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Intro

Another month has gone, the days are definitely getting longer and lighter and somehow its only 8 weeks till Christmas time! Time to clean out the dust from winter, scrub down the BBQ (if you haven't already) and get those tomatoes planted for Christmas. There are some great events coming up this month such the Coatesville Garden Ramble on the 10th November. This event raises funds through the Albany Rotary Charitable Trust and the funds raised this year will support CanTeen, YES Disability Centre and other Albany Rotary community projects. Another fun outing and one I am definitely looking forward to is the Monster Fireworks Display on November 1 from 5pm onwards at the Kumeu show grounds, or the Waitakere Fireworks on November 16 from 5.30pm onwards at The Trusts Stadium, Henderson. Diwali celebrations over the last couple of weekends have provided a much needed burst of colour into this last blast of cold weather and certain politicians colourful activities of late have fuelled further unrest in the community following the announcement of the Development plan. Roll on summer and Christmas holidays, everybody is well overdue for a rest I say.

Live , Laugh, Love

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SH 16 BID UPDATE

The North West District Business Associations campaign for a district wide Business Improvement District (BID) is in full swing. Robynne Pringle is employed by the NWDBA to visit all the businesses within the BID area and is slowly working her way across the district. If she hasn't already been to see you, she will soon! On Wednesday a BID information evening was held in Helensville to give local business owners an opportunity to hear about how BID's work in other areas and ask questions. There will be a ballot for business ratepayers and business owners in March 2014 and our campaign to gain district wide support for this exciting and transformational initiative will be kicking up another gear over the next few months. For more information about the BID visit: www.northwestbusiness.co.nz.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE AREA

Len Brown and Nick Smith spent some time in Huapai in October presenting a combined initiative that fast tracks areas of land for housing development.

Pockets of land including, Hobsonville, West Harbour and Huapai are all earmarked for special treatment. In short, if a developer can tag 10% of the land area for affordable housing it may be considered for a fast track through resource consenting. Nick Smith stated at the meeting that he saw new apartments selling at \$250,000 and standalone new houses selling at \$500,000. Some would suggest that this is clearly not affordable and that apartment living is not likely to be a popular option. Smith indicated that he was expecting the community to have input, however said that consenting was underway. Brown said that this was not a done deal, that community consultation would be taking place however like Smith, he provided no formal structure for this dialogue to take place. Both Phelan Pirrie and Pete Sinton were quick to highlight to central and local government officials that the infrastructure would not cope with a proposed 2000 homes, nor would the community be happy accepting high rise apartment style development in the area. Rooding and Schooling were two major issues facing the area which will need priority planning, but any detail on who would pay and when these issues would be addressed fell well short on any satisfactory process, or definitive answer. We plan to keep you up to date with this situation.

VOLUNTEER FOR FIREFIGHTING TODAY



Almost anybody can join a fire brigade, male or female, young or old. The opportunity appeals for those looking for adventure or those just wanting to contribute to their community. If interested you will need to be able to attend a regular Monday training night and be able to participate in Brigade activities. So if you live close to the Waitakere Fire Station and would like to join a family friendly, team focused and social Fire Brigade please contact Denis Cooper, Chief Fire Officer, Phone 0275 626942. If you live closer to Kumeu or Muriwai Fire Brigade we suggest you drop into the station closest to you at 7pm on a Monday night and introduce yourself and ask for a look around the station.



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LION'S VINTAGE SHOP

The Vintage Shop in the Pomona Hall next to the Community Centre, Kumeu is a Huapai-Kumeu Lions initiative. The profits from the shop are donated to projects in the community. The shop is manned by volunteers with a desire to serve and support local community initiatives. The work and commitment of these volunteers is hugely appreciated said a Huapai-Kumeu Lions spokesman. They are doing a fantastic job and anyone interested in joining them on a rostered system should call at the shop or contact Angela Van Winden on 09 412 8225. A wide range of very good quality vintage stock including crockery, furniture, handcrafted items and antique items for sale. Trading is 10am to 4pm Tuesday to Friday and Saturday (10am-12). The Vintage Shop welcomes gifted items.

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GARDEN RAMBLE 2013

The Coatesville Garden Ramble is on again this year, and will be held on Sunday 10th November 2013 from 10am to 4pm in Coatesville. This event, which is organized by Albany Rotary, raises funds through the Albany Rotary Charitable Trust and the funds raised this year will support CanTeen, YES Disability Centre and other Albany Rotary community projects. Visitors to the event will be able to indulge themselves with a day in the country, visiting and enjoying the peace and tranquillity of five park-like gardens in beautiful Coates-

ville. Three of the gardens have been recognized by the New Zealand Gardens Trust as being of National Significance to New Zealand. The five gardens, which have been created by the love, care and hard work of keen gardeners, will all be at their best displaying late spring / early summer splendour and will surely delight both gardeners, or those who simply enjoy beautiful surroundings. The gardens which will be open for inspection on the 2013 Garden Ramble are: Woodbridge – located at 36 Glenmore Road, Coatesville. Mincher – located at 338 Coatesville Riverhead Highway, Coatesville. Brookgreen Park – located at 15 Goldflats Road, Coatesville. Pinelee – located at 21 Coatesville Heights, Coatesville. A'la fois – located at 31 Coatesville Heights, Coatesville. Albany Rotary are extremely grateful to the garden owners for the support of these worthwhile charities, and would also like to acknowledge the sponsorship of Peugeot New Zealand, Mitre 10 Mega Albany, and Hot Spring Spas without whose support this event would not be possible. A number of food and coffee vendors will be providing refreshments during the day at the various gardens, and visitors will also be able to purchase garden related products and local artwork. Entry tickets, which cost only \$40 for access to all five gardens, can be purchased from Mitre 10 Mega Albany or by phoning 09 4267657.

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As the brewer of Weta Brewing Co, I have been commercially brewing for about a year now, but I am still new to running my own brand. With limited capital to get things started, it has been important to prioritise and take small steps. Purchasing kegs was the first major outlay, with many extra costs to factor in when importing. We have been lucky with our kegs, they all seem structurally sound. I have heard of others importing kegs that split! We are also lucky to use the Shakespeare Brewery as it's a well known one with plenty of tank space. Our next investment will be bottles and labels as the funds allow.

We have a delicious Golden Ale that is conditioning now and will be ready to join the NZ Red Ale soon. The Riverview Corridor Bar in Helensville will be first to have both on tap. Toni Stimpson-Tibbits



RIVERHEAD FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB FOR YEARS 7-12

For a number of years a Friday Night Club for children aged 7-12 years has been run at the Riverhead Family Church, Cnr Arthur and Great North Road, Riverhead. This has continued in 2013 and will continue in 2014. The programme runs during the school term from 7pm – 8.30pm on Friday and costs only 50 cents. The programme includes lots of games, activities, supper and prizes. Please note that the programme will end on Friday 6th December this year. If you would like to know more please call Gordon Miller 09 627 6413 and Anna Gordon 021 1670447.

CLENA FILL ONLINE PETITION

With the introduction of the Draft Unitary Plan and Special Housing Areas, the Norwest is on the verge of a development explosion. Most people would like to see the surplus soil and clay recombined on the development sites, an alternative would be Riverhead and Woodhill Forest's, many gullies could be filled and planted with pines, allowing for 30 years of settling for the fill. Main Highways are constructed to handle the volume and weight of these vehicles, secondary roads were not. The legacy of Rodney District Council's rules have left behind a policy of slack, almost uncaring oversight around the siting and enforcement of the many dumps that litter the Norwest. Resident's plea's for a stop, or stricter control over these "cowboy's" goes largely unheeded and the Council just keeps on handing out consents, even to the same operators that leave unfinished and unsightly piles of "Cleanfill" spread over our community. A word of warning to land owners that are approached by these companies, you will have a clause inserted into your LIM recording that your property has been the subject of 'Cleanfill', you may have great difficulty convincing prospective purchasers that the lovely flat pasture is a "natural landform". It is time for an informed debate on "Clean fills", you can help by going to this website; <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/rodney-is-not-a-dump/> and signing the petition, so that your Council will have to listen! Numbers do make a difference! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rodneynotadump/>

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COMMUNITY SAFETY MESSAGE FOR GUY FAWKES:

Every year the Fire Service responds to hundreds of calls to incidents caused by Fireworks. From fires, people injured, pets terrified and thousands of dollars of damage done to property. We know that you, the public will participate in using fireworks during this period so ask you to take steps to be safe and considerate to all others.

OUR ADVICE:

Attend a public display if possible or if you are having Guy Fawkes at home consider these important tips.

When lighting fireworks, stay safe:

- Read and follow the instructions before using them
- Light in an open area away from ignitable property
- Fireworks and alcohol/drugs are a dangerous combination
- Always let an adult light the fireworks
- Keep a bucket of water or a hose handy
- Keep all unlit fireworks in their box until you light them
- Leave dud fireworks alone – trying to relight them is unsafe
- Burns need water for 20 minutes

THINK ABOUT OTHERS:

- Put away the fireworks after 10.30pm
 - Keep your pets inside on Guy Fawkes Night
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Helensville				
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Puriri Street	\$430,000	694m2	110m2	\$420,000
Porter Crescent	\$310,000	461m2	90m2	\$335,000
Awaroa Road	\$305,000	675m2	80m2	\$361,000
Audrey Luckens	\$315,000	90m2		\$404,500
Hand Road	\$340,000	1459m2	130m2	\$510,000
Cabeleigh Drive	\$410,000	600m2	200m2	\$535,000
Herald Island				
Alison Avenue	\$640,000	816m2	170m2	\$750,000
The Terrace	\$900,000	809m2	193m2	\$1,900,000
The Terrace	\$520,000	809m2	110m2	\$635,000
Duncan Rise	\$590,000	832m2	202m2	\$1,110,000
Ferry Parade	\$560,000	812m2	120m2	\$750,000
Kumeu				
Nobilo Road	\$1,880,000	4.39ha	210m2	\$2,070,000
Pinotage Place	\$390,000		120m2	\$405,000
Muriwai				
Motutara Road	\$530,000	842m2	111m2	\$636,000
Waitea Road	\$810,000	1209m2	220m2	\$865,000
Parakai				
Parkhurst Road	\$250,000		85m2	\$315,000
Fordyce Road	\$425,000	1098m2	208m2	\$525,000
Aitkenhead Court	\$340,000	1152m2	131m2	\$449,000
Parakai Avenue	\$235,000	1012m2	80m2	\$303,000
Mary Keane Lane	\$245,000	657m2		\$380,000
Fordyce Road	\$280,000	662m2	100m2	\$342,000
Riverhead				
Albert Street	\$260,000	869m2		\$410,000
Maude Street	\$250,000	800m2		\$400,000
Queen Street	\$460,000	809m2	200m2	\$700,000
Queen Street	\$540,000	809m2	180m2	\$655,000
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UPDATES:EVENTS

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Hospice West Auckland Fundraiser Westwave Recreation Centre, Henderson Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th November 10am to 4pm Adults \$5 Seniors \$3 Children under 12years free. Amazing gifts available. On site Café.

MEACT SPRING REVIEW

Spring means Spring cleaning. In the developed world we accumulate stuff purchased as compensation for working too much/having too little time. Here are some local decluttering tips: Donate old toys-Muriwai Playgroup's wishlist includes puzzles, picture books, die-cast cars, baby educational toys and an outdoor playhouse! Contact Kirsty O'Hara on 021432851. Mobiles-Telecom and Vodafone recycle or donate to Starship. Ewaste-The Ark will accept and recycle domestic computer equipment for a fee www.the-ark.co.nz Worn winter woolies-Skody old jumpers' are being upcycled into dumpster hoodies, contact Sarah Jane Murray sarah@ecomatters.org.nz Forest and Bird's annual poll for bird of the year is now open vote at birdoftheyear.org.nz. Meanwhile in Russia the

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KUMEU ART CENTRE

An exhibition of work from multi-disciplinary artist, Julie Moselen. Emerging artist, Julie Moselen show cases her recent paintings in the upcoming exhibition 'Soulful Journey' at Kumeu Arts Centre. After



emigrating from Cornwall, England to New Zealand in 1998, Julie has been inspired by New Zealand culture and its beautiful surrounds. The body of work focuses on the exploration of texture and colour whilst addressing the spiritual journey of the inner artist. Kumeu Arts Centre is open Mon - Sat 10am - 3pm, with late nights till 5 on Thu & Fri. Please contact us on 412-9480 or thetinsed@clear.net.nz for more information on exhibitions and art classes available, including clay, realism and abstract painting, photography, children's art, knitting & crochet, adults with special needs art classes, salsa, life drawing and mindfulness for stress management.

PROPERTY VALUES DROP

After almost three years of increasing property values in the Riverhead community it appears that values in the region are declining. Graham McIntyre, principal of Mike Pero Real Estate Kumeu stated, "Value in an area is a direct reflection of buyer confidence, supply of houses, and trending. We showcase Riverhead within editorial in Kumeu Courier, provide great service and statistical data to buyers to supply a high level of confidence. We understand that a few agents in the area are not providing confidence to buyers, and this may cause continued stagnation" he says. "With every property that Mike Pero Real Estate list, we professionally photograph the property, provide exposure to over 10,000 potential buyers in print, thousands through web sites

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It has been 3 weeks already since we all set our clocks back. For many of us, the unpleasant memory of waking up to see condensation on our windows fades as we prepare for another fantastic kiwi summer. With the ever longer sunnier days ahead, we plan to give our homes the annual spring clean. We'll air our mattresses & rugs, wipe away again that "toxic" black mould from our loved ones bedrooms with another miracle anti-mould product. Opening windows & doors finally gives our major asset much needed ventilation, or so we think..... Houses are negative pressure cells, as we open our windows, dust, pollens & other atmospheric pollutants push into the home. Hay fever sufferers have little reprieve as the pollen season in NZ lasts about 34 weeks. Its timing varies each year starting in July or August with pine trees, continuing into August/September with deciduous trees such as oaks, elm & birches. Grasses are the major pollen hazard for allergy sufferers, usually from October through too & after Christmas. The answer to a healthier home environment is to change the home into a positive pressure cell by installing a mechanical ventilation system. Not all ventilation systems are created equal. Call or email me to book a no obligation consultation from the only ventilation company in NZ to yet again be accredited with the Asthma & Respiratory Foundation of New Zealand's "Blue Butterfly" Sensitive Choice Award, a programme which identifies companies & products committed to reducing asthma & allergy triggers. For more information contact Matt Shaw on 021 150 4661 or email matt44shaw@gmail.com.

TWO DAUGHTERS - ROSE' AND CHARDONAY

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credible! We swam at Waikiki Beach before Breakfast – already 22 degrees and heating up to 30 in the middle of the day. Another highlight was snorkelling with a Sea Turtle at Hanauma Bay, in it's own natural habitat. With prices starting from \$1499 per person with return flights on Hawaiian Airlines, including all taxes, 64kg of baggage, meals & drinks & in-seat entertainment on their new Aircraft, and 4 nights accommodation in Waikiki at the 3 star Aqua Aloha Surf with breakfasts daily – what's not to like? How about adding on a side trip to Maui, or any one of their other beautiful islands. Can't decide which island? Cruise for 7 nights and visit them all on the NCL from \$2139 per person ex Honolulu incl all meals and entertainment! Want something further afield? All the Earlybirds to the UK & Europe are out now – get in quick before the seats fill up for peak time travel. Please contact Tanya Franklin, your local Travel Broker on 09 411 9105, 021 254 9169, or email: tanya.franklin@ttb.co.nz appointment to see me in my home office in Waimauku to chat about your next holiday!



CLEAN UP THIS SUMMER

Hello! This months tip to help you bring some order into your life is to “put stuff away”. A simple enough action you would think, but when we are time poor it's easy to think “I'll do that later”. However, if you leave things until later, that pile is possibly going to be a lot bigger. So put stuff away in the moment. If you have a 2 story home, leave a basket at the bottom and/or top of the stairs and every time you use the stairs take the basket with you to empty. Part of putting stuff away is making sure that everything has a designated home. If it doesn't have a home it usually gets left laying around. So the next step is to make a home for that item. If you love it and use it, then it's worth spending the time to create space for it. Trust me, you'll feel so much better for having cleared some space and having possibly released something you don't need. Being organised in the home truly makes life easier. Check us out online or on facebook. www.harmoniousliving.co.nz.

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D.I.Y MAGIC, WAIMAUKU VILLA

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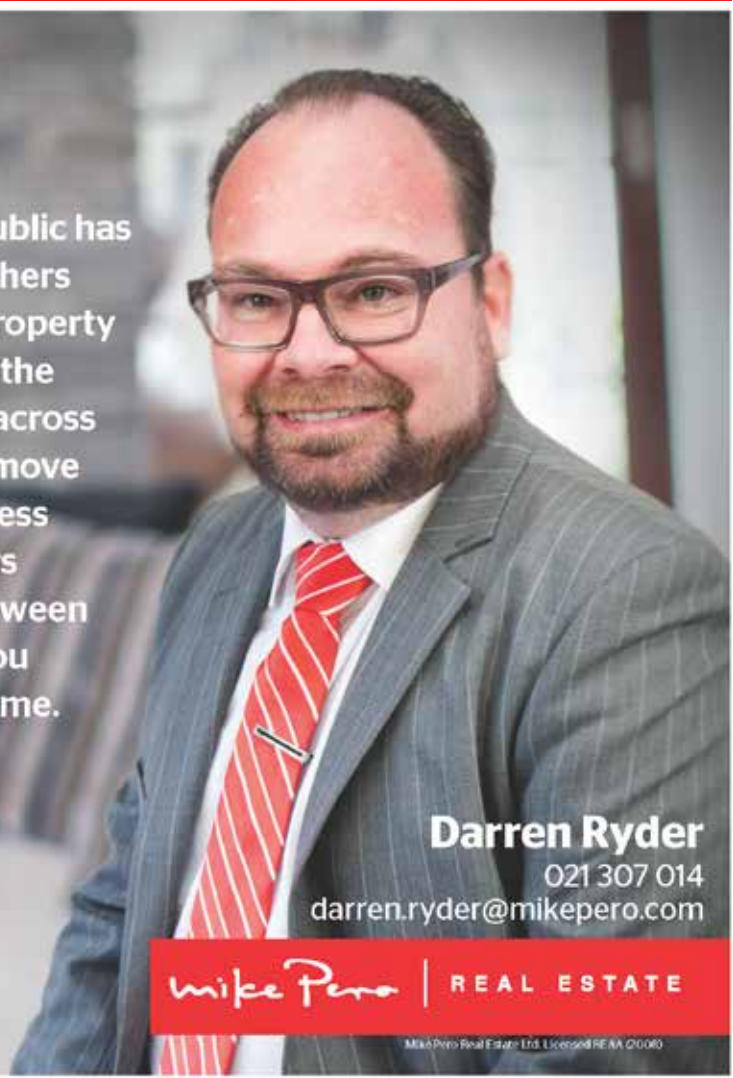
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WAIMAUKU FAMILY HOME MINUTES TO KUMEU

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Auction

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Set in a private tranquil oasis of 2119 square meters in a fantastic Whenuapai location. This brick and tile gem full of potential offers three bedrooms, one bathroom open plan living spaces onto elevated alfresco decking. Loads of options, plentiful potential. Buyer enquiry over \$639,000



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33 HECTARES IN TAUPAKI, CLOSE TO KUMEU

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Buyers over \$1,500,000

14 Wairere Road, Waitakere
Buyers over \$1,500,000 - Viewing by appointment

Within ten minutes drive, west of Kumeu, this 33 hectare property set in an elevated private valley offers privacy and tranquility. The land gently folds around a beautifully presented north facing brick and tile home offering four bedrooms, two bathrooms, double garage and open plan entertainers kitchen, dining and lounge. Delightful, easy, single level layout enjoying plentiful convenience shopping and local school. We encourage buyers over \$1,500,000 to view



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INVESTOR/ HOME BUYER - NEWISH BRICK AND TILE

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Enquiries over \$650,000

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ON THE MOVE-KUMEU HIRE

After nearly a decade in the big yellow building on Main Road Kumeu. Party Hire has relocated to bigger and better premises at 4b Loft Place in the Kumeu Business Park. The new showroom is almost twice the size and boasts more stock than ever before, including a candy floss machine, a new portable bar and learners and white folding chairs to name a few. Kumeu Hire Limited (the machinery and equipment hire side of the business) will be moving to join them in December with a purpose-built building soon to be erected next door on the vacant corner lot. Moving to loft place comes with plenty of benefits, including ample off street parking. Phone 09 412 2071.

LEGAL MATTERS-TRUST DEEDS

Trust deeds may need amendment after a time if they no longer fit your family structure. For instance, you may intend your grandchildren to benefit but not in-laws. However, a beneficiary may live happily without the slightest idea that they could have right to benefit from a trust. It is when they do find out that things could become problematic. This is also a current movement in the law which suggests that a potential beneficiary should be told that they may have rights to a trust fund. Most trust deeds contain words which give the maker of the trust power to amend the trust deed to include or exclude beneficiaries - as the case may be. Luke Kemp LLB, BCOM, DIP. HORT Phone 09 412 6000.

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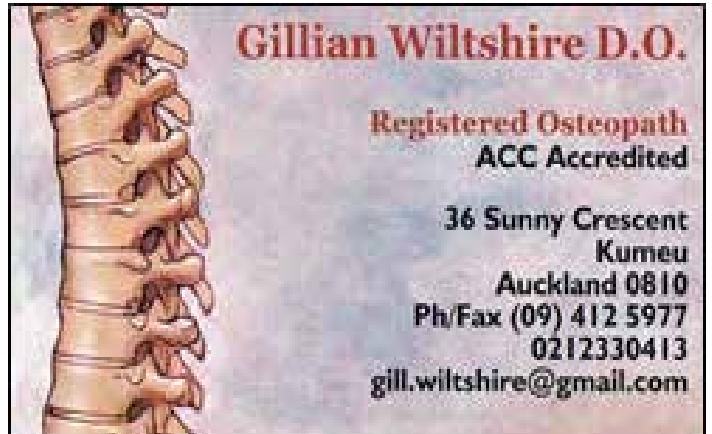


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KUMEU-HUAPAI RATEPAYERS

The Unitary Plan was released on the 30th September by the Auckland Council, and in our area the Council hasn't rezoned, any land for Residential Development leaving it all as 'Future Urban'. On the 9th October Nick Smith, Minister of Housing, announced a 65 hectare site south of the Railway in Huapai as a 'Special Housing Area'. Clearly the Auckland Unitary Plan didn't satisfy or address the housing demand for Auckland, hence the Government intervention! The lack of consultation by Council with the local community over this issue, has created great concern amongst the locals. The density proposed at 325m2 average over the 65 hectares means the buildings will be 3 stories and much smaller than any other development in Huapai or Kumeu that currently exists. Given the short time frame of 6 months for processing the application, the communities involvement needs to be concentrated and effective. Some of the landowners in the area weren't consulted, that is unacceptable. The down side of the housing

announcement is that the infrastructure in the District is not up to matching the development. Huapai School is at capacity, there is no provision for a Secondary School and future Reserves for the community are not in the Unitary Plan. The lack of a credible traffic plan, and a by-pass road in place will make accommodating a further 2000 houses in Huapai very difficult at present. The issue will come down to whether the development, when approved, will provide the complimentary infrastructure to offset what is lacking in the District. With the inadequate infrastructure being provided by Rodney District Council and the Auckland Council, over the years, the new announcement will bring the issue to the surface for resolution. The various development groups in the community along with the business district will have to be focused on what is important, otherwise the new development will swamp the district's ability to cope. Turning to the election, yes, a few changes in the Rodney Board, but with the Chairman gone, there will have to be a rejig of the Board. What is clear is that the Board will have

to be more involved than before if the communities voice is to be heard. The Pioneer Lane Cleanfill application is still on hold because the applicant hasn't paid their hearing fees! Meanwhile the other smaller Cleanfill sites are still generating problems for locals with substandard fills, controls on operation and road damage. Clearly showing the major Pioneer Lane cleanfill has some issues to address if approved. Don't leave the inspection of the Unitary Plan document to the last minute, February will arrive sooner than we plan on. Remember 'feedback' comments to the Draft Plan do not transfer as submission to the plan. A new submission has to be done to the advertised plan. Pete Sinton Chairman - Kumeu-Huapai Residents & Ratepayers Association email petesinton@townplanner.co.nz, Phone 09 412 2016







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I would like to thank everyone in the community who supported me during the campaign. I feel privileged to be elected to represent the community on our Local Board and I will be doing everything to ensure our community is represented at Council. The new Rodney Board will be inaugurated on the 4th of November and from then I will officially become the district's newest Local Board member. Based on feedback from the community I'll be working on the following in the first 90 days of my term (in no particular order; 1) The 'Clean Fill' issues around Kumeu and Taupaki. 2) Assistance for the entrance way for Kaukapakapa. 3) How the \$5.5million in development levies from Riverhead



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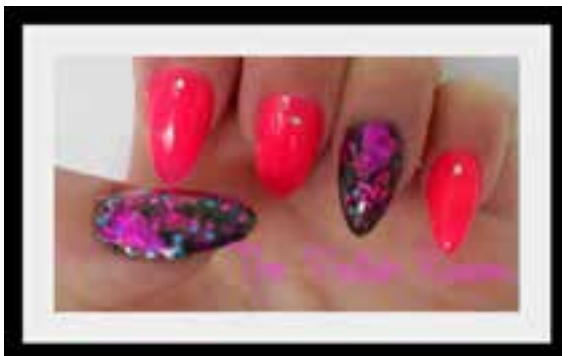
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conventional reading and writing. To become effective readers and writers children need to: 1. Recognize the written symbols letters and words used in reading and writing. 2. Write letters and form words by following conventional rules. 3. Use routine skills and thinking and reasoning abilities to create meaning while reading and writing. The written symbols we use to read and write are the 26 upper and lower case letters of the alphabet. The conventional rules governing how to write letters and form words include writing letters so they face in the correct direction, using upper and lower case versions, spelling words correctly, and putting spaces between words. Routine skills refer to the things readers do automatically, without stopping to think about what to do. We pause when we see a comma or period, recognize high-frequency sight words, and use what we already know to understand what we read. One of the critical routine skills is phonemic awareness – the ability to associate specific sounds with specific letters and letter combinations. Research has shown that phonemic awareness is the best predictor of early reading skills. Phonemes, the smallest units of sounds, form syllables, and words are made up of syllables. Children who understand that spoken language is made up of discrete sounds – phonemes and syllables – find it easier to learn to read. Many children develop phonemic awareness naturally, over time. Simple activities such as frequent readings of familiar and favorite stories, poems, and rhymes can help children develop phonemic awareness. Other children may need to take part in activities designed to build this basic skill. Thinking and reasoning abilities help children figure out how to read and write unfamiliar words. A child might use the meaning of a previous word or phrase, look at a familiar prefix or suffix, or recall how to pronounce a letter combination that appeared in another word. All of the above mentioned is only a guide and only forms part of how a child may develop their reading skills. All children will progress along this odyssey at their own pace and will generally reach different landmarks when they are “ready”! A watchful eye from all involved will help to grow every child into a “lifelong learner”. Bigger Bears is a great place, was the first specific 4 year old classroom of its kind and is recognised by our local schools as being of great benefit. The children love being there and are ‘so ready’ for school when that big day comes. We hope that some of what you have read is helpful to you and that you can see that your child is doing just fine!! Please take a look at: www.countrybears.co.nz www.facebook.com/cbearsecc Rita is happy to chat on 09 412 8055, arrange a visit and see for yourself.

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