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Intro

Christmas is my favourite time of year and I'm excited to say it is just around the corner! The annual Rotary Christmas parade will be held on 5th December so now is the time to get children excited and think about ideas to create a float. This is a free event and brings all the surrounding communities together to have a wonderful family time. Bring a picnic or support our local businesses by buying dinner there. To enter your floats please contact: Lyn Anderson jacko_lyn@xtra.co.nz or 09 412 8068 or Dale Wallace twal@xtra.co.nz or 027 224 4636. Before we start getting into the festive season though there are still a few weeks left to celebrate other events, such as the Monster Fireworks Display at the Kumeu Show grounds on Halloween night. A spectacular event for all the family to enjoy, with entertainment, food, raffles, rides and free parking with all funds raised going to Taupaki School. Also a special thank you to Leigh at Club Physical Westgate Beauty therapy for the divine facial – for all you ladies and gents looking to treat yourself (or maybe someone special for Christmas) and get your skin ready for the summer months, I recommend a visit to see Leigh and her beautiful range of products. As always, stay safe and be kind.

Sarah,
Editor.



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MEDIATION FOR UNITARY PLAN

The Commissioners have decided to set down a mediation hearing for late November between groups in Kumeu, a decision taken at a pre-hearing meeting on 16th October. The hearing will at least ensure the issues we have raised in Kumeu will be discussed in front of a Court appointed mediator. The advantage of this process is that the submitters can informally discuss their issues with the Council before the Commissioners call for formal evidence. Given that the extent of the 'Future Urban Zone' is still being resolved, this informal approach seems to be a good solution. The Commissioners want to set the outer limits of the 'Future Urban Zone'. Of course, to do that, they have to look at the requests for re-zoning and changes, requested by individuals and groups. One of the anomalies of the new Unitary Plan is the provision of 'Large Lots' as a category. These are sites considered 'Urban' in nature, even though there is no sewerage or water supply. Under the old Rodney District Council Scheme, we simply had a residential site 800m or 'Countryside Living' at 1 hectare – there was nothing in between. Consequently we had small pockets of the residential sites with 'Countryside Living' placed mostly north of Kumeu. The re-think of zones and densities in Kumeu resulted in a mixture of requests from the submit-

ters. The Auckland Council has taken the approach that 'Large Lots', despite having no sewerage and water infrastructure, are inside the 'Future Urban Area' and therefore are grouped with other small sites of Single Lot or 'Mixed Housing, Suburban & Urban Zones'. In my view, the opportunity exists to consolidate some of the existing 'Countryside Living Zoning' into 'Large Lots' without affecting the value or character of those areas. That would help the consolidation of houses that the Council is seeking. At the other extreme, is that a number of owners (on Station & Trigg Roads) where it is still greenfields, are requesting 'Mixed Housing Urban'. This would create a density of one dwelling per 300m. That is a density which we don't have at present, and should not be encouraging, in my view. There are only two 'Special Housing' areas in Kumeu-Huapai which have been approved. The 'Special Housing' office has advised that the Triangle Development plans are on hold pending further information, but are due to be released for public notification in November. That means a possible close off for submissions just before Christmas. The second block is on Oraha Road is not being developed, but is on the market for sale. It appears the sale is based on an unproven value based on a theoretical yield. The other advice we have received is that applications for SHA approval (up to 10, I am told) have been refused by Council. The

SHA Manager, Allan McGregor, confirms that there isn't a need for further 'Special Housing Areas' given the existing growth in the Kumeu-Huapai District. They are saying there is sufficient growth for 4-5 years. That being the case, the Structure Planning which we all know is needed can be completed in the interim.

Pete Sinton

Chairman

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THE GALLERY OPEN FOR DINNER

The Gallery (Japanese & Café) in Huapai is pleased to announce the arrival of its new liquor license. To accompany their offer of authentic Japanese beer and sake, owners Charlie and Annie have created a more elaborate dinner menu from Wednesday to Saturday evenings. The new menu includes appetizers, salads, sashimi, sushi and an A La Carte selection including scotch fillet, Salisbury and salmon steaks and even grilled eel. A variety of set dinner menus will also be made available, including a "Charlie" and an "Annie" deluxe course featuring either Teriyaki chicken/Salmon Head or Teriyaki steak/grilled scotch fillet with tempura included. Japanese green tea or black sesame ice-cream is also offered if you wish to indulge in dessert afterwards.

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CHRISTMAS PARADE JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

The Kumeu Rotary Christmas Parade is on Friday 5th December 6.45pm. We are just waiting for approval from NZTA to close State Highway 16. We have to have a full TMP (Temporary Management Plan) to close the road. The Christmas parade is part of the build up to Christmas, the time to get children excited and create a float. This is a free event and brings all surrounding communities together to have a wonderful family time. Bring a picnic or support our local businesses by buying dinner. Tegal Foods have given

the Christmas parade \$2,500.00 towards costs. We have to find the rest and that will come from Rotary and local businesses - you support them and they will support you. So join the parade with a float, it doesn't have to be elaborate. We just want you to have a fantastic time because we always do. To enter contact: Lyn Anderson jacko_lyn@xtra.co.nz or 412 8068 or; Dale Wallace twal@xtra.co.nz or 027 224 4636.

THE RIVERHEAD MARKET

The Riverhead Market is returning on Sunday 30th November from 9.00am until 1.00pm at the Riverhead Hall. This is a community based market with an objective to create a platform where you can buy and sell locally, giving your second hand goods another life, allowing you to bottle your extra fruit, grow extra veggies to sell or create hand made items for sale. There is limited space with car boot stalls in the car park and trestle table space indoors. Some space will be made available for a charity or a fund raiser. The Riverhead Market wishes to stay away a market full of imported goods or stalls of the same style, so all vendors will require prior approval for what you will provide, and should food be involved, health regulations in place. Contact the Riverhead Citizen Hall Secretary with your interest in placing a stall - Wendy A'Bear Email: info@riverhead.org.nz. Phone: 021 808 322.

AFFORDABLE ART EXHIBITION

Come in to Kumeu Arts Centre to get unique, individual, Christmas gifts in our Affordable Art Exhibition, which runs from the 21st November to the 19th December. All work priced under \$200. As well as our usual classes, we are now offering workshops to learn the skills of Mosaicing and Clay Work. Contact us on 09 412 9480 or thetinshed@clear.net.nz for more info

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IMPORTANCE OF MOBILE MARKETING

We are in a changing world where we are starting to become dual screen users, ie sitting on the couch in the evenings watching television and either a smartphone or tablet/iPad likely to be in our palms. The statistics are staggering, in New Zealand there is estimated 2.4 million smartphones and over 19% of New Zealanders own a tablet. As a business this outlines a need from a delivery perspective to have a website that is smartphone, tablet or iPad friendly and responsive to different devices. Mobile searches for products or services is on the increase and if you are in business you should check if your website is responsive to different device sizes. There are two very good websites you can visit to check the responsiveness of your website. Visit www.mobiletest.me and select the type of device you would like to view your website on and then type your website address up the top and click the Go button. You can now view what your website would look like on that device. For iPad viewing you can visit www.ipadpeek.com and do a similar thing. If you look at your Google Analytics monitoring results of your website you can see the volume of traffic that is viewing your website using a mobile or tablet device. This trend is not going away and if your website is not responsive now you should work towards this goal in the coming year. David Partis (Designhand Limited) www.designhand.co.nz



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I'm excited to announce that after a few busy months of organising we now have our first South Kaipara Bluelight branch up and running in our community. Bluelight is a registered charity and community policing youth programme which runs drug, alcohol and violence free programmes and activities for our youth. Working together, Bluelight and the Police aim to:

- Reduce youth crime
- Build community partnerships and enhance community safety
- Build young peoples' self esteem
- Build positive You and Police partnerships

South Kaipara Bluelight covers all schools and youth from Riverhead to Kaukapakapa. We have already held several events including a mud run with the Defence Force, a trip to Rainbows End, and a suicide prevention and depression awareness event. There are also lifeskills and leadership camps held regularly throughout the year, and more local events to come. For more information on Bluelight or any upcoming events and photos please "like" our Facebook page www.facebook.co.nz/southkaiparabluelight.

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Can you light a rubbish fire?

Rubbish fires are probably the calls we dislike most. We often find ourselves "dammed if we do and dammed if we don't" because, if we find it necessary to extinguish a fire, we often wind up with a disgruntled person who lit it. If the fire isn't breaking fire regulations we often raise the ire of the person who had put the call in because we haven't extinguished it.

A simple guide:

You cannot burn waste or rubbish. You can have an outdoor cooking fire such as a BBQ, hangi or umu or a heating fire such as a fireplace or brazier. However only dry, untreated wood can be used and smoke must not be causing a nuisance to neighbours. Fires in the restricted fire season must have an Auckland Council issued permit. Please use the more environmentally friendly ways of disposing of your rubbish, and be aware that all fires should be extinguished by nightfall. If a prohibited fire season is imposed during the summer all fires will be banned. Auckland Council has now issued a pamphlet detailing its regulations and the information can also be found on its website www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or phone: 09 301 0101.

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Address	Max	Median	Minimum	Most Recent Sale
COATESVILLE				
Lifestyle	\$1,545,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 1,250,000
HERALD ISLAND				
Residential	\$ 805,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000
HOBSONVILLE				
Residential	\$ 782,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 708,000	\$708,000
HUAPAI - KUMEU				
Residential	\$ 800,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 630,000	\$ 630,000
Lifestyle	\$1,700,000	\$ 1,630,000	\$1,051,000	\$ 1,250,000
MURIWAI				
Residential	\$ 1,110,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 560,000	\$606,000
RIVERHEAD				
Residential	\$ 1,580,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 760,000	\$ 760,000
TAUPAKI				
Lifestyle	\$ 1,145,000	\$ 1,008,000	\$ 740,000	\$ 1,145,000
WAIMAUKU				
Residential	\$ 1,020,000	\$ 820,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 820,000
Lifestyle	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 880,000	\$ 795,000	\$ 880,000
WAITAKERE TOWNSHIP				
Residential	\$ 1,175,000	\$ 910,000	\$ 568,000	\$ 568,000
WESTHARBOUR				
Residential	\$ 1,030,000	\$ 710,000	\$ 430,000	\$635,000
WHENUAPAI				
Residential	\$ 780,000	\$ 645,000	\$ 480,000	\$ 645,000

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Smith and Partners offices on October 22. For the first time this year, a People's Choice Award was introduced based on the finalist's 'What makes West Auckland Great' essay submissions. Over 900 votes were cast by family, friends and the local community. Ana Kathrin Maquiso from Avondale College was chosen as the winner and will receive \$500 to support her law school studies. To learn more about our scholarship programme, visit www.smithpartners.co.nz/in-the-community/law-scholarship.



SPRING HAS SPRUNG, TIME TO THINK ABOUT THE NEW YEAR!!

It's only weeks to Christmas 2014! Time to think about your requirements for the festive season and the coming year. Time to order personalised diaries, desk pads promoting your products and business, and personalised Christmas cards. Time to discuss promotional products that keep your name upfront and known. Think and act on thanking your clients for their continued support. The time is fast approaching when action needs to be taken; don't be that person that leaves it all to the last minute, avoid the rush. You better believe it; even a stopped clock is right twice a day. Do the smart thing now and contact Ryan at Treehouse Print, he does have the time. 027 498 6202 or check out his website <http://www.treehouseprint.co.nz/contact.html>.

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LOCAL BOARD UPDATE OCTOBER 2014

My first year on the Local Board has flown by, while initially it seemed things were going to happen slowly it seems that with a bit of effort things can change! Your Local Board is making a significant shift in focus which will start to become apparent next year. In October we adopted our three year plan for Rodney which will see us concentrate on 'infrastructure' issues that you said were important. This means more attention on things like footpaths and transport projects, planning for growth with the communities who are facing rapid population increases and delivering basic core services and projects cheaper and quicker. None of this is flash or exciting but the overwhelming feedback showed you wanted less fluffy stuff and more 'bricks and mortar' projects in our growth areas. We are also changing the way we work as a Board. Previously we had 18 separate 'portfolios' covering everything from Civil Defence and Arts through to Transport and Facilities. This meant a lot of meetings which made for slow decision making and painfully slow delivery. We have now created two Committees; a 'Transport, Planning & Infrastructure Committee' and a 'Parks, Culture & Community Development Committee'. These committees will have more decision making abilities, meet publically, and hopefully will react quick-

er to the changing environment Council is working in. I was delighted to be elected as Chair of the Transport, Planning and Infrastructure Committee especially as so much of our work is going to be around the changes taking place in Kumeu and Huapai, and the effect this will have on the other townships in our district. 2015 promises to be an interesting and busy year! Phelan Pirrie

GRAB TRUCK SPECIALIST

From early November Mr Binz will be operating a specialist Grab Truck to help you remove those large piles of rubbish or any bulk material you need moved or removed. This is to complement our Bin Service which we have been operating in the Kumeu District for the last 16 years. We have always been able to offer this service to our customers, but with the need for a dedicated truck to cope with the current and future needs of our client base, now was the opportune time to expand our operation. If you haven't seen the Grab Truck operating before check it out at www.mrbinz.co.nz - click 'watch video'. We will be operating this vehicle under the 0800GrabIt brand - same local knowledge and experienced operator, same great service.

SOUTH KAIPARA U3A

South Kaipara U3A meet Friday 7th November at 1pm. All welcome, gold coin entry - excellent afternoon tea. 'From the early days in Woodhill' - a short story - sad but true / Jenny Hunt and 'How to Recognise and Avoid Scams and Security Measures to Adopt Bronwyn from the BNZ,

St John Ambulance Rooms, 7 Rata Street, Helensville. For more information: Jenny 09 827 8861.

IS YOUR STREET THE BEST IN THE NORTH-WEST?

How does your street rate in the 2014 best street awards? Over the next month we will be finalizing entries and comparing information to make a decision on the best three streets in the district. The criteria includes but is not limited to:

- visual appeal
- neighbourhood activity
- programs for improvement
- companies or consortiums that support the street
- waste management or minimisation
- future proofing
- safety and signage.

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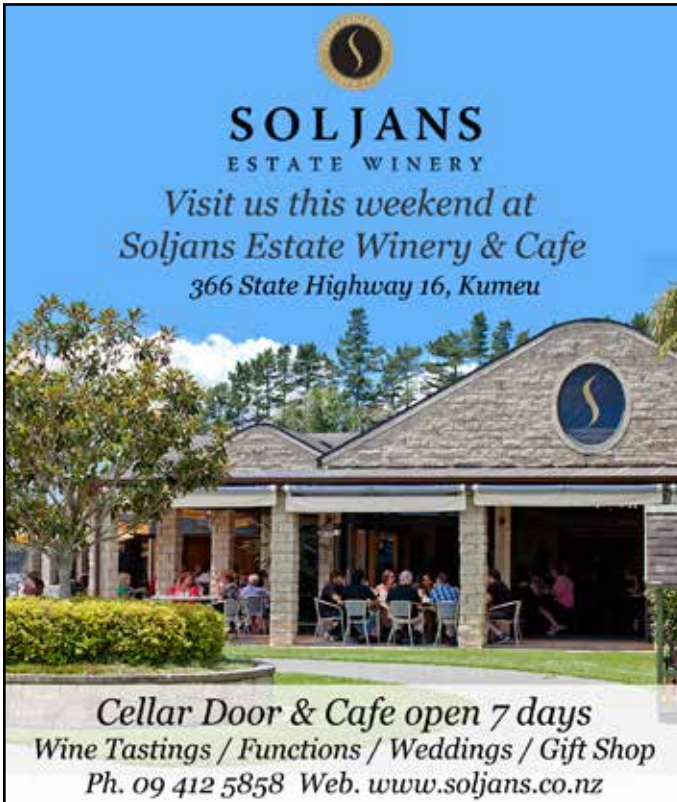
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THE KAURI GUM CAFE - RIVERHEAD

Tanya & Andrew Shields, owners of Kauri Gum Cafe, Riverhead are celebrating their first anniversary and invite you to the cafe on Saturday 29th November to help them and their wonderful staff celebrate their first birthday. Come along for some yummy birthday cake or dine in and enjoy our famous small or large fry (all day breakfast), homemade pies, rustic homemade cakes & slices, wicked chocolate brownie served with homemade chocolate sauce & cream and all created by our awesome cooks. We are also known for our coffee brand "brazil". The team thanks all our regular customers, friendly locals and welcome anyone new to the Riverhead area. Come and experience the ambience of the cafe and its famous characteristics traits - We are open 7 days 8-3pm Mon - Fri & 8 - 4pm Sat / Sunday. Coffee available from 7.30am - 7 days a week.



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A MOMENT IN THE RED CHAIR

The term location, location, location has been used a great deal in real estate for a decade, but we would like to deliver another message that is just as relevant; demand, demand, demand. In real estate terms it means there are more buyers and more demand than the market can supply. It happens with particular types of properties and it delivers a flurry of activity which in general terms produce a multiple offer situation. At present we have a buyer database which is overflowing with the following buyer groups:

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It appears that a wide range of buyers are struggling to find quality real estate, and with this increasing demand, real estate prices are very good indeed. Some may suggest a wait and see approach to where pricing goes, however we are seeing some stable and sustainable prices being achieved. Auckland City Council recently announced that through their valuation partner, Quotable Value, the Rating Values through the area may increase by as much as 35%, I have heard that some rating value increases in Auckland areas are higher than this. History suggests that shortly after the new rating

values are circulated a rates increase notice will follow, however Auckland Council are tight lipped on what the increase will amount too.



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INVESTORS MOVE IN AS FIRST HOME BUYERS FAIL TO FIND SUITABLE FINANCE OPTIONS

Property investors are the big winners from the Reserve Bank's mortgage restrictions, while first-home buyers are increasingly struggling to afford a house. The Reserve Bank introduced a limit a year ago on the amount banks can offer to people with less than 20 per cent of a deposit, in an effort to cool the housing market. Since then data from property analysis company CoreLogic has shown activity among investors who owned two or more properties had hit a 10-year high. Big investors with more than 10 properties were the most active, buying about two out of every five homes in August. But those trying to get onto the property ladder had found it harder, with first-home buyer numbers falling, as had the numbers of people moving from one property to another. Just before the mortgage restriction was introduced there was a surge in first-home buying as people got their foot in the property door. However, the figures showed that had fallen away, with first-home buyers accounting for about 18 per cent of homes bought, several per cent less than before the brief pre-restrictions surge. The figures also suggested people were looking further afield for a first home. Westpac bank chief economist Dominick Stephens said the investor surge was predicted when the loan-to-value ratio restrictions were introduced.

"Our view was it would have relatively little effect on house prices, as property investors would come in and replace the first-home buyers."

The Reserve Bank's actions were about shoring up the banking system by having fewer heavily mortgaged people buying houses. "One of the Reserve Bank's arguments was that it may be saving people from themselves," Stephens said. "If we have people getting in with 95 per cent leverage and there's a 10 per cent drop in house prices, they are 5 per cent under water." Making it more difficult for people to buy in an inflated market had social consequences, but reducing the risk of a future

banking crisis might be worth it, he said. "It's up to people to assess which is the most desirable outcome."

Nearly half of all sales in greater Auckland from June to September were to investors.

THE IMPORTANCE OF FURNITURE PLACEMENT IN THE LIVING ROOM

A well staged living room is inviting, spacious and balanced. The most common error in furniture placement is to put all the pieces around the wall, thinking that it will make the room larger, whereas it actually makes the room feel smaller and is less usable. A chunky sofa may be comfy, but if it is the only thing that fits into the room, then it isn't in proportion. Group sofas and chairs parallel to each other to create a conversation area, keep your furniture parallel to the walls, this is most pleasing on the eye, however if needed you can get away with angling a chair in a corner. Define a specific area with a change in floor coverings, e.g. a rug under the sofa and chairs. Tall up light lamps look best in corners as they make the room look larger, small lamps work best on side tables next to sofas or chairs. Every room should have a focal point something that immediately draws the eye into the room, e.g. artwork, large decorative mirror, a fireplace, a change in wall colour or texture... Remember, less is best when it comes to design. For Home Staging enquires, please contact Anna or Tracey on 021 136 3750 or 029 200 9011. Email athomestaging@xtra.co.nz

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BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED HIDE-AWAY - WAITAKERE

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Set Date of Sale

9 Jonkers Road, Waitakere

Set Date of Sale Monday 3rd November - Viewing by appointment

This open plan, sunny and spacious Kentucky home delivers a range of exclusive aspects, including a semi-self contained studio, providing options for guests, extended family or income. Warm and tidy this home has three generous bedrooms, plus the studio, two bathrooms and two living area. A real entertainers paradise with excellent alfresco to patio and decking. A double garage and workshop links to the home off a beautiful and scenic driveway.

If you are searching for a true hideaway with extensive bush and views, without close neighbours and enjoying the Waitakere foothills in all its glory, this is a property that will make your heart sing.

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HIDDEN GEM IN TE ATATU PENINSULA

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By Neg

1 / 54 Waipani Road, Te Atatu Peninsula

By Negotiation - Viewing by appointment

This open plan, north facing home provides three generous bedrooms with built in wardrobes, an internal access garage, plenty of off street parking and a great decking space for hours of outdoor entertainment, all wrapped up in a tidy 118 square metres. Offering a truly lovely alfresco dining experience within the confines of your own private, sun drenched, little piece of paradise, this well presented family home situated in the heart of Te Atatu Peninsula is ready for your family, investors or first home buyers. Only a 3 minute stroll to Peninsula Primary School or local day care without crossing roads makes dropping the little ones off for the day a breeze, alternatively there are plenty of other high quality schools nearby. Local shopping and access to transport links are really easy. Fee Simple Cross Lease Section 1/2 share of 950 SQM.

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LIFESTYLE BRICK AND TILE - SWANSON

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Enquiries Over

29A O'Neills Road, Swanson
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Immaculately presented and near new, brick and tile home on small acreage set in a quiet rural glade in Swanson. The home enjoys four generous bedrooms, ensuite and bathroom and extensive open plan entertainers kitchen/ lounge and alfresco to north facing patio. In addition the property has extensive garaging and barn for tinkering and toys. Open and expansive spaces enjoying sunshine and valley view while only minutes drive from shopping, transport links and schools. A must view for lifestyle shoppers.



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SUNSHINE IN MASSEY

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Enquiries Over

17 Gallony Avenue, Massey
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Open spaces, sunshine glades, a pot pory of flowering glory and land to enjoy and make your own. This simple, easy care property, with three generous bedrooms, open plan living and dining enjoys extensive sunshine and has pleasant views. A single garage and storage area complements the home. As a first home or investment this home ticks the boxes, while being close to convenience shopping, schools, parks and transport links. Make this home yours today.



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BRICK AND TILE - INVESTMENT DELIGHT - HELENSVILLE

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Enquiries Over

58 Cabeleigh Drive, Helensville
Enquiries Over \$519,000 - Viewing by appointment

Seldom found, this near new Platinum Brick and Tile home offers all the benefits of low maintenance living within a quiet cul-de-sac environment, displaying similar quality homes, minutes from Helensville Shopping, School, Sports and Transport. The home offers open plan entertainers living with excellent alfresco patio, private and fully fenced back yard with landscaped gardens. A substantial home of four bedrooms, including office, bathroom and master ensuite and the convenience of double garage, laundry and workshop with internal access. The current tenant is happy to stay on should this be an investment option.



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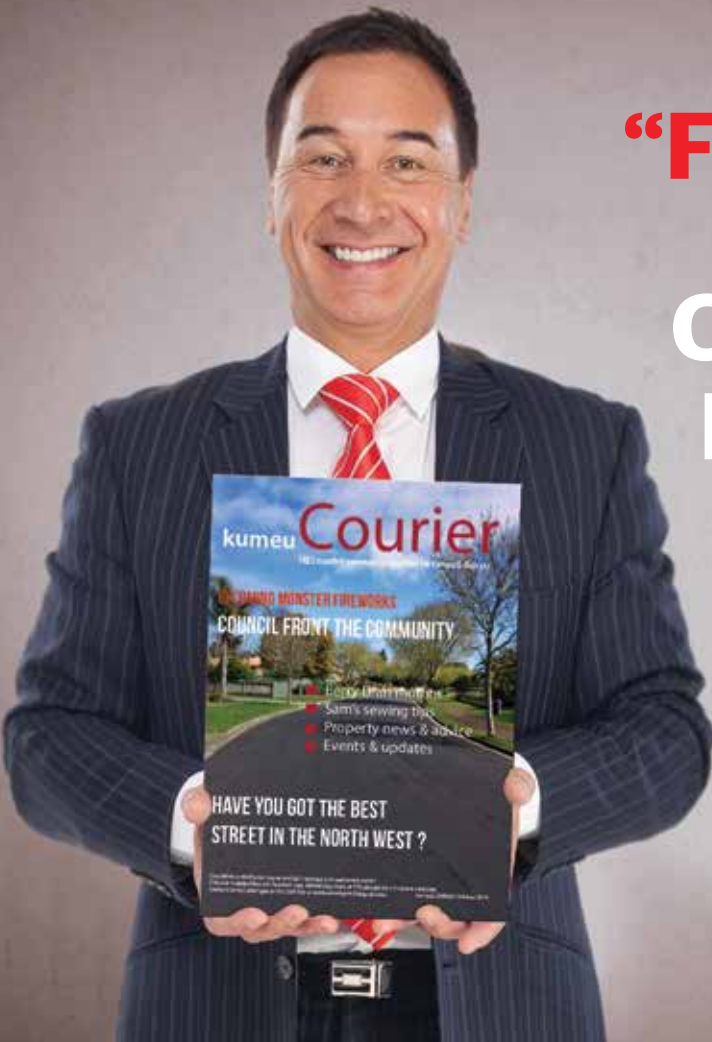
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22A Van Dyke Place, West Harbour
Set Date of Sale Monday 3rd November - Viewing by appointment

Situated close to Marina View Primary School, this significant family home with elevated views of the inner harbour, (and sky tower through to the Waitakere ranges from the entertainment decking), is an absolute entertainers delight. A well-built, contemporary, three level home, offering an open plan, spacious yet cozy living environment with excellent flow to outside courtyard and decking. Entertainers kitchen, dining and lounge, a true dinner party hub which you will enjoy sharing. Four double bedrooms, 3 toilets, separate bathroom and master with en-suite and walk in wardrobe. Internal access double garage completes the offer. A high level of internal specifications, and finishing will give you confidence and peace-of-mind. Set in the heart of West Harbour and minutes from convenience shopping, boat ramp, Marina View Primary School and close to transport links.



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RURAL BEAUTY, 23 ACRES - CLOSE TO WAIMAUKU

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By Neg

77 Alf Access Road, Helensville
By Negotiation - Viewing by appointment

This easy and comfortable living home has 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 lounges with 23 acres delivering privacy and suitability for horses or drystock. It will create a lasting impression with rural outlooks and open plan entertainers style kitchen, dining area. Particularly like the layout of the home that has separate living and sleeping areas that would suit a mixed age family or extended family. A recent refurbishment has refreshed the home. A mature and maintained lifestyle block fenced into 13 grazing paddocks with access through a central race, it provides easy options to move stock and manage your land.



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SUN-DRENCHED IN MASSEY - CLOSE TO WESTGATE

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67 Gallony Avenue, Massey
Enquiries Over \$449,000 - Viewing by appointment

This sun capturing home with 3 generous bedrooms and one bathroom is sitting on a fully fenced front and back section. The home comes with a single carport and decking to get the most out of the afternoon sunshine. Open plan style with separate formal lounge, dining area and kitchen, this home is private yet affordable. If you are a first home buyer or investor this home has the opportunity to redecorate and make it your own. Fee Simple Cross Lease Section 1/2 share 817 SQM.



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CRAZY AFFORDABLE IN CASTOR BAY - NEAR MILFORD

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Enquiries Over

3 / 18 Parr Terrace, Castor Bay
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Elevated and sunny two bedroom unit, recently refurbished and offering an excellent living and open plan entertaining environment. This private home is compact, offering, lock-up and leave living. Well constructed and presented in a quaint, retro feel, the home overlooks lawn and pool area. An outlook towards Rangitoto and minutes drive to convenience shopping, schools and transport links.



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DIY - EXTENSIVE VIEWS - BUSH SETTING - 1/2 ACRE

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Enquiries Over

338 Wairere Road, Waitakere
Enquiries Over \$599,000 - Viewing by appointment

Is it time for you to roll up your sleeves and participate in some DIY magic. This board and baton two level home delivers plenty of options for those looking to add value and capture the genesis of the Waitakere foothills. Built and extended to satisfy the family, the home has four bedrooms, large lounge spaces, single kitchen and bathroom. From upstairs the views are spectacular and the open plan environment does allow for options for further renationalisation and finishing. Set on almost 1/2 an acre of land it delivers a canvas for you to express your personality and add value in the process.



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DIY HOME WITH INCOME OPTION OR AN EXTENDED FAMILY

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Enquiries Over

1027 Coatesville-Riverhead Highway, Riverhead
Enquiries Over \$695,000 - Viewing by appointment

An outstanding opportunity to secure a home with income options in highly desirable Historical Riverhead.. Offering four generous rooms, two bathrooms and an open plan lounge with access to north west decking, this home offers options and value to the astute DIY buyer. An established 1970's 220sqm home offering options for refurbishment and the space to satisfy the family while providing options for either extended family or an income with a one bedroom 60 sqm townhouse. Located on a ¼ acre section and minutes from the Kauri Gum Store Café and Riverhead School.



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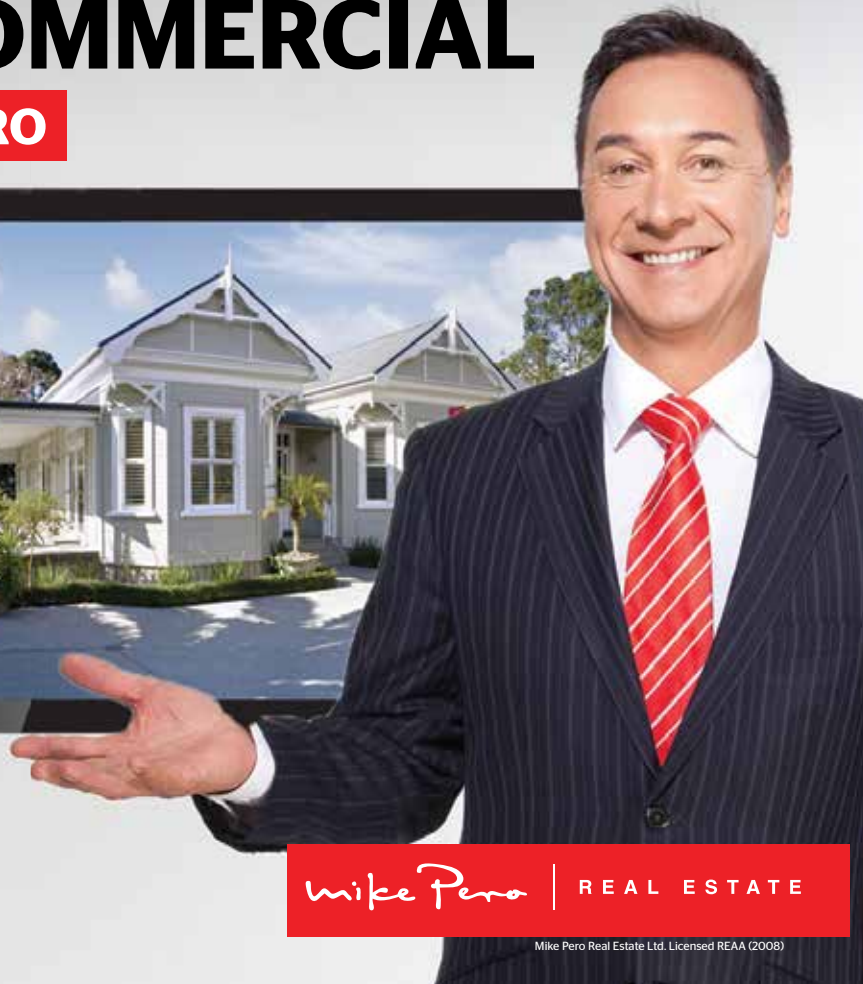
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OUT AND ABOUT WITH JOJO'S CHILDCARE

Swimming lessons have begun, so that must mean that the warm weather has arrived. Our first group of swimmers had their lesson on Wednesday and what a beautiful day it was for a swim. As we move from our winter programme of activities into our summer programme the children will begin to get out and about in the community and beyond doing a range of things. Our 2 and 3 year olds are off to Butterfly Creek, the pre-school is planning their next adventure as well as a bike day. Our infants are loving being outside on the grass and in the sandpit experiencing new textures and sounds, some for the first time with our youngest infants not having experienced the warm weather. Our Christmas concert, parade float and whole centre trip are all in the pipeline - there is so much to look forward to. We are currently taking enrolments



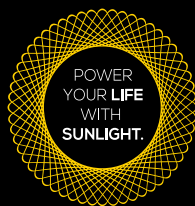
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MARIA SCOTT – LINE DANCING

The line dancing group "Making Tracks" practises in Kumeu hall on Thursday mornings from 9.00 to 11.00 a.m. with the first

hour for new learners. The activity is a friendly, social way of exercising with the music covering a wide range of genres and new dancers are very welcome. There is another class at the Riverhead hall on Tuesday evenings 7.00 to 9.00 p.m. and this also has the first hour devoted to beginners. The cost per session is \$7 and contact can be made to Maria Ph: 09 415 3378 or Margaret, Ph: 09 412 9059 Maria Scott, the teacher, has been associated with line dancing for over 21 years, as a teacher, judge, and demonstrator. As well as being involved in videos, music cd productions she also sings in a band called "Hot Property".



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COUNTRY BEARS HAS BEEN BUSY

We would like to thank our parents for their support in attending our last month's parent evening and all the extra programme activities; attending a live show 'The little yellow digger', Clifford at the Kumeu library as well our visit from the librarian. Our amazing music lessons every Tuesday, swimming lesson on Mondays, just some of the fun extra-curricular our children enjoy whilst at Country Bears. As well as a big thank you to our amazing team of teachers and staff, that all help make Country Bears a fun place



to be involved with. Christmas is approaching and we have lots of exciting events to look forward to as well. Please check out our Facebook page www.facebook.com/cbearsecc

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"Dear Karen and Team, I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to the

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*0-2 yrs	20	\$40	\$60	\$80	\$100	No Lunch provided
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COUNTRY BEARS BELIEVES THAT A HIGH QUALITY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM IMPROVES EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Research in this area has proven that young children grow with more confidence through their lives with an enriched preschool experience. As in the article there are always important factors to consider.

Preschool programs help children achieve school readiness by equipping them with the needed cognitive skills for learning. A new study, published in Child Development, suggests that high-quality preschool programs can have significant positive effects on children's later educational outcomes.

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consistently have greater levels of future academic success. Additionally, research suggests that implementing explicit and intentional curricula in preschool programs helps to develop the essential components of school readiness. To test this idea, researchers examined a public preschool program that combined research-based curricula with a coaching system for preschool teachers. The coaching system is an ongoing professional development initiative in which teachers are observed in the classroom and provided with feedback regarding their pedagogy. Preschool teachers involved in this particular program have an educational background of either bachelor's or master's level training. Overall, these results provide further evidence of the benefits of preschool programs for children. Preschool can expand young children's skills and knowledge through purposefully-designed learning environments. Teachers and administrators who provide children with enriching and meaningful experiences prepare children to become successful learners. We believe that not only children learn and develop with support but also the teachers that work alongside the children. Just like children, teachers need to explore new learning ideas so that we can share this with the children. Country Bears believes that children and teachers of today need encouragement to explore outside their comfort zones to simulate a new level of thinking (stimulating new senses). In today's world of changing technology and new discoveries we all need to embrace and enjoy the journey of learning. At Country Bears we support teachers, parents and children to learn together. Recently we have been investigating ways to improve positive interactions for children, teachers and parents. We will be hosting a parent evening to share ideas that may help them and their children to grow and develop, hopefully providing some different approaches to interacting positively. Our programme recognises the importance of respect and patience to help achieve the full potential of our children and teachers, at the same time, supporting parents. Written by Rita Eastell – Dip of Techg ECE – Owner of Country Bears Preschool. Please feel free to come and visit our wonderful preschool, Country Bears Early Childhood Centre, 79 Oraha Road, Kumeu 09 412 8055 www.countrybears.co.nz www.facebook.com/cbearsecc





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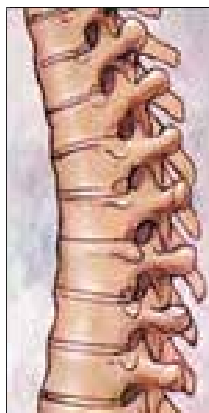
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Good weaner heifers	\$460 to \$510
Small/medium weaner heifers	\$400 to \$440
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Very light cows	\$540 to \$690
Cows & calves	\$650 to \$1,000

SHEEP

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Store lambs	\$68 to \$99
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ity as the summer tourists start to arrive and visit our beautiful West Coast. Those of us who live here year round are lucky to have this rich environment at our doorstep. We benefit financially, physically, emotionally from what it has to offer. Think about giving something back. Consider: 1. Reuse, recycle with care, refuse excess packaging. 2 Take a rubbish bag with you this summer for your own litter, and try to bring home a few extra pieces. 3. Don't take your dog e.g. to Maukatia Bay where dogs are banned. Be a responsible dog owner.

CHURCHES COMBINE TO CELEBRATE GOSPEL BI-CENTENARY

Seven local churches have organised a Church Trail to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Christian Gospel arriving in NZ. On Sunday afternoon 23rd November, the seven churches between Riverhead and Waimauku will be open to the public between 1pm and 4pm. As well as a display of memorabilia and photos depicting their own church history, each church has organised a variety of activities, entertainment and displays. Refreshments will also be provided, and activities for children. The afternoon will conclude with a Thanksgiving Service at 4.30pm in the Waimauku School Hall. This will be followed by a sausage sizzle/light meal. In conjunction with the Church Trail, an Art Competition for children is being held. This will have the Theme of "Faith, Hope and Love in our Community" and be open to children from pre-school up to the age of 16 years. There will be 4 different age categories and prizes of \$50, \$30 and \$20 will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings. All the art work will be on display in the churches, and the winners will be presented with their prizes at the end of the Church Service. Entry Forms for the Competition are available at the Kumeu



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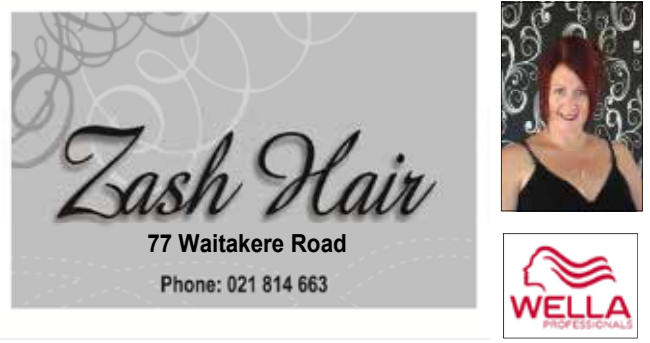


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the Riverhead "village", Friday nights would see 30 – 40 people in the clubhouse – playing pool, darts and in-door bowls and some raffles with the odd few dancing away the hours! The Club is currently on a drive to get the community back into the Bowls scene and part of the initiative is a summer business house league (mufti attire). We encourage locals and local businesses to enter a team in a series of twilight games with the emphasis on fun – the club will provide the bowls and a BBQ afterwards plus each team will have a Club bowler in it to show you the "ropes". At the last Commonwealth Games a past club member (Tony Grantham) represented NZ at these games – who knows – someone else from Riverhead could do the same. Don't forget the club is available to local members and residents for functions – we provide excellent facilities for most required functions – feel free to speak to our President for further conditions and costs. For details contact Harry Moore 022 600 8972 or the club 09 412 9755.

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Thu 6 Nov	-	04:00	10:09	16:26	22:27
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