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Intro

Daylight savings, spring, festivals, sunshine and cheese! All my favourite things coming this month! Finally little hints of blossoms and daffodils dot the countryside showing the weather is warming up. Given that I have seen kite surfers and paddle boarders out on the weekends I can only assume the water is warming up too. October brings New Zealand Cheese month, with Crescent Dairy Farm having an open day. Why not enjoy a free outing with the family? Let the little ones play with the newborn kids while you sample some delicious cheese and wine. Also covered in this issue, we can look forward to an enlightening experience at this year's Auckland Diwali Festival on 11–12 October. The event known as the 'festival of lights' delves deep into the sights, sounds, tastes and traditions of India. Don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour for daylight savings before you go to bed on Saturday 27th September (we would hate it if you missed out on an extra hour's sleep-in on Sunday) and also check all your smoke alarms. As always, stay safe, be kind.

Sarah,
Editor.



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PHELAN PIRRIE LOCAL BOARD MEMBER – RODNEY LOCAL BOARD

Local Board Plan -

Some strong messages came through in your plan submissions: Transport, including roads and footpaths; and Mainstreet upgrades including community led planning and things like toilet upgrades. There were also strong pushes for community involvement in planning around population growth.

The Board is preparing to focus on these things because that's what we've heard from you. However, with the lid being kept on budgets this means some things will need to wait while we invest in the infrastructure you are telling us you want. Once these projects are completed then we can realign our attention.

Personally I am pleased the Board will start to do a few things really well rather than many things just OK and I welcome this realignment of spending focus.

Watercare invests in Rodney -

There's a perception that our rates contribution in Rodney is not matched by spending, so I have been slowly digging the numbers out of the reports we receive. I'm some way from getting a definitive answer on how much we get versus our contribution.

We had a report from Watercare recently

and I was surprised at the level of spending across Rodney – a lot of it on upgrading outdated and failing infrastructure from Rodney Council days – Watercare has invested over \$67 million in Rodney from 2011 to 2014.

If you're interested in getting my eNewsletter which has more detail about what's happening in our townships please visit: <http://eepurl.com/E9H41>

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BEST STREET IN THE NORTH WEST

Who has the best street in the North West area? Could it be your street? Do you work together to improve the street? Do you have Christmas street parties, Neighbourhood support, working groups, a desire to improve the street appeal? Together with our good friends at Mike Pero Real Estate Kumeu, we are beginning a journey to find the best street to live on in the North West. The benefits of participation will come not only from exposure and publicity but also the ability for neighbours to start planning and set-

ting goals for their street and embark on a process of improvement. "The benefits of this program go beyond feeling good," says Graham McIntyre, brand and territory owner of Mike Pero Real Estate Kumeu. "It provides exposure to streets and areas which people desire to live in, which will lift real estate values. If you would like to participate please email us at glms@xtra.co.nz or sarahcartwright022@gmail.com.

CAPITAL GAINS TAX

Properties selling post-election usually involves a catch up period for those who held off buying until the election was over. The best preparation for sellers is to have an up-to-date LIM report. Secondly, it pays to fix things which might be adverse in the purchaser's builder report. Capital gains tax and how it works – any proposed capital gains tax will probably follow the Australian model. This means that the family home is exempt but any second house is not. On balance, it will not make any difference to most purchasers who will only own one house at a time. The capital gain is pegged to a valuation date and will only be taxed when you sell, say at 15%. This means there should be no reason to be concerned if you plan to live in your house for a long time. For more information contact Luke Kemp by phone: 09 412 6000 or email: luke@kempsolicitors.co.nz



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Ever wondered why choral singers look to be on a high? The total body benefits of singing are many and well documented. Singing improves your mood; it relieves stress, improves your posture and

increases your lung capacity; it releases the same feel-good brain chemicals as chocolate! Research shows singing even boosts your immune system. So why not join a choir! The established community choir, Kumeu Blend, is welcoming new singers, especially tenors and basses. The friendly and relaxed culture of the choir is a great place to make new friends, develop your vocal talent and be enriched by a varied repertoire of music. Rehearsals are Mondays 7.30pm at St Chad's in Huapai. No auditions needed, just try it out. Sight-reading is a bonus but not essential. Margaret Lindsay the



conductor will be happy to answer any other questions phone: 09 849 9070 or email: margaret@lindsays.co.nz

PRINT MAKING EXHIBITION

Kumeu Arts Centre is proud to put on our first Print Making Exhibition, showcasing Kumeu Arts Centre member's talents in this medium. This exhibition will solely comprise of various print making techniques (including mono prints, etchings, lithographs and relief prints). Exhibition runs from Monday 6th October to Saturday 1st November 2014. Contact us for more info by phone: 09 412 6480 or email: thetinshead@clear.co.nz

HEAD INTO SUMMER SIZE MEALS

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DANSWAN LAW IS MOVING

Well, it is with some regret that I write for the last time in the Kumeu Courier as my family and I are relocating to the wonderful town of Cambridge next month. Therefore, rather than putting forward another article to digest, I simply write to say that it has been a real privilege living and working here in Kumeu. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you all over the last few years and I wish the Kumeu-Huapai Community all the very best for the future. Kind regards, Chad Danswan of Danswan Law Limited.



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- Build a partnership with police, focused on solving problems instead of reacting to crises. Make it possible for neighbours to report suspicious activity or crimes without fear of retaliation.
- Clean up the neighbourhood! Involve everyone - teens, children, senior citizens. Litter, abandoned cars, and run-down buildings tell criminals that you don't care about where you live.
- Work with schools to establish drug-free, knife-free zones; work with recreation officials to do the same for parks.
- Develop and share a phone list of local organisations that can provide counselling, job training, guidance, and other services that neighbours might need.
- Report a crime if you witness it or something you suspect might be a crime. Agree to testify if needed.

In an emergency dial 111.
For more information contact
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In honour of the fallen...

Five members of the Waitakere Brigade joined the 90 Firefighters who completed a memorial stair climb on 11 September, in honour of the 343 FDNY Firefighters who tragically lost their lives 13 years ago. All 343 names were read aloud by two visiting FDNY Firefighters, as well as the names of 56 NZFS Firefighters who have died in the line of duty. Don't forget to check all smoke alarms in your house. You should

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Address	Max	Median	Minimum	Most Recent Sale
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HERALD ISLAND				
Residential	\$ 805,000	\$ 790,000	\$ 660,000	\$ 805,000
HOBSONVILLE				
Residential	\$ 600,000	\$ 580,000	\$ 565,000	\$ 570,000
HUAPAI - KUMEU				
Residential	\$ 850,000	\$ 592,000	\$ 568,000	\$ 605,000
Lifestyle	\$1,700,000	\$ 1,630,000	\$1,051,000	\$ 1,250,000
MURIWAI				
Residential	\$ 746,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 560,000	\$606,000
RIVERHEAD				
Residential	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 645,000	\$ 418,000	\$ 645,000
TAUPAKI				
Lifestyle	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 1,008,000	\$ 740,000	\$ 1,150,000
WAIMAUKU				
Residential	\$ 1,110,000	\$ 820,000	\$ 530,000	\$ 820,000
Lifestyle	\$ 932,500	\$ 880,000	\$ 551,000	\$ 880,000
WAITAKERE TOWNSHIP				
Residential	\$ 1,175,000	\$ 910,000	\$ 480,000	\$ 1,100,000
WESTHARBOUR				
Residential	\$ 930,000	\$ 671,000	\$ 458,000	\$785,000
WHENUAPAI				
Residential	\$ 1,139,000	\$ 695,000	\$ 480,000	\$ 775,000

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UPDATES:EVENTS

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Spring has greeted us with some beautiful days, and more daylight hours to enjoy it now too. With that we have our famous fish n chips and burgers available for takeaway Tuesday to Sunday from 11am - last orders before 8pm as of Labour Weekend.

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Of course, with daylight saving here and Labour Weekend approaching, comes the dreaded thought that Christmas is not far behind. MOA Gifts, attached to Muriwai Top Shop, is where you can find that kiwi gift for sending abroad or a variety of options for the special people in your life. New items are in store from October to ensure a full selection of gifts are available for all genders and ages. We are proud to stock some of the best array of works from New Zealanders, while encompassing a twist of retro and gifts with a point of difference.

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We have a cheese shop on our property which will be open so if people want to purchase any milk, cheese or yoghurt on the day they can do. For more info please check our website www.crescentdairy-goats.co.nz

KUMEU GARDEN HUB

Formerly the Kumeu Garden Centre, the Kumeu Garden Hub is definitely worth a visit. Situated next to Carriages Café, we have a new team, new plants and great new prices. We currently have a wonderful selection of potted colour, hanging

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WOW...THE GALLERY, JAPANESE CAFÉ WITH BYO IN KUMEU

The Gallery (Japanese & Cafe) in Huapai is pleased to announce the arrival of their new liquor license. To accompany their offer of authentic Japanese beer and sake, owners Charlie and Annie have created a more elaborate dinner menu, which will be available from September on 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 (Unagi Kabayaki). 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. With Charlie's extensive 20 year experience as a French chef in a five-star hotel, he is excited to combine ideas from France and Japan in what is known as fusion food. The Gallery retains its original café menu along with the usual variety of Japanese food. Takeaways are available from this menu. Come along and enjoy an authentic Japanese fusion meal against the backdrop of Charlie's photography with warm sake, an icy cold beer or your own B.Y.O.W in a convivial atmosphere at very reasonable prices. 8/329A Main Rd, Huapai, Auckland. Phone: 09 412 8983 or 0275 613 680

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Riverhead Athletics Club is ready for action in the upcoming season. The club has been a stalwart of the Norwest community for over 50 years. Club nights are all school term Wednesdays through summer at Riverhead War Memorial Park. Club nights are for children aged 2 - 14; these are an ideal first introduction into sports. The older kids from 7 and up have the opportunity to concentrate on specialist events and take them through to an entry in the Auckland Champs. Last year we had 16 children make finals day at the Auckland Junior Champs and one of our club's former competitors make the New Zealand Commonwealth team in Glasgow. Registrations are being taken online now – visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.sportsground.co.nz/riverheadathletics"](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/riverheadathletics) and season subscriptions start from \$25 for pre-school children.

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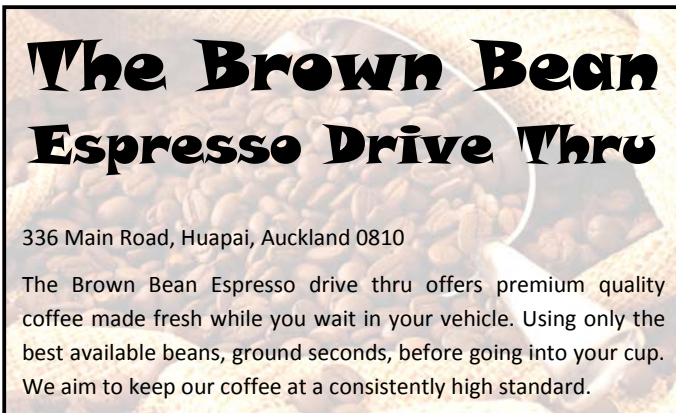


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New World	Kumeu
Top Shop	Muriwai

KUMEU WI NEWS

Helensville WI members were welcomed by Kumeu President, Joan Pickering, to the annual Kaipara Group Meeting on 3rd September. A pair of knitted bed-socks was one of the competitions, and these were to be donated to the Craigweil House Rest Home at Parakai. After a shared lunch, the Speaker was Mr Don Chapman, President of the Waitakere Branch of the Grey Power Association. He outlined the history of the organisation, and spoke on how the organisation had successfully lobbied NZ governments over the years to improve services to senior citizens. He also publicised the members' Discount Book which listed all the shops and services in west Auckland that provide a discount to Grey Power members. Many of these are in Kumeu. Members can also receive cheaper electricity prices by joining the Grey Power Electricity Scheme, offered by Pulse Electricity. New members are always welcome at Kumeu WI meetings, which are held on the first Wednesday in the month in the small hall at the Kumeu Community Centre. Meetings commence at 11am and include a shared lunch. For further details phone Joan 09 411 8962, or Doreen 09 416 9522.

BRIGHTEN UP YOUR LIFE AT AUCKLAND DIWALI FESTIVAL

Aucklanders can look forward to an enlightening experience at this year's Auckland Diwali Festival on 11–12 October. The event known as the 'festival of lights' delves deep into the sights, sounds, tastes and traditions of India. Festival-goers will have the chance to tantalise their taste buds with new flavours from the fully vegetarian menu, witness an even greater range of contemporary and traditional Indian performance and learn more about India's fascinating culture through an expanded range of workshops, seminars and activities. The event runs from midday to 9pm in Aotea Square, Aotea Centre and on Queen Street in central Auckland. It is organised by Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED) in partnership with the Asia New Zealand Foundation. ATEED Chief Executive Brett O'Riley says Auckland Diwali Festival showcases a unique blend of ancient Indian and New Zealand Indian culture. "Auckland is shaped by its people, its heritage and traditions. Diwali Festival gives our large and vibrant Indian community an opportunity to come together and share this much-loved cultural tradition with all Aucklanders in a truly joyful occasion that the whole family will love." New elements to the festival






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are still to be revealed but regular highlights include stunning onstage and street performances from over 100 national and international groups, 50 food and craft stalls, the Radio Tarana Bollywood Dance competition and the Barfoot & Thompson Fireworks Finale on Sunday night. Asia New Zealand Foundation Chairman Phillip Burdon says Diwali or Deepavali (literally 'row of lamps') is an important and ancient Hindu festival which has been embraced by other faiths. "The festival was celebrated privately in New Zealand homes for decades – with families lighting small oil lamps and candles around their homes to signify the triumph of light over darkness – before the Asia New Zealand Foundation initiated the first major public celebration in 2002 in partnership with Auckland Council. Since then the festival has grown in size and diversity, thanks to the contributions of Auckland's Indian community which numbered more than 106,000 people at the time of the 2013 census." Check out aucklandnz.com/diwali for more details. The sponsors and supporters of Auckland Diwali Festival are Air New Zealand, Barfoot & Thompson, Fairfax Media, iHeart Radio, Indian Weekender, India Tourism, Mithai, Radio Tarana, AIA Life Insurance, Love NZ and The Better Drinks Company.

FROM YOUR COUCH TO 5 KM

A couch to 5km run group kicks off at Kumeu Gym in October. This 10 week block includes a weekly Wednesday night training session, with the package also including a week by week training programme, coach on call plus plenty of essential tips. Kumeu Gym owners, Rob and Cassie Keegan had identified a demand from members for running guidance, advice on technique and a regular group, so they have teamed up with running coach, Claire Smith. A runner for over 20 years and a coach for over 7, Claire believes the 'Couch to 5km' concept is a perfect starting point, especially for this time of year. Aimed at total beginners, those whose running shoes have been gathering dust for a while or runners returning from injury, this course is structured to build each person gradually with the goal of running 5km by Christmas. 'It's a really good base to lay down before the silly season,' says Claire. 'Even if you go backwards a little bit over that time, you'll still be in a great position to actually fulfil your New Year's resolutions and keep the momentum going.' If the response is good, Claire intends to build on this next year with groups working towards longer distances. The training block starts Wednesday October 15th and is open to gym members and non-members. If you are interested or would like to register, contact Claire: clairesmithtpt@gmail.com

SELLING YOUR BUSINESS OR MOVING PREMISES? WHY YOU MIGHT NEED TO "ASSIGN" YOUR LEASE

If you are part way through a commercial lease you cannot just cancel it if you sell your business or want to move premises. Usually, the lease is assigned. An assignment of lease is when you assign your obligations under the lease to a new tenant. This new tenant will become responsible for paying the rent, outgoings, renewing the lease, etc. However, any guarantor of your lease could still have financial responsibilities to the Landlord for the whole of the term of the lease (including renewed terms) unless these are explicitly cancelled. A skilled commercial property lawyer can help you negotiate with new tenants and the existing Landlord to limit this liability when you assign your lease. To review the liabilities you have under your current lease and help negotiate with your current landlord and the new tenant/assignee to reduce ongoing liability, please contact Smith and Partners Lawyers by phone on 09 836 0939 or email partners@smithpartners.co.nz.



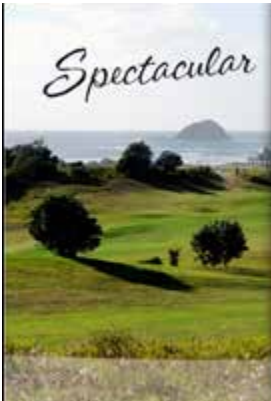
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A MOMENT IN THE RED CHAIR

It's Spring. You can tell because we always get the torrential downpours, a

slight warming in the air, and the desire to get things done before Christmas jumps up on us (especially now the election is over).

Politicians always have an opinion on what to do and how to do it, and likewise I find so does every real estate agent. This is what makes our industry so colourful but it also delivers a range of experiences and outcomes. If you are considering selling your home in the next few months we encourage you to start the process today. By contacting Mike Pero Real Estate you will get a checklist of simple improvements that you can undertake, and a list of local suppliers who can deliver immediate improvement to your home. You will receive a free marketing package worth \$6000 and our commission rate is only 2.95%, delivering a significantly better all-round package.



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interest and in turn more money for our Vendors.

With spring comes the desire to clean away mould and mildew, air the house and dry clean the curtains. It is also a good time to spider spray and get the barbeque cleaned up and lawn mower up and running. If you'd like to start the process of getting a windfall price on your home, start with a call to me today on 0800 900 700.

FEELING DAMP AND MOULDLY ?

When it comes to life at home, both tenants and home owners are likely to suffer from health related issues due to sub-standard living conditions, a recent survey conducted by independent research company Buzz Channel has shown.

With houses that are cold and continually mouldy due to condensation and dampness, people most affected are tenants and home owners who have difficulty with mortgage repayments, who have a significantly higher chance of living in a home with widespread issues.

This issue is affecting more than just their curtains and furnishings. Persistent coughs, runny noses, sore and irritated throats and red itchy eyes were all common health problems reported by renters and homeowners with mortgages. This resulted in double the number of sick days than those who live in their own home mortgage-free.

To cast light on the poor state of New Zealand's housing, the survey commissioned by HRV also found that almost 60 per cent of people felt added stress in their lives because of their substandard living conditions, and the financial cost was also a burden. Living in a mouldy, damp home delivers more than poor health. It also damages carpet, wall lining, furnishings, clothes and shoes.

Other key findings of the survey include:

- 50 per cent of renters and a third of those with a mortgage said the condition of their home worsened their health.
- 37 per cent of renters and 28 per cent of



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home owners with a mortgage suffer wheezing and coughing compared to 15 per cent of home owners with no mortgage.

• Nearly two thirds (63 per cent) of those surveyed said they would be happy for their home to undergo a warrant of fitness check.

* Buzz Channel surveyed 505 people aged between 24 and 75 years. The margin of error on this sample is +/- 4.3 per cent at a 95 per cent confidence level.

If you are experiencing a home that is suffering damp and mould, you may choose to talk to Mike Pero Real Estate for their 10 POINT PLAN TO A HEALTHY HOME. It doesn't always cost a lot to improve your situation but your health and personal effects might suffer heavily if you do nothing. Call 0800 900 700 for more information.

THE BEST TIME TO SELL YOUR HOME

Tradition and statistics has it that spring is the best time to sell your home. So many people think the best time to list their home is when everybody else is doing the same. Many would-be spring sellers leave their run too late, underestimating how much time it takes to get their property ready for sale. Buyers are not as seasonal as sellers think they are. All through winter, they have become dejected as they notice a distinct lack of listings. And when the property market starts to ramp up again in the first flush of spring, eager buyers are ready and waiting to compete for new listings. Often a very good time to sell is during October and November, as the stock levels never quite match up to buyer demand. The laggards who get their property to market in December may not do so well. By this time, buyers are tired, there is more property to choose from and the balance of supply versus demand levels off. Suddenly, buyers feel as though there is no urgency and they can take their time for a change. The best time to sell is often early in the season, yet many would-be vendors dawdle in the lead-up to the warmer months and don't have their home ready until almost Christmas. However, buyers have an appetite for spring property from the start, and it is the early bird that catches the worm. So, here are six things you need to start doing immediately that will have you ready for your first open home faster.

1. Street appeal - It is amazing the difference a high-pressure hose can make. Unless you are selling a "renovator's delight", ensure the paint is fresh, the garden is tidy and green, and the lawn is trimmed.

2. Declutter - Let's face it, we all have too much stuff, so have a good hard look at what you need to live with day to day and start packing away excess books, ornaments and even furniture. After all, when you move, you are going to have to pack it all up anyway.

3. Storage - Get some storage organised offsite and start moving those boxes. Don't leave them in your garage; it makes it

too obvious that you do not have enough space or storage in the house.

Start the process - One call to Mike Pero Real Estate will provide access to a wealth of information, advice and assistance.

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GREEN PASTURES, PRIVATE HIDE AWAY IN WAITAKERE TOWNSHIP

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Enquiries Over

2A Northfield Road, Waitakere Township
Enquiries Over \$769,000 - Viewing by appointment

Set in the glades to the north east of the Waitakere Foothills you will discover a hide-away that delivers promise and potential. A beautifully presented, almost 2 acre, blank canvas delivered with a fully refurbished and modernised three bedroom plus sleepout home. A new kitchen, bathroom and laundry delivers the oohh aaaah factor. Open plan living and entertaining out to alfresco decking with a distinctly private and serene backdrop. The home enjoys an easy-living style including a study nook, a large sleepout and double garage with ample storage. Plenty of options for lifestyle, additional sheds, grazing or golf. Located in zone and close to Waitakere Primary School, it is also in zone for western high schools including Waitakere, Massey, St Dominic's and Liston Colleges. Excellent transport links including train and school bus stop opposite the driveway entrance.

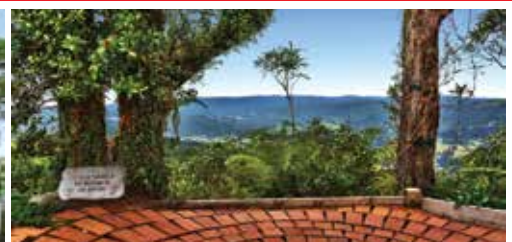


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BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED HIDE-AWAY - WAITAKERE

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9 Jonkers Road, Waitakere
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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 areas. 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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WAITAKERE TOWNSHIP ON 1500 SQUARE METERS

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Enquiries Over

103 Waitakere Road, Waitakere Township
Enquiries Over \$585,000 - Viewing by appointment

This private hideaway offers easy living on one level, with garaging, workshop, easy-care gardens, fruit and ornamental trees. An open plan lounge dining with generous bedrooms, bathroom and ensuite. North west facing this home has views over Jonkers farm and the Waitakere foothills. Extensive sunshine and ample views are part of the magic of this delightful fiber-cement weatherboard home. Alfresco to the west and the east delivers entertainment or relaxed outside living. The property has a freestanding double garage, workshop and storage for the home handyman. An outstanding home, well worth an inspection. Minutes drive to Waitakere Primary School, Superette, Train station, RSA and parks.



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SUNSHINE IN MASSEY

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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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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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FIRST HOME OR INVESTOR OPPORTUNITY - CLOSE TO WESTGATE

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6 Trengove Place, West Harbour
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This three bedroom, one bathroom home presents the perfect opportunity for a first home buyer or an investor. With three generous sized bedrooms, one bathroom with separate toilet and laundry you will feel right at home. A spacious living area that has a pot belly fire to warm up those colder nights. Set on 722sqm (more or less) the backyard is fully fenced with an entertaining deck and area for the kids to play. Including a small garden shed for storage. A single garage and workshop area the man of the house will have plenty of room to store his tools or toys. The property also consists of an open carport and has space for 3 off street car parking.
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AS CLOSE TO AK CBD AS KUMEU OR COATESVILLE

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Enquiries Over

171 Stoney Creek Drive, Waitakere
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Views are plentiful plus the attraction of privacy and tranquility and yet as close to the Auckland City hustle and bustle as you need to be. This large five bedroom homestead delivers easy living while the ducks, hens and sheep also have the best of creature comforts. The home has extensive 270 degree views while its north facing position attracts great sunshine and delivers easy alfresco living to surround decking. With buyer enquiry over \$949,000 it delivers outstanding value to buyers seeking comfort, intimacy and absolute value.



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THE MOST MAJESTIC VIEWS OVER MURIWAI BEACH AND VALLEY

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445 Oaia Road, Muriwai
Enquiries Over \$1,900,000 - Viewing by appointment

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LAND OR HOUSE AND LAND PACKAGE

By Neg

16A Aitkenhead Court, Parakai
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SUN-DRENCHED IN MASSEY - CLOSE TO WESTGATE

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67 Gallony Avenue, Massey
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This sun capturing home with 3 generous bedrooms and one bathroom is sitting on a fully fenced front and back section of more or less 400M2. 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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CITY VIEWS FROM WEST HARBOUR - NEAR HOBSONVILLE

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By Neg

22A Van Dyke Place, West Harbour
By Negotiation - 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
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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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WAIPANI GOLD - ALFRESCO IN TE ATATU PENINSULA

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1 / 54 Waipani Road, Te Atatu Peninsula
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This well presented home and property in the heart of Te Atatu Peninsula is just the ticket. A north facing refreshed bungalow offering three generous bedrooms, with open plan alfresco living to extensive and private North West Decking. Well off the road the property has off street parking and single garage. Move in and enjoy. Minutes from quality schools, shopping, transport links, parks and recreational options. Fee Simple Cross Lease Section 1/2 share of 950 SQM.



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CRAZY AFFORDABLE IN CASTOR BAY - NEAR MILFORD

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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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OUTSTANDING HOME WITH INCOME POSSIBILITIES

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6 Glen Road, Ranui
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An extensive 190 square meter home with options for the XXL family or those wanting some income options. Set on 885 sqm of flat and usable lawn, the home has significant space, offering five bedrooms, three bathrooms over two levels. A one bedroom, lower apartment offers some options for the family or future income possibilities, while a single garage and workshop with storage delivers good value to the home and hobbyist. Well presented, the home has a recently renovated kitchen and sunny North facing aspect. Close to parks, schools, shopping and transport services, make the most of this opportunity to secure a significant home at a realistic price.



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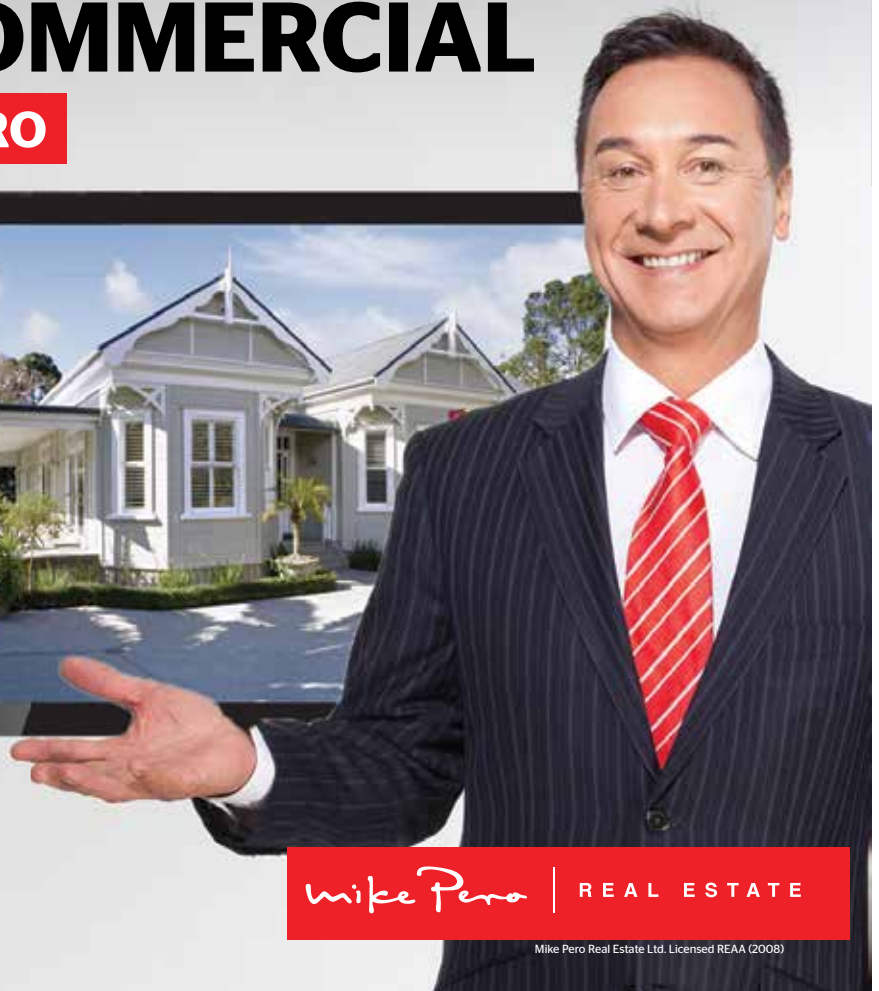
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On Friday 8th August, Nature's Explorers Kindergarten in Riverhead held their Annual Disco down at the local Riverhead Community Hall. We had a fantastic turn out of families on the night. Families contributed to our supper by bringing in a savoury or sweet plate of food to share. Children and families chose the music playlist for the event, all the children dressed up for this fun occasion in their outfit of choice.

One of our families lent us some disco lights and a fabulous smoke machine, which added to the wonderful ambience in the hall once everyone started dancing. I asked the children recently what they liked at their Disco and their responses included "Dancing" and the "Smoke machine" We look forward to another great Disco next year!

We raised a total of \$269 for the Cancer Society from holding our recent Disco and Daffodil Days—thanks to the support of our wonderful families.

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Best steers	\$1200 to \$1860
Other store steers	\$780 to \$1,080
Medium yearling steers	\$600 to \$760
Light x bred rising 1 year steers	\$470 to \$590
Good weaner steers	\$505
Medium x bred weaner steers	\$415 to \$440
Small x bred steers	\$240 to \$355
Medium prime heifers	\$990 to \$1,220
Medium rising 1 year heifers	\$540 to \$620
Small x bred 1 year heifers	\$400 to \$510
Medium weaner heifers	\$355 to \$450
Small x bred heifers	\$315 to \$350
Boner cows	\$795 to \$1,260
Very light cows	\$410 to \$600
Bulls	\$1,310

SAM'S SEWING TIPS



Teaching Children How to Sew - How cool would it be if all kids learned basic sewing skills? So I thought I'd share a few simple tips for helping to teach children to sew. 1. Set up a child-friendly sewing spot. Provide a place that entices them to sit down and sew. The biggest thing to remember, your child needs to be able to easily reach the foot pedal so make sure the table is the right height. 2. Introduce them to the sewing machine. Explain what each part does and how to thread the machine and wind the bobbin. 3. Provide basic safety lessons. Like keeping fingers away from the moving needle. Show them how to hold the fabric as it is pulled through the feeder. 4. Teach basic sewing skills. Like straight stitch, back stitching and zig-zag. 5. Provide fabric and other supplies. Give them some scrap fabric, a small pair of scissors, some cotton thread, an unpicker, pins and needles. 6. Use teaching resources found online. There are some great resources found online for beginners that you can find easily with a simple Google search. Skip to My Lou has printable mazes and dot to dots that are excellent for teaching kids to sew straight lines and pivot at corners. Or come in and I will print these off for you for FREE! Remember if you have any sewing questions come on in and talk to Sam Your "Expert

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results visit our Facebook page. To contact us for dates & times email us at info@punga-road-studios.co.nz

COUNCIL FRONT THE COMMUNITY

About 100 attended the Kumeu-Huapai Ratepayers meeting at Soljans Winery Restaurant on 9th September, to hear from the four Council Representatives. Penny Hulse and Penny Webster represented the Council and Senior Planners Roger Blakely and Penny Pirrit presented the Growth Strategies and the Unitary Plan issues to the group. What was important was that they confirmed to all that the expected population growth in the area (as a result of the Future Urban Boundary and potential created by it) will give us a population of 20,000-30,000 residents. That is larger growth than first thought and it naturally triggers the urgent need for infrastructure planning. Penny Webster promised a meeting with Auckland Transport & the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) before the end of the year. Penny will be held to that! What was clear to all was that the 'elephant wasn't in the room' - namely NZTA

and Auckland Transport - they have yet to surface with how and when the infrastructure will occur, and where. We will need to ensure the transport group are here after the election so we can make progress. With the population numbers confirmed, the changes needed for roading, schools and Reserves have to be identified early so that long term solutions are transparent to the Community. Structure planning has been confirmed as about three years away, and will only be started after the Unitary Plan is substantially completed. Council staff indicated lack of staff to complete the task as the reason for the delays. With 500 Planners employed it does raise some serious questions about Council's performance and priorities. Deputy Mayor Penny Hulse confirmed that the four SHA's applied for by landowners in the District have been declined by the Auckland Council. The progression of these will be as part of the Unitary Plan submissions and decisions. This means the consideration of those areas, which haven't been made public, will come through in the same process as other individual submissions. That is how it should be! On the 16th September I received information about the concept of the 'North-West Busway Project' being presented to



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Auckland Development Committee.

The proposal links Auckland City to Westgate and the North Shore. The proposal doesn't provide for any consideration of linkages by Buses to Kumeu. The three local Boards at Henderson, Whau (New Lynn) & Waitakere Ranges made comments on the proposal but nothing from our Rodney Board. If appears that Rodney has been left out of being consulted. Given that the growth is projected to 30,000 people in the next 30 years, it makes sense to have Kumeu-Huapai factored into early planning.

Finally I have to say something about the Auckland Council wage costs. Having 1780 staff on over \$100,000 each means we will never have sufficient funds allocated to our Local Board for community projects. Council staff are increasing and so is the overall cost of wages, so the greater the cost of staff overheads the less there is to spend on capital works or infrastructure. No one seems willing to grasp the nettle of having to reduce staff and therefore costs, so the Council can provide value for money. It may be wishful thinking but the Council needs to be run as a business not a bureaucracy. Contact Pete Sinton, Chairman, Phone 09 412 2016, Email petesinton@townplanner.co.nz

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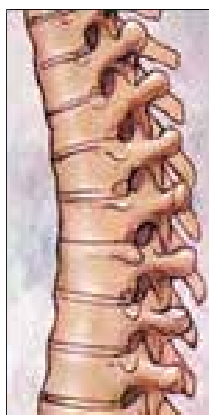
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DAFFODIL SUCCESS

The purpose of this letter is to extend thanks to all those who contributed to the success of this annual event. Fine weather though cold was a big plus. This year we had 37 volunteers with coverage involving Waimauku-Huapai-Kumeu-Riverhead and Whenuapai. The demographics of this area has an estimated population of 5,000 so on the basis with an \$8,000 return would mean \$1.60 per head. In achieving a top response I must thank Heather Hitchings who willingly shared the load with me. We must also thank businesses, houses, retailers, vineyards and the Huapai Golf Club who sponsor a Daffodil Day tournament. An addition this year was real estate companies with Stephen Theobald and his team from Harcourts looking after Kumeu Village. All of the above were generous in donating goods for the raffle which had 12 prizes. The lucky winners were listed at the NAZ's two branches. Finally our thanks to Dawn Prendergast in a manner and staff at the ANZ banks for a job well done.

Laurie McEntee, Area co-ordinator
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It really feels as though summer is on the way now and the days are beginning to feel lighter. It is good to come out of the colder, darker days with the potential for power outages during the stormy weather. Tony has been working on a system to keep the essentials running even if the grid shuts down your way. The system uses a battery bank, inverter and solar panel. We will be refining this over the summer and the system now powers the workshop and the water pump. Please check out www.facebook.com/sparknelectrical or contact Tony on 021 772 756 to discuss the system and how it can help you.

WAIMAUKU PLAYCENTRE

With large numbers of our pre-schoolers interested in trains and having observed all the reading going on at the kai table recently, the Waimauku Playcentre family decided to embark on a great journey. Excited children and parents met at Waitakere train station and learned how to use the ticket machine. We also learned about staying behind the yellow lines to stay safe. Shouts of excitement heralded the arrival of the train and we all piled on. Clickety clack, all the way to New Lynn where we gathered for morning tea before checking out the library. We were greeted by the librarian and a number of songs asking us to count and to dance. We had to use our ears to listen and our bodies to copy the wiggling, hopping and jumping. The li-

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brarian read to us and encouraged the children to interact, introducing new stories and old favourites. Then a balloon each, time to check out some books, the older children knew how to do this and taught others before we raced to catch our train. This time the conductor turned the lights off in the tunnel. Such noisy excitement! And the end of another successful trip saw the children waving goodbye and looking forward to next time. Come down and meet us one morning: Glasgow Park on Muriwai Road. Phone 09 411 8256.

MEACT NEWS

Sending this out as plans for Global Climate Action Day 21 September take shape. Look out in the press for how the human heart planned for Bethells Beach went. 21 September is also International Peace Day; celebrations this year include an illuminated artwork on the North Façade of Auckland Museum. Spare Mother Earth a thought this weekend, whether you are active in your local or global environment.

Small acts of kindness might include: picking up litter on the beach, planting flowers for the bees, recycling, reusing and sorting out your household's composting strategies to minimise your waste. MEACT will be posting news of our next weeding and planting events – like us on Facebook or sign up to our website to be informed - muriwai-environment.org.

Events we like: The Sustainable Coastlines Let's Get Cleaned Up Charity Ball R18 at the Hilton Saturday 4 October, see sustainablecoastlines.org

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1 cup bran
¼ cup wheat germ
½ cup vegetable oil
1 egg
1 cup plain yoghurt
1 cup berries (fresh or frozen)
1 ½ tsp vanilla essence

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in their classroom. Fish and Chips for 120 people is not an easy task but what an awesome time we had. All our classrooms were open and the teacher's spent time getting to know Granddad's and even a couple of Dad's that we hadn't met before. Seeing the children have time one-on-one with their special people in their special place was a really neat experience for our staff to share in. We are looking forward to our Christmas Concert and Family Party which doesn't seem so far away in the diary. If you would like to find out more about the exciting things that your child and family can be involved in at Jojo's Childcare, pop in and meet the team at any time. Call Sarah or Jo on 09 412 5325. Visit www.jojoschildcare.co.nz or find us on facebook www.facebook.com/jojoschildcareltd.

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PEAS AND PLANTS PLEASE

From sowing peas to planting flowers, there is a lot you can do in your garden now that spring is here! Spring is here and your garden should be bursting into life! Get seeds and plants in the ground and give lawns and citrus a feed this month.

Sow peas - Peas and sugar snaps relish the cool of spring but come summer, peas get mildew - so squeeze in one more crop now before it's too late. For a decent feed of podded peas, you need at least 24 plants. Sow 'Dwarf Massey' (McGregor's, Egmont Seeds) for high yields. Grow peanuts in pots - Frost-tender pea-



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nuts need a long, warm summer to produce a crop, so they're easier to pamper in big pots. Sow in potting mix, position in full sun and water regularly. Resist the urge to hoe or fork out weeds around peanut plants as you're liable to accidentally cut the thin, umbilical cord-like stalks that attach the nuts (which form underground) to the plant.

Plant flowers - If you want to grow food, you need to feed bees! Sow phacelia, borage, bergamot and anise hyssop in any gaps.

Feed lawns - A good meal will turn lawns from yellow to green. So if you don't want your grass to resemble an Aussie rugby shirt, take action. Warmer temperatures make your lawn receptive to feeding and that will green up your grass fast. Auckland's turf guru Gerard Dyer recommends Bioboost as an organic slow-release food.


Fertilise citrus trees - Reward your trees after a heavy winter harvest. Sprinkle slow-release food around the drip line and water it in well.

Stake tall plants - Tie up fast-growing or overly lax plants. Dahlias, delphiniums and heleniums will be statuesque in the border over summer, but only if you start training them upright now.



But be alert - Stay vigilant for a late frost or a cold snap. Spring may be here but weather is uncertain this month, so don't be in too much of a hurry. Watch the weather forecast and keep frost cloth handy to protect the green tops of early spuds. Don't sow cucurbits (courgettes, pumpkins, cucumbers) until late in the month at the earliest. They like it warm and never recover from a cold spell early in their lives.

Warm up water - Your seedlings enjoy a warm cuppa too! Frigid water from the cold tap could shock indoor-raised infant plants. Use slightly warm water, or keep a full watering can on the floor of your hothouse so the water can lose its chill naturally.





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Thu 2 Oct	04:00	10:29	16:35	23:10	-
Fri 3 Oct	05:10	11:39	17:48	-	-
Sat 4 Oct	-	00:24	06:26	12:54	19:02
Sun 5 Oct	-	01:34	07:39	14:03	20:08
Mon 6 Oct	-	02:36	08:43	15:03	21:07
Tue 7 Oct	-	03:32	09:39	15:57	22:00
Wed 8 Oct	-	04:23	10:30	16:47	22:48
Thu 9 Oct	-	05:10	11:16	17:33	23:33
Fri 10 Oct	-	05:55	12:00	18:17	-
Sat 11 Oct	00:16	16:38	12:41	19:00	-
Sun 12 Oct	00:57	07:19	13:21	19:42	-
Mon 13 Oct	01:37	08:00	14:01	20:24	-
Tue 14 Oct	02:17	08:41	14:43	21:10	-
Wed 15 Oct	3:02	09:26	15:31	22:02	-
Thu 16 Oct	03:55	10:18	16:31	23:07	-
Fri 17 Oct	05:03	11:26	17:43	-	-
Sat 18 Oct	-	00:17	06:18	12:39	18:51
Sun 19 Oct	-	01:21	07:24	13:44	19:50
Mon 20 Oct	-	02:15	08:19	14:37	20:39
Tue 21 Oct	-	03:01	09:06	15:22	21:21
Wed 22 Oct	-	03:43	09:47	16:03	22:00
Thu 23 Oct	-	04:22	10:25	16:41	22:38
Fri 24 Oct	-	05:00	11:02	17:19	23:15
Sat 25 Oct	-	05:39	11:39	17:58	23:53
Sun 26 Oct	-	06:18	12:17	18:38	-
Mon 27 Oct	00:33	06:58	12:57	19:20	-
Tue 28 Oct	01:15	07:40	13:39	20:05	-
Wed 29 Oct	02:00	08:25	14:26	20:54	-
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RAIN OFF DAY - FRI 7 NOV

MONSTER FIREWORK Display

FRIDAY 31 OCT from 5pm

KUMEU SHOWGROUNDS



entertainment food raffles free parking rides

Come early and eat

There will be plenty of everything, so come early, grab a good vantage point and eat here.

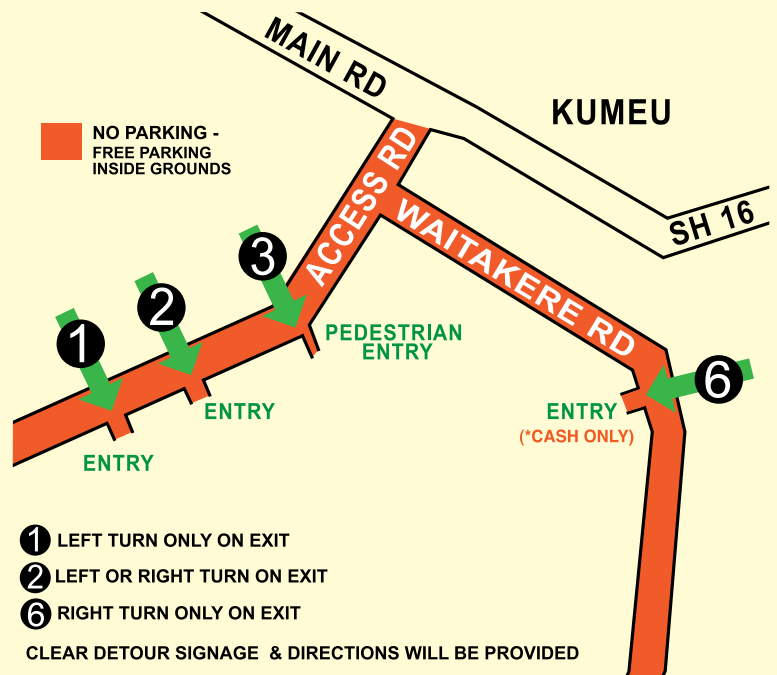
- Woodfired Pizzas
- Kandiman
- Fritz's Wieners
- NZ kettle corn
- Coffee
- Drinks
- Sweet Stall Ham Rolls
- Hotdogs
- Hot chips
- Sausage Sizzle
- Donuts
- Candyfloss
- Ice Creams
- Shaved Ice
- Sweet Stall
- Illuminated bottled water and much, much more

Entertainment

- Skydiving • Mahon's rides
- Bouncy Castles
- Mini Hot Rods
- Novelty electronic fishing
- Raffles
- Glow sticks & flashing toys

Thank you!!

The wonderful generosity of the York family of Bad Boy Fireworks, enables us to run this family event every year for the community. All funds raised go to Taupaki School.



FAMILY \$35 (2 adults/up to 4 kids) ADULTS \$15 KIDS/SENIOR \$5 EFTPOS AVAILABLE!*

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