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# Intro

There is a definite chill in the air of late and with the turn of the seasons we should all be preparing for the cooler months. Stock up on dry wood, get your fireplaces cleaned and checked and make sure your livestock are warm and dry coming up to winter. Perhaps check out Monday nights at the Riverhead and warm yourself up with a fantastic Curry with all the traditional trimmings, nothing warms the belly quite like a hearty meal on a cold rainy night. Of course May is the month we should all be remembering the most important person in our lives, our Mum. Don't forget to spoil her and make the day as stress free as possible, don't stop there though- why not even start showing your love at the start of May? This week and next APS Contractors will be replacing the roof cladding on the hall at the Kumeu Community Centre thanks in receiving a generous grant from Transpower Community Care Fund. The annual meeting of the Kumeu Community Centre Management committee will be held in July and as several current members have served from its inception it is imperative that some younger members of the community with an interest in the management of the million dollar community facility put their names forward. Chairman Rinus van Winden said he would welcome hearing from people so if you are young and motivated maybe now is the time to get involved in your community. Keep warm and keep safe!

Sarah,  
Editor.



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## PHELAN PIRRIE ON SPECIAL HOUSING

Apologies in advance for all the acronyms, Council is drowning in them! Over 180 people attended the SHA (Special Housing Area) public meeting last month in Kumeu. Among the many things that came out of it was the acknowledgement from both AT (Auckland Transport) and NZTA (NZ Transit Authority) staff that no planning had been done around the possibility of thousands of extra traffic movements the SHA's would bring. This is not surprising. The 'Huapai Triangle' has been approved for an SHA, it has not been signed off as at the time of the meeting no plans had been presented by the developer. It also became apparent that staff from the HPO (Housing Project Office, the office that administers the SHA program) felt that Area Planning needed to be completed for Kumeu and Huapai. This is why everyone should be concerned. Planning within Council is a slow process, and currently there are huge numbers of plans underway, some would say far too many. We have the Unitary Plan, the Local Board Plan, the Annual Plan, the Long Term Plan and so on. The Local Board has been told there are "no resources" for any further Area Plans.

This is Council-speak for no money and no staff. If we are not to end up with a dog's breakfast of traffic hell and inadequate amenities for the growth predicted and people up in arms in five years' time followed by piece meal band aids and further rushed knee jerk planning, then area and transport plans need to start right now! Then there are the budgets, we have a plethora of old plans for the area, which was nice, but there was never any money to implement them so they sat there gathering dust and are now redundant. We need planning and budgets in place for growth, and this work needs to start now. Even if Council starts today, the plans will take at least 12 months to complete, then the budgets will have to be put together and argued over, taking another 2-3 years, by that time there could be another 1000-2000 more houses in the area. The Local Board is planning another public meeting around the SHA and planning at the end of May. If you have an interest in seeing the future of our township properly planned for, please try and be there! Contact me on: phelan.pirrie@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or mobile: 021 837 167



## KUMEU PROBUS CLUB

Kumeu Probus was established by the Rotary Club of Kumeu and District in November 2001 providing a social opportunity for retired and semi-retired people to meet others, enjoy hearing addresses by guest speakers and visiting places and organisations of specific appeal to members. The club meets in St Chad's Church hall from 10 until 12 on the 4th Thursday each month. At the Annual Meeting last week members were entertained by Avon Hamilton-Beadle and her talented ukulele group. Gary Moss was elected President for the coming year and Anna Maitland, Secretary. Members of the club's management committee are: Marilyn Lees (Treasurer), Joan Williams, Gordon Lees, Rona Attwood, Eric Sharpe, Jenny Watts, Avila Allsop, Marcia Gason, Ron Bennett, Pat Appleton, Russell Lewin and Irene Baker (Past President). The club's next meeting will be at St Chad's Hall at 10am on Thursday 24 April and anyone contemplating joining is welcome to come along and see what it is all about. It is a friendly, relaxed atmosphere for both men and woman with minimal commitment. To cover costs there is an annual subscription of \$20. Anyone wanting further details can contact Gary Moss phone 09 412 7752.



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## THURSDAY MAY 1, 9AM - 3PM

Summer Hakinakina has been organised by Ngati Whatua Nga Rima o Kaipara Charitable Trust. At the Helensville Primary School on Thursday 1st May 2014. 9.00am - 3.00pm. There will be a number of activities for children of all ages but primarily up to 17 years of age. This will include bikes, sport, boxing, cross-fit, touch rugby etc. Specific areas are set aside for the different age groups so all children can feel safe and secure and have some age group fun. Come along, register and collect your "Pass Port" and stamp all of the activities you attend. Spot prizes also. Any questions please contact Heartlands between 10am and 2pm on 09 420 9761

## SIGNS FROM THE VINES

Local vineyards are singing the praises of a long dry summer with sufficient dry spells to encourage the natural sugar build ups and intensity of flavours to make the creativity of wine-makers rewarding. In addition grape yields throughout the area have been high with many grape growers suggesting it is one of the best years for yield due to lower fungus and mould issues. Although no figures have been tabled yet it is pleasing to see the industry having a successful result.

Likewise it would be good to see some results from Council and Government who continue to provide lip service to the North West Wine Community without clarity on safeguarding of the grape growing region for future tourism and regional benefit. If we turn back the clock this position was faced by the Lincoln Road wine growers only 30 years ago before commerce and retail engulfed this successful grape growing region. We would like to see Government working with Council to subsidise and support grape growers in this region. What do you think? Email me with you thoughts [sarahcartwright022@gmail.com](mailto:sarahcartwright022@gmail.com)

## RUNAWAY CHALLENGE MAY 18

On the 18 May 2014. Registration opens at 7.30am at Hobsonville Point Primary School. The Hobsonville Point Runway Challenge has been run successfully for the last 3 years by Total Sport but this year will be a bit different. The Henderson Lions Club have taken over the event and they are keen for it to become a community event for the whole family, have been organising events of this kind for over 53 years and the event is run entirely by volunteer labour. This means that any profits from the event can be given back to children and families in the community. Entrants, either team or individual, can take part in a 3K, 5K or 10K cross country run or walk. Ob-

stacles will be spread throughout the course to make in more interesting and lots of fun. If you decide to do the 10k, you get to have a go at all the obstacles twice. Every entrant gets a special medal and a goody bag at the conclusion of the race. Over 400 schools and 100 sports clubs have been invited to submit a team of 10 runners in the same event. All adults running or walking with children, can run or walk for free but conditions do apply. For every team that schools enter, they go in the draw to win \$1000 to spend on sports equipment of their choice. The school also gets an opportunity to submit an application for funding for needy families in their community. We have sponsorship opportunities too. If we get enough sponsorship to run the event, then we can give all the entry fees back to the community. We have challenged building companies and trades, architects and sports groups to create and build an obstacle that will challenge competitors. You get to name your obstacle and to have a stall at the event to promote your product. If you cannot build an obstacle but would like to be involved, you can donate vouchers or product to go in the over 1000 goody bags that we are making up for all paid entrants. Stall sites and entertainment will be on from 9.00am when the first race starts until 3.00 in the afternoon. There are still sites and entertainment slots available if you have a special product or group that you would like to showcase to the community. Both the Hobsonville Point Primary and Secondary Schools will be holding tours throughout the day. The Farmers market will be open down on the Landing. Make a day of it and come to Hobsonville Point for a day of family fun. Check out the website [www.runwaychallenge.co.nz](http://www.runwaychallenge.co.nz). Or enter online. For further information contact Stephen or Shelley on 027 441 1495

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## ALPACA OPEN DAY SUNDAY MAY 4 - WAIMAUKU

National Alpaca Open Day is on Sunday May 4, and we have two farms open in the Ararimu Valley, Waimauku. Visitors welcome, get up close and personal with coloured huacaya and coloured suri at these two farms. Hours open - 10.00am to 3.00pm, alpacas, alpaca product, yarn and fleece for sale. Have your photograph taken with alpacas. Enter our competition – visit both farms and receive a stamp and go in the draw to win a beautiful scarf, felted alpaca fibre onto silk. Farms are: Wild Palette Suri, 36 Zanders Road and Rosala Huacaya Alpacas, 293 Ararimu Valley Road, Waimauku.



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On Monday, 5 May I will be talking to SeniorNet members and other interested people about my 10 years in the NZ Police, general policing in the local area and how to keep safe in your homes as well as how to avoid being the victim of scams etc. I have been working in Kumeu for the past four years so this is an ideal opportunity for you to come along and ask those questions you always wanted to ask a police officer! As usual the venue is the St Chad's church hall, corner of Matua and Oraha Roads, Huapai, 10am start, and \$3 to help with hall hire, tea, coffee and biscuits and chance to win a super raffle. Support your local Police and SeniorNet and come along.

Alternatively you can contact me directly at the Kumeu Police Station. Phone 09 4125194.

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In late March the Waitakere community came together for a community gala. The weather was great and the crowds of people had a great time on all the rides and activities.

Waitakere fire with help from the neighbouring fire stations put on a number of interactive educational displays that were not only a lot of fun but also educated people on the dangers of fire in the home or section. Safety tip of the month is to make sure your farm animals are fenced off from creeks and water ways. Approximately 10% of our calls for assistance are to farm animals stuck in a creek or in mud. All of these calls are avoidable by fencing off the offending areas.

Also an increasing number of fatalities on our roads over the last week and it is a reminder to us all that we must take extra care when driving at night in rainy conditions. Always wear your seatbelt and if you feel tired or distracted please find a safe place to pull over and get sorted. It's better than us having to bundle you off in an ambulance.

Keep safe, Denis Cooper Chief Fire Officer,  
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Address	Max	Median	Minimum	Most Recent Sale
<b>COATESVILLE</b>				
Lifestyle	\$ 3,450,000	\$ 1,500,00	\$ 680,000	\$ 930,000
<b>HERALD ISLAND</b>				
Residential	\$ 1,960,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 635,000	\$ 850,000
<b>HOBSONVILLE</b>				
Residential	\$ 1,075,000	\$ 816,000	\$ 687,000	\$ 970,000
<b>HUAPAI - KUMEU</b>				
Residential	\$ 591,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 531,000	\$ 550,000
Lifestyle	\$ 2,355,000	\$ 1,855,000	\$1,110,000	\$ 1,160,000
<b>MURIWAI</b>				
Residential	\$ 950,000	\$ 650,000	\$ 624,000	\$ 624,000
<b>RIVERHEAD</b>				
Residential	\$ 645,000	\$ 615,000	\$ 490,000	\$ 620,000
<b>TAUPAKI</b>				
Lifestyle	\$ 1,155,000	\$ 1,080,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 1,155,000
<b>WAIMAUKU</b>				
Residential	\$ 930,000	\$ 753,000	\$ 700,500	\$ 705,500
Lifestyle	\$ 1,310,000	\$ 910,000	\$ 866,500	\$ 866,500
<b>WAITAKERE TOWNSHIP</b>				
Residential	\$ 750,000	\$ 530,000	\$ 325,000	\$ 530,000
<b>WESTHARBOUR</b>				
Residential	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 737,000	\$ 399,000	\$ 635,000
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Residential	\$ 762,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 625,000

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other team members allowing them to learn new skills or being PERSISTANT in not giving up until the final whistle, the 3P's of team sports can translate into important life lessons. Physical activity reduces stress and helps control all forms of depression. It reduces anxiety and therefore helps you to experience a longer, deeper restful sleep which in turn results in increased energy and alertness allowing better concentration during the day. The physical benefits of strengthening bones and muscles as well as increasing your stamina and endurance also make the thought of participating more attractive. Best of all playing team sports gives you a high by increasing the production of endorphins in the brain. It is clear to see that team sports are a form of exercise that generates happiness in your body, thus resorting mental health and wellbeing. All sports, especially team sports generate a positive energy in you and around you, by allowing you to accept both success and failure with a positive spirit and attitude. For more information call Rob on 09 412 8932

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## HEALING THROUGH YOGA

Have you 'tried yoga' and found it was hurting you? Or perhaps you've been practicing yoga for some time, but due to injury have found it is no longer good for you. Do you suffer from back, neck, knee or other pain and are put off by those pretzel like poses on the posters for yoga classes? It may be as simple as not having found the right yoga class. There are as many different yoga styles out there as there are pretzels in Germany and even if you are perfectly fit and healthy it's important to find 'the right yoga' for you. So if you have any kind of injury, pain or illness, it's particularly important to find a class that will help you to heal your condition and not aggravate it further. The old 'no pain no gain' adage does not feature here. A good class should teach you to listen to

your body to find what works for you. The good news is, whatever your age, level of experience, health or fitness may be, there is a yoga practice that can help you. Tree of Life Yoga offers Yoga Therapy classes and private yoga therapy sessions (and though not an injury, they also offer pregnancy yoga). Using yoga asanas (postures), pranayama (breathing) and relaxation appropriate to each individual in a class or private session, the focus is on healing, strengthening and regenerating. Classes are held at 5 Matua Road, Huapai (St Chad's hall) and private sessions are also held there or in your own home. Visit [www.treeoflifeyoga.co.nz](http://www.treeoflifeyoga.co.nz) or phone Maree Delmar on 021 02293012 for more details.

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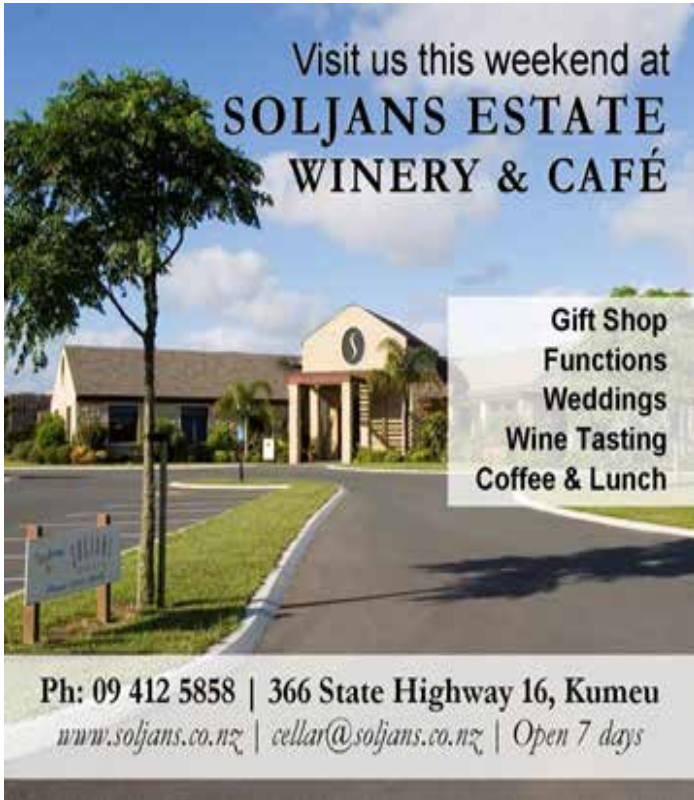
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FAMILY SAFE, QUIET & TRANQUIL WITH BRICK IN KUMEU

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Enquiries Over

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A rare find in Kumeu offering just over 1 acre of land in a quiet glade, offering privacy and tranquility yet minutes from the north western motorway and service/ hospitality venues. Beautifully crafted with elegant cathedral ceilings this north facing home with extensive alfresco onto patios and decking, offers entertaining and freedom for the family in a way that will deliver comfort and harmony. A well designed mix of bedrooms, study, multiple living rooms, skylights and extensive garaging. Plenty of options here for you and the family.



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TWICE AS GOOD AS IT LOOKS 6.7 ACRES WITH GRAZING

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230m2 BRICK AND BLOCK HOME... this 3 large double + 1 single bedroom solid brick and block home has a relaxed feel. Beautifully renovated country kitchen and large bathrooms are tastefully finished off with quality fittings throughout, the open space in the dining and kitchen areas combine a sense of warmth and charm in a serenely private setting. 6.7 ACRES OF LAND (approx) is a mix of gentle to steep sloping grazing paddocks. Perfect for keeping horses fit ready for Woodhill Sands only just 2 mins down the road, show jumping or bush treks in and around Muriwai Beach etc. There are also some lovely planted out areas with various fruit trees.



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5 bedrooms with 3 bathrooms 2 are ensuite's plenty of options for large family's. One room has been soundproofed perfect for a music room or movie room etc. 283m2 executive home positioned proudly on a 753m2 section, huge 6 meter high foyer feature sets the tone as you enter, quality fittings throughout ie, granite bench tops, central vac, superb bathrooms with all the mod cons included. Solid block base construction with a mix of linear weatherboard and plaster feature walls on the second level, power saving solar water on roof & wetback wood burner. Lovely outlook over the area with views over the neighboring vineyard on one boundary all making for a lovely relaxed setting, Good proximity to Schools and West Coast Beaches. Much much more, this is a must visit property to experience all that's on offer



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Enquiries Over

794 Old North Road, Waimauku  
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If you seek the good life, filled with fresh produce, house chickens, sheep, a lawn to run a-muck and sheds to tinker within, this is the ultimate property for you. A classic renovated bungalow with three generous rooms, bathroom and ensuite and two living areas with alfresco to north facing decking overlooking the land and beautifully planted pond where native birdlife abounds. An independent double garage, garden shed, workshop and storage area adds to the offer. Lovingly created and crafted into a highly desirable but seldom found two acre hide-away yet minutes to Waimauku and Kumeu.



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Enquiries Over

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RURAL OUTLOOK - WAITAKERE TOWNSHIP

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Enquiries Over

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Sun drenched, open plan, family friendly home in the heart of Waitakere Township. Extensive decking and split level with a downstairs office/ study or games room. Fully fenced the property is well landscaped with good lawn area. The outlook is rural grazing land however the location is minutes from Train link, convenience shopping and Waitakere Primary School.



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ELEVATED SWANSON LIFESTYLE - DIY POTENTIAL

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Enquiries Over

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## MURIWAI GOLF CLUB UPDATE

The Muriwai Golf Links have got off to a fast start in 2014. In February the club played host to an international challenge match between Australia & New Zealand, known as The Sanctuary Cove Challenge, which involved 12 per side senior players (50 years & over) selected to represent their countries. The event was played over two days with 36-holes played in day one, foursomes & four ball. Day two was the individual Match Play games. The New Zealand team proved too strong on day two after trailing by one game from day one, running out handsome winners to retain the Sanctuary Cove trophy for the 3rd year in succession.

### Inter Club Pennants

The Harbour Golf Inter Club Pennants competition got underway early February, Muriwai men the current champions of the senior Frank Nobilo grade & Sunderland handicap grade. The first few games have produced mixed results, the Muriwai Nobilo team lost one & won two games. The Sunderland

handicap grade won two, lost one & one draw. The reserve grade (Rangitoto trophy) winning all 3 games to date. Our women's section involved 18-hole mid-week & weekend teams. The mid-week team played one, won one. Weekend team played three, lost one against the very strong North Shore team.

### Junior Players

The Muriwai junior programme has now started with coaching being conducted by golf professional Gary Parkinson, for our junior programme please contact our Golf Shop 09 411 8454 ext 1.

### Club Membership

In this day & age sports clubs experience difficulty in retaining members who leave the junior grades due to career & new family commitments. In an attempt to retain this age group in the game of golf & encourage young adults to take up the game the Muriwai Golf Club has introduced two new categories of full playing memberships, the club junior memberships terminate when the member reaches the age of 22. The club is now offering Intermediate grade Full Playing memberships,

which are substantially discounted from adult Full Playing subscriptions.

Intermediate IN24, 22 – 24 years \$462.00 per year includes members' credits of \$75.00

Intermediate IN35, 25 – 35 years \$675.00 per year includes members' credits of \$75.00

Members' Credits are for the member to make purchases at the Golf Shop & club lounge. Further details can be obtained by contacting the club Administration Office 09 411 8454 ext 3. Ray Barnett General Manager.

## FROM MY PLACE

Autumn, chewing time! Nothing to do with my recent dentist visit, except that reminded me! But in the garden the cooler and shorter days are warning whatever wee things can nibble, gnaw and bite to enlarge themselves for their change of state by chewing, chomping, crunching and munching on any and every leaf, shoot and bud that old Summer might have missed, are doing just that. Then to chrysalise, hibernate or hide until Spring. Gorgeous Monarch butterflies have already hibernated to a warmer and hopefully safe place until time to once again delight us and adorn our flowerbeds. So dig your dahlias, check you chrysanthemums and roses and any other treasured things for holes and thread bare leaves – if any left. Aphids are proliferating, wolly aphids snuggling into crows and furry leaves.

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## NEW ROOF FOR KCC

This week and next APS Contractors will be replacing the roof cladding on the hall at the Kumeu Community Centre. Thirty-four years ago after a period of major fund-raising in the community the present community centre in Access Road with its two halls, spacious

kitchen and storage was opened by the then Prime Minister, Robert Muldoon. It replaced a fairly run-down hall situated on the main road near the present Kumeu Village shops.

At the time the building project received support with materials from some local businesses such as the- then new Particle Board factory and fibrolite cladding from James Hardie. The Super 6 Fibrolite roofing is being replaced due to an increasing problem with leaks mainly caused by sealing failure with the water affecting the permeable particle board interior lining. It is expected that the long-run corrugated colour-steel cladding now being installed will fix the leak problem and last for 50 years.

The present Kumeu Community Centre management committee has been fortunate in receiving a grant totalling \$30,000 from Transpower Community Care Fund and it was one of Transpower's major grants during 2013. With a \$10,000 grant from the Auckland Council's Large Grants Fund (Community), the management committee has been able to proceed with the project. Mr Colin Tucker whose family had connections with the Kumeu-Taupaki area has been engaged to manage the job. Management Committee Chairperson, Rinus van Winden says this is the big-

gest maintenance job ever carried out on the Community Centre although there have been several other pieces of maintenance over recent years including exterior re-painting, polyurethane on the floors and up-grading of the kitchen and toilets. The painting of the dull interior particle board lining in a pastel shade last year was another improvement that received many positive comments Mr van Winden said.

Mr van Winden also added that the Community Centre in Kumeu was one of only a few halls within the Auckland Council district that is owned and self-managed by the local community with no control or financial input from the Council and it has been that way for the past 34 years. The site, including the parking area is leased from the Council and a new 33 year lease is currently being approved. The annual meeting of the Kumeu Community Centre Management committee will be held in July and as several current members have served from its inception it is imperative that some younger members of the community with an interest in the management of the million dollar community facility put their names forward. Mr van Winden said he would welcome hearing from people.

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## MINDFULNESS COURSE MAY 13

Mindfulness teaches us how to quieten the busy mind. It teaches us to become more aware of the present moment and less caught up in what happened earlier or what is happening next. Cognitive therapists recommend it to those who suffer from anxiety and depression but the practice can be applied to all of us, particularly those who lead busy lives. It is a practice that helps us deal with the stress of our daily lives. The facilitators who are local residents received such a great response to the course run in September that they have decided to run courses for locals on a regular basis.

The next 8 week course which comprises 2.5 hour sessions once a week starting 13 May 2014. There is also a one day retreat (weekend) during the 8 week time frame. Mindfulness teaches us to be more present. The course teaches meditation and other practises which help calm the mind and relax the body. Although meditation is helpful in achieving mindfulness, the ultimate goal is to help us pay attention to what we are doing. We can work mindfully, parent mindfully and learn mindfully or we can be distracted. The course aims to help participants lessen the distraction that dominates our lives and provides tools to slow down and pay attention in a way that lessens our stress. Mindfulness is based on the work of Jon Kabat Zinn from the University of Massachusetts developed in the 1980's with patients who suffered from depression and debilitating pain.

The practice is now taught to a much broader community including anyone who wants to reduce their stress either at home or at work. The last group of participants in our September programme were all locals who all had levels of stress that they needed assistance with. Some had medical issues and were referred by their GP's. Our teacher/ facilitators have all attended Mindfulness teacher training run by the US based Centre for Mindfulness and the Australian organisation Open Ground. They are Dean Stewart (Kumeu), Helen Bowen (Muriwai), Juan Aguilera (Huapai) and Mel Cash (Whangaparaoa).

## MARVELLOUS MELBOURNE

We are back from a wonderful 4 day city break in Melbourne! Emirates' fantastic A380 – what an engineering feat with it's smooth take off & landing. We were well behind the wing (downstairs!) and it was a smooth flight, both ways. We received special access to the Emirates Business Class Lounge in Auckland on departure – a real treat! On that note - I have yet again been invited on the Emirates Agents Mega Famil to Dubai leaving next month – (top selling agents 80 Agents for Emirates in NZ), however I have declined to allow someone else to go and



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experience the privilege of being hosted by Emirates, visiting Dubai, as I did last May. We loved the Colonial Tramcar Restaurant Dinner – with flowing wine and a 3 course dinner served on a gorgeous old tram, moving through the city, fantastic!! Then the compulsory Yarra Valley Gourmet wine tour! Cheeses at the dairy farm, a chocolatier (perfect timing for Easter treats to bring home), yummy olives & tapenades & chutneys etc as well as well as the obligatory wineries, 4 of them – A GREAT Tour!! Out to Werribee – 45 mins by Train & bus - a unique African zoo, 200 hectares of parklands, a fantastic experience. We were driven in an open top 4WD Safari vehicle with 12 others onboard, through savannah plains, up close to giraffes, zebras, rhino, antelope, wildebeest, bison, ostrich etc, all together in a massive free range enclosure. A highly recommended experience!. Fantastic shopping! The Queen Vic markets are amazing. Myers, David Jones & the brand new (opened early April) H&S inside the old GPO historic building were all within the block from our lovely home away from home apartment at the Somerset on Elizabeth. Dinner on Lygon street – the Italian precinct – we tried 3 different restaurants for variety – pre-dinner drinks at one, entrée at another, and dinner at the last – lovely! Pity there was no room for desert! Sunday morning down to Southbank for a yummy lazy breakfast looking out over the Yarra River, then on the tram (what a wonderful form of public transport - at just AUD\$6 for all day travel!) to St Kilda on a beautiful sunny day strolling through the Sunday arts & crafts markets, and along the beach walk to the famous St Kilda Pier and onto Luna Park for a laugh. For any of your travel needs, please contact Tanya Franklin, your personal Travel Broker with a home office right here in Waimauku. 411 9105 or 021 254 9169 or email on tanya@ttb.co.nz

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## UPDATE FROM CRAIGWEIL HOUSE

Well who would ever believe this weather, I don't know how the retailers are going to survive this winter? I know that for me the less winter woollies that I need to buy the better. Unless they are sale price! I have been looking for a new dressing gown without much joy, so I am procrastinating hoping that I might get away without a new one until next winter. Daylight saving has finally finished 6 months of the year is such a long time, very debatable with everyone that I speak to, some mums are relieved that bedtime can go back to a reasonable hour and mornings we can all stay snuggled up for a while. At Craigweil House we are all over the nasty virus that hit our residents with vengeance, hoping that we all stay well when the colder weather does decide to arrive. We all have different skin types dry, oily, blemished with sun and age spots and for us who have had children our skin seems to change. Our skin integrity needs to be assessed from season to season as different weather, lighting, central heating, kitchen heat can change things.

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## LEAKY BUILDINGS - LIMITATION PERIODS

This month we briefly discuss commercial disputes in the context of leaky building claims and, in particular, the importance of limitation periods for such claims. I have been involved in acting for claimants and respondents in both large-scale and small-scale litigation, including both multi-unit developments and single dwellings. I am therefore in the fortunate position to understand the wide range of arguments that are run on both sides of a leaky claim. From my experience, one of the most important issues that continually come up in leaky claims is the issue of “limitation periods”. A limitation period is basically a time limit by which a claim must be issued. If a leaky claim is issued too late, the limitation period can provide a complete defence. Limitation periods therefore need to be quickly and accurately assessed for each claim (or potential claim). In this regard, two key limitation periods to be aware of are the six year and 10-year limitation periods. The six year limitation period (in respect of a claim for negligence) effectively means that a claim needs to be issued within six years from the date that the defects/damage became reasonably discoverable. The 10-year limitation period is addressed under the Building Act 2004 and effectively means that a claim in respect of



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building work must be issued within 10 years of that relevant building work being carried out. There are other limitation periods to be aware of, and it can become a complex issue. Nonetheless, given its significance, the issue needs to be carefully considered by all parties to a leaky claim. Furthermore, owners of leaky buildings (or suspected leaky buildings) that have not yet made a claim should be seeking advice very quickly. With many leaky buildings being constructed prior to 2005, the 10-year limitation period may have already expired (or be very close to expiring). For more information on this article, contact Danswan Law Limited on (09) 412 7348 or visit us at [www.danswan.co.nz](http://www.danswan.co.nz).

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## MARKETING FOR SMALL BUSINESS

When your business is just starting out, it can be difficult to know where to focus your resources, especially if you don't have a lot of them. One area that can suck up a lot of the budget — and often does for inexperienced business owners — is marketing. "Today's [marketing] spend is complex and includes management of marketing materials, printed materials, training materials and promotional items," said David Holland, CEO of branding and marketing firm DataSource. "Beyond print, marketers need an integrated plan to distribute elements across all channels: Web, social, mobile, email, promotional merchandise and more." Despite the amount of planning that goes into marketing, it doesn't have to cost a lot of money. In fact, consolidating your marketing resources and efforts can help you keep your overall budget in check.

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## CHANGING WEB SITE CONTENT - CMS

It has become increasingly important over the last few years to have a Content Management System in your website for a number of reasons. A Content Management System (CMS) is a system that drives your website and the content of the website is able to be changed by the end user. The content is stored in a database and not directly on the HTML page and this means a customer is able to log in to the website directly and change a number of areas of content. The advantages of having a CMS are huge. From a cost perspective, customers are reluctant to pay a web developer every time they want a change made to their website. Most of the changes are usually either text or images, pricing or contact details for example, and these simple changes can be made quite simply with a CMS. Secondly, with the aid of a CMS you can update your content on a frequent basis. Search engines are constantly crawling the web and reviewing all of the websites on the internet and checking for changes to content. Google for example, is constantly looking for relevant content that is unique, and constantly being refreshed by the author. The relevancy of the material is important these days and it needs to be changed frequently and ideally have a number of trusted websites pointing to the content to be rated highly in the search engines. This is where 'Blogs' become important and so long as the content is unique and genuine and not copied from other websites, the changing nature of the Blog is highly rated by the search engines. Content is 'Definitely King'. David Partis [www.designhand.co.nz](http://www.designhand.co.nz)

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Three years of hard work has finally paid off for the North West District Business Association (NWDBA) "The votes are counted and the majority of local businesses say 'yes' to forming a BID, or

Business Improvement District" announced Association Chair Bruce Cowan Bruce Cowan said the recent campaign gave local businesses and commercial property owners the opportunity to vote as to whether they wanted to take advantage of the Auckland Council Business Improvement District Partnering Programme.

The ballot period closed on 31 March 2014, with the results showing a majority in favour of becoming a business improvement district. Phelan Pirrie, Deputy Chair, says although the majority of voters were in favour of the BID, a reasonable number voted no. "I want to acknowledge that," he says "and tell those voters that the NWDBA Board will work very hard to ensure any doubts those business and property owners have, regarding the BID are thoroughly addressed. I would like to see those voters ending up to be our strongest advocates." This is now a chance for local businesses to drive the business association in the direction that they wish. "While it has taken three years of prepara-

ration to get to this point, now is when all the hard work starts. This is a very exciting time for the local economy, and with a single business voice we will be able to achieve so much more than previous business associations." says Phelan Pirrie.

Bruce Cowan said the North West District Business Association will be in contact with members in the coming weeks about the upcoming AGM and nominations for the new governance Board.

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