive decks allowing uncompromised alfresco living while a sleepout/ studio offers options for independence, business or income options. 5 Burnham Road, Waitakere.

BY NEGOTIATION **4 BEDROOM** **2 BATHROOM**
GRAHAM MCINTYRE **0276320421** **LICENSED REAA 2008**
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Community notice board

Are You Retired?

You are invited to attend a meeting to assist in establishing a U3A in the South Kaipara area. Tuesday 25th June from 10.am –12.pm at the Waimauku War Memorial Hall, 24 Waimauku Station Road. Phone Jenny Hunt: 09 827 886

RAAC Winter Close down

All information about the new season will be posted both on the website and Facebook as it comes to hand later in the year. We look forward to seeing you and your children all back in the 2013-2014 season. Regards Leanne (RAAC Secretary)

Lost - gold signet ring Riverhead forest

I have lost a gold signet ring at the car park at Browns Road off Old North Road on Saturday 18th May. Huge sentimental value. Engraved in side 'From Beattie 1920'. Reward if found. Please contact Mark Armstrong, 027 418 9812 mark.armstrong25@gmail.com

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Kumeu coast and country business update

iSite Update The current iSite closes at the end of May, however with the help of Brenda Steele from the Local Board we have a mobile visitors centre in the form of a custom designed campervan. With the generous support of John Francis the mobile visitors centre will be based on the grass area along from Carriages. A new 'skin' for the campervan highlighting all the visitor destinations in our district is underway and the new-look visitors centre will be open for business by the end of the month. We are still looking for volunteers to help keep this valuable community asset open – please contact us; info@kumeuinfo.co.nz



Exciting Future for District Business Association At a recent meeting the KCCBA voted to move towards an amalgamation with Helensville District Business Association. For the last two years both associations have been working on a number of projects together and the committees have seen the effectiveness of combining resources on issues such as the iSite. The 'Nor West Business Association' will be embarking on some ambitious projects to support businesses in the district from Riverhead to Kaukapakapa and everywhere in between. It is anticipated the new organisation will be able to engage with Auckland Council more effectively and better promote the brands that have been developed for the district. The aim is to turbo charge economic development and promotional campaigns for everything our district has to offer. Watch this space! Phelan Pirrie:Chairman, Kumeu Coast & Country Business Association, Phone 021844124

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Fall in love with Indias charms

The sensory overload this country brings both delights and overwhelms the first timer, but take time to get to know India and you will fall in love with it. From modern New Delhi and the glorious palace hotels of Rajasthan to the ethereal glow of the Taj Mahal at sunrise, India never fails to impress. Nowhere offers such an intensity of colour as Rajasthan, a land of vast deserts, camel trains, and ancient forts. The spices piled high in the market, the brightly coloured turbans, and the decorated elephants are a photographer's dream. The Taj Mahal is best experienced at sunrise when visitors are fewer and the light creates a dreamy hue. No photo does this shrine justice - you must see it through your own eyes. India's history has left a legacy of beautiful palaces and fortresses. Some Maharajahs' palaces are now gorgeous hotels where you can stay in regal opulence. The most picturesque is the Lake Palace Hotel in Udaipur where the James Bond film "Octopussy" was filmed. Travelling to the holy city of Varanasi on the banks of the River Ganges is the ultimate pilgrimage for Hindus. The river comes alive at sunrise with people bathing in her holy waters, and the burning *ghats* on the riverbanks are used for cremations – if you die in Varanasi you go straight to heaven! Ranthambore National Park is famous for its Bengal Tigers. If tigers elude you, you'll also find exotic species such as the chital, sambar, muntjac, and Indian Pangolin to name a few. Travel around India has become so much easier, with excellent hotels and vastly improved services. A visit to India affects everyone differently, but many become so enamoured with her mystical charms, they start planning their return as soon as they arrive home. Please contact Tanya Franklin, The Travel Broker on 411 9105, 021 254 9169, or email: tanya.franklin@ttb.co.nz



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Selling houses for heaps—part 2

This regular column discusses the potential and the pitfalls of selling your property with due consideration to the entire sales process. So who's working for you, and who's working against you. The licensed real estate agent that you engage with has both a moral and fiduciary obligation to ensure that you work as a team to achieve the very best price possible in the market. This is not negotiable and at times buyers lose sight of the licensed sales persons obligation to the Owners to seek the highest possible value. To achieve I use a number of tools including:

- recent sales data
- the property file held by council (to build confidence)
- a multi-offer situation
- an auction
- a set sale date (similar to a tender)

These tools all provide benefits to the owner and present options that should be discussed prior to listing the property for sale. Simply obtaining appraisals, selecting the highest one and going to market has had real issues for sellers especially when the conversation after the first open home is about reducing the price because of price feedback. It also begs the question when should value be decided on the property, before you list or after you have researched the buyers and what they are prepared to pay for the home. Needless to say we favour the latter. It provides a positive and better researched option for the property owner while delivering confidence and professionalism. For more information and an altogether professional point of difference call Graham McIntyre, Licensed REAA2008 on 09 412 9602.

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Huapai reserve likely to get a walking path

Auckland Council Parks Manager Danielle Hancock is about to begin a scoping exercise for the development of a walking path around the entire perimeter of the Huapai Reserve. She has informed the Huapai Reserve Advisory Committee that the Local Board supports this initiative and that the path will be constructed next year. This is all great news for the local Advisory Committee which represents the park's user groups as for at least 15 years the committee has annually made a submission for such a path at the Reserve. A level path around the Reserve is viewed as a great asset which it is believed will be used by many people in the community including fitness walkers, leisure walkers as well as sports-people. Many of the local country roads are unsafe for walking along and few footpaths in the village area offer a complete circuit and many are broken and even dangerous to walk along. The continuous traffic and associated air-pollution make a walk in the park a more desirable and healthy place to exercise. Parks Manager, Danielle Hancock will be meeting with the Reserve Advisory committee to begin planning the path in August. Members of the local community with ideas that could be incorporated into the plan are invited to contact the Chairperson of the committee, Gary Moss, Phone 09 412 7752.



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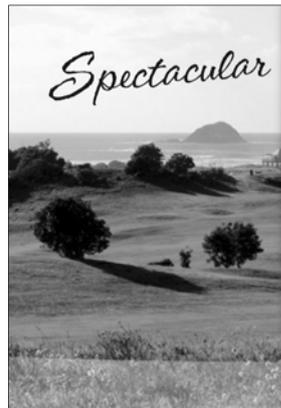
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2 tablespoons sweetened coffee and chicory essence		1/2 cup white sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar	2 tablespoons cocoa	1 cup boiling water

Preheat oven to 180° C. Spray a 4 cup or 1 litre lasagne or pie dish with baking spray.

Beat the milk, butter and egg together then add the flour, baking powder, coffee essence, ground almonds and white sugar. Mix well. In a separate bowl, mix the brown sugar, cocoa and boiling water. Pour this mixture into the base of the prepared dish. Carefully pour the pudding mixture over this and bake for 25-35 minutes until firm and risen. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream or softly whipped cream.

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Well we have passed the winter solstice and the ground is pretty boggy as I write. The driveway lights are being used far more regularly, making the house look more welcoming and on a practical note, ensuring we can see to drive in and out as well as when moving around at night preventing accidents. With the longer nights, I have spent much of this month adding power points where rooms do not have enough for the appliances we use these days, ensuring lights are working throughout buildings and discussing lower energy usage, all valid concerns in the winter months. Perhaps the biggest power savings can be seen with little installations such as timers on towel rails. Stay warm and for any electrical queries please call Tony on 021 772 756



My top ten tips for selling your home for big \$

Over the next issues of the Kumeu Courier look out for my Top 10 Tips for selling your home fast and for a maximum profit. My goal is to make your home the most appealing on the market and help the process of preparing your home for a profitable sale.



- Fix squeaky floorboards
- Hammer down any loose nails
- If possible fill in any dents
- Re grout if need be to any tiled areas that are looking a little shabby
- Make the most of your views indoors and let in the natural light by...
- Cleaning the glass windows and doors
- Oil the hinges
- Repair broken fly screens
- Wipe down walls with a soft cloth and a little sugar soap
- Use sample pots of colour-matched paint to touch up damaged areas; and
- Stick down any lifting wall paper
- Scrub your bathroom and Kitchen...
- Whiten tile grout
- Wipe down all kitchen cupboards
- Replace washes on dripping taps
- Remove built up stains and lime scale from glass screens

Getting top dollar is a great motivation to finally complete all the little things that never get done around the house. Remember the buyer's psychology – they are often looking for any excuse to discount the asking price. The more apparent imperfections are the more ammunition to justify markdowns. For more advice and friendly service Call Courtney Wood 027 688 08 18 or email cwood.kumeu@ljh.co.nz For more advice and friendly service call Courtney Wood 027 688 08 18 or email

The Web - Unspun (intellectual property)

Carrying on from last months article, you need to check the Intellectual Properties Office register and look through the Trade Marks section (<http://www.iponz.govt.nz/cms/trade-marks>) and use the search tool to search for words you are looking to use in your domain name. As an example I have registered the term 'Designhand' and the type 'Word' and the Goods and Services Specification type of '42' which the details are of below. You can register a word or a logo and these can be across a number of Goods and Services Specification types which cost for each category. In my situation I was keen to Trade Mark the word 'Designhand' across the Website/Graphic Design classifications and not really that worried if a business called "Designhand Florists" was created as these would not be in a competitive sense to my business. If you check the register before you choose your company name or domain name you will ensure there are no registered Trade Marks against the words you are looking to use.

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Muriwai village green update

A huge thank you to all who turned up to help with the planting on the Village Green. What a fantastic turnout, there were over 35 volunteers and I estimate that we planted over a thousand plants in under two hours. Hopefully the council will cut big wide tracks through the spaces we have left for them in the next few weeks and then the edges of the track can be planted with flax etc.

We would love to make a feature of the track entrance with both planting, big sandstone boulders and possibly six carved pou. We are looking into who might be able to create and donate these. This area is already looking great and will look fantastic when it is finished so in years to come as it all grows and takes shape you can all be proud that you all played a big part in creating it, once again Thank you. Cheers Erin kinsale@clear.net.nz

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