

# Kumeu Courier

free monthly community newsletter for Kumeu & districts



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Tough guys and gals descend on adventure parks in Woodhill and Muriwai every weekend, be considerate.

Sarah

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## Tourism the biggest winner out west



Muriwai, Woodhill and surrounding areas have been regarded as the playground for Aucklanders and Tourists alike. The parks, forests, tracks and beaches provide an enviable collage of adventure and environmental seekers out to the area, providing some environmental benefits but also some side effects that need to be managed and or mitigated. Some of these

adventures create significant congestion to the roads around the area but they also deliver significant profile and also economic benefit for the area. Whether road cyclists, motorbikes, horses, tree adventures, mountain-bikers or events like the Burgen Tough Guy and Gal Challenge, these activities add significant value to our area and give people the opportunity to talk about our district. So before we toot and holler and curse the traffic or the event think about how these visitors view us...continued page 6

## Kumeu district signaled a dump zone

The Report on the clean fill site off Pioneer Lane, Taupaki has been released on the 21st August by the Auckland Council Planners from Orewa. Unbelievable - the planning staff recommend that the operation of a 10 year 500,000 metres of fill be approved. No hearing date has been set, but it will not be far off with this recommendation. It is hard to follow Council's logic in recommending the approval of a site in a location where truck movements are going to have adverse effect on the public roads. Alongside of that issue, the noise and adverse effect on those living in Kumeu-Huapai area, right up to the site, will not be acceptable. The loss in amenities to the residents south of the Railway Line will be real, and over a 10 year period will reduce in my view that area as a desirable place to live. We all know that the old rural roads of Access, Tawa & Awa were poorly built rural roads. It was cheaper for the then Rodney District council to seal them than maintain them as a metal road. ...continued on page 10

## Report all soil tipping to Ak Council



In a recent Residents and Ratepayers meeting, members discussed the need for accurate record keeping and active notification of illegal waste dirt dumps. A number of contractors are active in the area including a company called dirt works. It is recommended that no dumping of any description is agreed to until you have spoken with Auckland Council and you have a complete understand-

ing of what is going to be deposited on your land. No matter the outcome the owner is always liable.



## Waitakere firefighters in action

Recently Waitakere fire-fighters attended two structure fires within the space of a week, a house fire in Swanson and a Garage fire in Waitakere. In both instances water hydrants were difficult to locate, this can lead to delays in getting the fire under control and extinguish. You can help us by ensuring hydrants are clear from grass and vegetation. Next time you're out make a mental note as to where the nearest hydrant is in relation to your property. If you are not on town supply note the nearest body of water ie. free flowing stream, pond, swimming pool or water tanks. It helps us help you. Remember in the event of a fire get out stay out and dial 111, time is of the essence as a fire can double in size and intensity every minute. Finally please be careful on the roads the recent heavy rain makes aquaplaning a real hazard as does limited visibility.



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## Money Matters

We have discussed in recent issues of the possibility that the Reserve Bank will implement restrictions on low deposit lending. Just announced was that as of 1 October 2013, banks will be required to restrict new home loans at loan to value ratios (LVR) of over 80% to no more than 10% of the dollar value of their new housing lending flows. This may lead to lenders "cherry picking" low deposit applications. By this we mean, that only the really strong submissions will get approved. But fear not.....There are still a number of options available to prospective low deposit borrowers. Ask us, we are only too happy to assist.

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# Local Real Estate - last months sales

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<b>Coatesville</b>				
Coatesville-Rvhd Hwy	\$1,435,000	3.5966HA	270M2	\$1,365,000
Sunnyside Rd	\$1,350,000	4.5003HA	64M2	\$1,595,000
Sunnyside Rd	\$1,800,000	44.6HA	198M2	\$1,250,000
<b>Helensville</b>				
Commercial Rd	\$305,000	696M2	75M2	\$339,000
Kassa Rise	\$415,000	606M2	148M2	\$455,000
Puriri St	\$270,000	465M2	80M2	\$290,000
Makiri St	\$405,000	729M2	262M2	\$440,000
Puriri St	\$320,000	314M2	70M2	\$320,000
Te Kauri Pl	\$380,000	601M2	160M2	\$449,000
Rautawhiri Rd	\$240,000		90M2	\$250,000
Peak Rd	\$885,000	3.3914HA	300M2	\$885,000
Rimmer Rd	\$750,000	12221M2	210M2	\$745,000
Kiwitahi Rd	\$640,000	4.2468HA	160M2	\$705,000
<b>Hobsonville</b>				
Bannings Way	\$815,000	825M2	244M2	\$1,100,000
Bannings Way	\$510,000	415M2	150M2	\$480,000
Bannings Way	\$650,000	808M2	220M2	\$855,000
Hobsonville Rd	\$420,000	927M2	110M2	\$670,000
<b>Kumeu</b>				
Gilbransen Rd		867M2	100M2	\$339,000
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Matua Rd	\$1,000,000	4.0469HA	190M2	\$1,150,000
Station Rd	\$1,550,000	3.2865HA	178M2	\$1,680,000
Tapu Rd	\$350,000		133M2	\$471,000
Waitakere Rd	\$1,800,000	15.3907HA	380M2	\$1,800,000
Riverhead Rd	\$1,225,000	13405M2	341M2	\$1,421,000
<b>Muriwai</b>				
Waitea Rd	\$395,000	902M2		\$212,500
<b>Riverhead</b>				
Edward Jonkers Dr	\$1,500,000	2.3600HA	261M2	\$1,610,000
<b>Waimauku</b>				
State Highway 16	\$630,000	7133M2	140M2	\$805,000
<b>Waitakere</b>				
Township Rd	\$135,000	1276M2		\$463,000
Te Henga Rd	\$740,000	4.0469HA	280M2	\$685,000
<b>Whenuapai</b>				
Bristol Rd	\$2,300,000	2.5519HA	475M2	\$2,260,000
Totara Rd	\$550,000	1695M2	179M2	\$775,000
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## Help to keep Kumeu safe

Kumeu Police want to hear from you if you suspect someone in your community is growing, manufacturing, or selling drugs. I have seen first hand what drug use can do to individuals and to society and it is no secret that it ruins lives. Drugs and crime go hand in hand and drug use often leads to violence, "taxings", burglaries, and theft to support their habit. Kumeu is a fantastic community, but like all communities, it is not immune to the drug trade. Rural properties and industrial areas are popular places for criminal behaviour as they are often isolated and hidden away from the view of the general public. If you suspect your neighbours, or someone you know is growing Cannabis or manufacturing "P", look out for suspicious activity such as strong chemical smells or the smell of cannabis, blacked out windows, lights on and activity all through the night, cars coming and going from the address, a humming noise from equipment, empty chemical containers and lots of recycle bins, deteriorating health, lifestyles that don't match the income, and Gang activity. If you have any information please contact the Kumeu Police on (09) 4125194 or if you wish to remain anonymous call CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800555111



## Happy 1st Birthday Jojo's !

As a Centre we would like to take the opportunity to say thank-you to our community for embracing Jojo's Childcare. In the last year we have had the opportunity to meet and be involved in the lives of not only families from the local Kumeu community but also the wider region and we are enjoying every minute of it. Our Grandparents Day and a full term of YMCA Gymnastics being recent highlights. Special mention to our families for support with resources and fundraising, trips and events as well as referring friends and other families to us. Also local businesses for sending families our way, thank-you to Graham McIntyre from NZFS for his support and organising our upcoming fire truck visit. We are definitely looking forward to many more years growing with our community. With a recent influx in enrolments we have limited spaces available so come in and visit Sarah or Jo in Centre or have a look at our brand new website [www.jojoschildcare.co.nz](http://www.jojoschildcare.co.nz).





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# A thrilling announcement

On Tuesday we learnt that we are Finalists in the 'Hospitality New Zealand' Awards 2013 in two categories; Best Restaurant and Best Live Entertainment Venue. There are three finalists in the Best Restaurant category and four in the Best Entertainment Venue. We will find out how we did in September. Then on Wednesday evening we attended ATEED's Auckland West Business Awards and found out that we were finalists in three categories: Best Strategy and Planning, Best Emerging Business and Best Medium to large Business. The winners of these awards will be announced in October. These awards focus on different aspects of the business. One is an accolade from the Hospitality Industry nationwide, the other purely business where we are competing against every type of business, from Service Stations to Coffin Makers. We have a long way to go, with the judging process only half way completed. So fingers and toes crossed! For more information contact The Riverhead on 09 412 8902



# Extremely special fares launched for Uk, Asia and more

Singapore Airlines has released tactical global "Fast Forward to 2014" fares for travel next year in response to what it says is, increased demand for Asia and UK/Europe cruise travel. The new extremely special fares for Travel in 2014 are to; UK/Europe, Asia, Africa and Middle East for travel in Economy and Business Class. You have never seen a Singapore Airlines fares as low as these lead in levels, starting from Copenhagen from \$1985 and London from \$2209 including taxes. There is also extra special features, like child fares up to and including 14 years and extra baggage. Globus Europe 2014 pre-release offers are out - all bookings deposited before 17 September are guaranteed to pay whichever price is cheaper between 2013 or 2014. If you are looking for some of the most spacious and comfortable ships at sea, award-winning service, five star dining, extensive activities and enrichment programs and compelling worldwide itineraries, Holland America Line have a cruise for you. Make your next voyage incredible value when you book with select 2014 sailings you receive a FREE Beverage Package, FREE Speciality Restaurant Dinner, FREE or reduced 3rd/4th guests and 50% reduced deposits. If you're interested in taking a cruise, its just 2 weeks to the National Cruise Week sale. Only CLIA approved agents that are cruise experts will have these exclusive offers for sale over 2-9 September. Register with me now for all the details on 412-9161, or email [annette@travelmanagers.co.nz](mailto:annette@travelmanagers.co.nz). Home based in Huapai, Kumeu.



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Challenge runs from Saturday 21 September till Saturday 16 November 2013.

\$200 Sign Up Entry fee includes: Opportunity to win cash prizes up to \$1000, as well as gym memberships, beginning, half way and end of challenge assessments and photos, 2 x Nutrition Classes, 4 x Outdoor Boot Camp Workouts and a Trainer to show you your 2 x 4 week exercise programmes. Challenge runs from Saturday 21 September till Saturday 16 November 2013.

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We are experiencing extreme increases in vehicle movements over the weekends, which of course includes cyclists using the local rural roads and a mix of horse floats, trucks, trailers and 4 X 4 off-road vehicles. In order for everyone to co-exist on the roads I think it is vital that care is taken in high traffic intersections and in narrow areas of the road. Pull offs and turning in areas also create confusion which can lead to inconsiderate behaviour. We owe a big thank you to those adventure entrepreneurs including Tree adventures and Woodhill mountain bike park and the many others that continue to put Kumeu on the map and encourage customers and investment. With new commercial, retail and almost 3000 homes being planned and constructed in the area, a degree of empathy and tolerance today will need to be grown and encouraged tomorrow. We live with great people by and large, and we have good values towards others, let's keep it that way.

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## Heart saver NZ saving lives

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An AED is a computerised medical device, which checks and restarts a person's heart rhythm in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest episode. The AED provides full audio instructions via a built-in speaker to assist a non-trained user and guide them through the necessary steps during defibrillation. "The device is very simple to use, and can be used successfully even by untrained rescuers responding to the emergency situation" explains Mike. "An AED can be a lifesaver for someone suffering a sudden cardiac arrest, as it can, and should be used, immediately after calling for an ambulance. "Since its initial start-up a little over a year ago, Heart Saver NZ Limited has actively campaigned for AEDs to be installed in public areas while at the same time, encouraging businesses to embrace the technology as part of a given company's Occupation Health and Safety protocols.

"With more AEDs readily accessible," says Mike "and a greater awareness of them – which is what Heart Saver NZ Limited continues to promote – the greater the benefits to society overall. "In order to make the AEDs more accessible, Heart Saver NZ Limited has developed an all-inclusive purchasing model from financing through leasing or outright ownership. In addition, Heart Saver NZ Limited offers an on-going commitment to AED testing and servicing, a critical consideration akin to regularly checking the contents of a First Aid kit, but a consideration which is often overlooked or ignored by other AED suppliers. For more information on HeartSaver NZ Ltd or the AED devices, Mike is available on 0800 2 DEFIB (0800 2 33342) or via email at [mmander@heartsaver.co.nz](mailto:mmander@heartsaver.co.nz).

## John Key opens FreshChoice

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2013, SuperValue Waimauku was officially re-branded and opened as FreshChoice Waimauku by the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable John Key. Local owners and operators Vipan and Shalu Garg are extremely pleased to bring FreshChoice Waimauku to the community and are dedicated to serving the locals with a great range of quality products at competitive prices. The supermarket carries an extensive range of items from low cost basic goods to an exciting and varied range of organic and gluten free foods.



The store also has a range of children's toys, household goods, iTunes cards, gift cards and mobile phone top-ups. Shoppers at FreshChoice will notice the same friendly team will be providing the excellent customer service they have come to expect over the years. "If there is a product you can't find, speak to one of our team who will do their best to source it for you," says Vipan. As proud supporters of the local community, FreshChoice provides school lunches to Waimauku School and Woodhill School each week. It also gives at least \$500 each month to local organisations that provide great support to the local community via its FreshChoice Community Fund. FreshChoice Waimauku is located at the Waimauku Village, 5-19 Factory Road, Waimauku and is open daily from 7am-9pm.

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## Local body elections provides you with choice

While some Board members have worked hard we really have a two cylinder engine, unless every single board member is giving 100% we won't get sufficient infrastructure investment from Auckland Council to become a dynamic area that maintains and enhances the things we value? Are we being side-lined by Auckland Council because some members are too busy with other commitments or lack passion for our area? Will voting for familiar names or people who do not live or work in our district mean you will end up with Local Board members who are too busy, have divided loyalties, or are elected to too many positions that you won't get action for your community?. Take a positive outlook with Phelan Pirrie.

## Perimeter path planned for Huapai reserve

Six members of the public and three Local Board members met with Auckland Council officers and the Huapai Reserve Advisory Committee to consider the idea of constructing a path around the perimeter of the Huapai Reserve. Council Parks Advisor, Danielle Hancock took note of ideas from the meeting and will prepare a draft plan for consideration. It was agreed that the path should be concrete and be wide enough for walkers, runners, cyclists as well as people with prams. People spoke of the dearth of suitable footpaths or suitable road verges in the area for walking or running and believed a path would be a well-used amenity, safe and free from vehicle pollution. Local Board members undertook to ensure funding would be available in the new year to begin construction. It was also agreed at the meeting, subject to community interest including parental support, to develop another area of the Reserve alongside the retention dam by Highway 16 as a BMX track. Anyone interested in being involved in this project can contact the Huapai Reserve Committee Chairperson, Gary Moss, phone 09 412 7752



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## Learn the art of lifting

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3. Spread your feet shoulder-width apart for better balance.
4. Bend at the knees.
5. Tighten up your abs and use your stomach muscles.
6. Make your legs do the work.
7. Give yourself a rest and take regular breaks.
8. If it looks too heavy, it probably is. Don't be tempted.

Master the art of proper lifting and you will be doing your back a huge favour. However, as with any activity, if you strain your back or feel pain, call us at Kumeu Chiropractic right away to schedule an appointment for a thorough Chiropractic examination and necessary care. Waiting usually lengthens the healing process and rarely makes a painful situation better. Call us now on (09) 4125536 for an appointment.



## Mens grey hair is god's graffitti

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The potential for road damage with heavy trucks on a long term basis can only lead to deteriorating roads having to be repaired at ratepayers expense. No one wants a clean fill or rubbish tip alongside of them, that is a natural reaction, but it seems that the Council are involved in 'reactive planning' not 'forward planning. Difficult land use activities like sewerage outlets, rubbish dumps, toxic disposal areas and clean fill sites, need forward thinking. Those uses and others should be located in areas where they cause the least impact on people and the environment. What we have with the clean fill site in Pioneer Lane is the Council reacting to a private commercially driven application. Other sites from what I can see haven't been looked at. With a large track of forestry land on both sides of Kumeu, there must be a more acceptable location for clean fill that has minimal impact on the community. 'Reactive planning' is the worst form of planning in that it creates distortions to a logically planned district. Inevitably the wrong uses end up in a compromised situation. There is still the hearings to go, but Kumeu must make its position clear on this issue. The Ratepayers Association has had considerable support in opposing the clean fill, but it seems the Council staff don't take hundreds of objections into account. The Rodney Board can, as Bob Howard said "only make recommendations", so the bureaucrats control the situation. A case of the tail wagging the dog! in my view.

**Unitary Plan** - It is now confirmed that the Government has refused to have the plan binding at the time of release - Wise decision! That has meant that the 25,000 submissions to the Unitary Plan may go unnoticed as the Council now are formally releasing the Plan at the end of September 2013. A Resource Consent being made under the old rules needs to be in by the end of September, otherwise the new rules, whatever they are will be considered as well!

**Elections** - Yes, the Board & Council representatives are up for re-election in October. The Council of course have given very little in the way of delegate authority to the Rodney board, not surprising the Council have been finding their feet in the first 3 years. The next term of Council will show the real growth with 'Residential Development' and some big changes in the heart of Kumeu. The Supermarket will start that process off. Those two changes will show Kumeu-Huapai with a new face. Changes are not necessarily bad, they just has to be managed well. Pete Sinton Chairman Kumeu-Huapai Resident & Ratepayers Association. Phone (09) 412-2016 Email [petesinton@townplanner.co.nz](mailto:petesinton@townplanner.co.nz)



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Driving around Kumeu and our districts recently I have noticed that our particularly average roading seems to have become third world roading. Now, I don't know about you, but I pay over 60% fuel tax at the pump for the roads, I pay rates that apportion funds to roading and I also pay road user charges for a 10 ton truck, and I don't think I am alone in starting to think that I am getting ripped. Road taxation, both direct and indirect has been on the rise from both Central and Local Government but it appears when we dig into the funds received and the payments made, that no one is accountable for the spend, nor the quality benchmark. State Highway 16 and the Coasteville Riverhead Highway are funded by NZTA under the national roading levy and are supposed to have a performance quality benchmark. Repairs and maintenance can be requested directly by phoning NZTA on 09 969 9800. On all other roads around the district please phone Auckland Council on 09 3010101 and request immediate action on a dangerous pothole. In my research it is the squeaky wheel that gets the bitumen and the only way we are going to get our roads in order is if we all take an effort to pick up the phone and request some action. Happy dialing.

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I am very lucky to have earned myself a place in the top 80 Travel Agents in NZ and for this I was hosted on a truly wonderful experience for a week in Dubai! There were also 180 Agents from Australia, and along with Emirates Airlines & Dubai Tourism staff & media there were 300 of us all together on a 'Mega Famil' of Dubai! From the 'old world' of Gold souks, spice markets, traditional wooden Abra boats on the river cruising alongside the 'new world' of luxury million dollar launches, and amazing architecture in modern sky-scrapers & infrastructure like their monorail system, Dubai truly is a diverse city! We had our very own 'Amazing Race' in Teams of 4 racing over the city completing challenges as we went! The Burj Khalifa is the tallest building in the world, and we went to 'At The Top'. What a view! The Dubai Mall is the biggest in the world – 24 football fields! The Dubai Fountain – larger than Las Vegas' was fantastic to watch while eating a meal at the Madinet, a 5 minute set with the fountains & lights show to music, every 15 mins. A day out at the incredible Atlantis Resort at the end of The Palm. Surreal. The Desert Safari was a highlight with dune bugging in 4WD SUVs, riding a camel, eating a very tasty traditional meal which reminded me of Moroccan styled food, watching belly dancers, getting a henna painted 'tattoo', smoking sheesha (apple flavoured!) What an evening! In 2012 of 62 million people passing through Dubai Airport 50 million people just transited on their way to somewhere else, 12 million people actually stopped over. By the year 2020 Dubai Tourism wants 20 million people to stopover, and I am sure that they will achieve it! A new Hotel is opening at the rate of one a month – and these are Hotels that have over 300 rooms! There are attractions like Dubai Land (3 x the size of Disneyland) that are still being built! For all your Travel needs please contact Tanya Franklin, your local Travel Broker on 411 9105 email [tanya.franklin@ttb.co.nz](mailto:tanya.franklin@ttb.co.nz) or make an appointment to come and see me at my home office here in Waimauku! Tanya Franklin Independent Travel Broker Direct: +64 9 411 9105 | Mob: +64 21 254 9169 Email: [tanya.franklin@thetravelbrokers.co.nz](mailto:tanya.franklin@thetravelbrokers.co.nz) Web: [www.thetravelbrokers.co.nz/tanyafranklin](http://www.thetravelbrokers.co.nz/tanyafranklin)

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# How do "most" children learn to read ?

Have you ever thought about what things influence a child's reading development? Do you question where your child is, or even should be in their reading evolution? Is it correct to do this? Should you measure where they are? At Country Bears Early Childhood Centre we believe that we need to have an understanding of 'How most children learn to read', in order to support our children through this process. We also support the idea that play is the work of children and through play and interaction, children learn how to talk, listen, read, and write. Through reading about typical behaviors of emergent and beginning readers, and how each of these behaviors relate to reading and writing, we can better understand an individual child's development. *Between the ages of four and nine, your child will have to master some 100 phonics rules, learn to recognize 3,000 words with just a glance, and develop a comfortable reading speed approaching 100 words a minute. He must learn to combine words on the page with a half-dozen squiggles called punctuation into something – a voice or image in his mind that gives back meaning.* (Paul Kropp, 1996)

**Emerging literacy** - Emerging literacy describes the gradual, ongoing process of learning to understand and use language that begins at birth and continues through the early childhood years (i.e., through age eight). During this period, children first learn to use oral forms of language (listening and speaking) and then begin to explore and make sense of written forms (reading and writing).

**Listening and speaking** - Emerging literacy begins in infancy as a parent lifts a baby, looks into their eyes, and speaks softly to them. It's hard to believe that this casual, spontaneous activity is leading to the development of language skills. This pleasant interaction helps the baby learn about the give and take of conversation and the pleasures of communicating with other people.

Young children continue to develop listening and speaking skills as they communicate their needs and desires through sounds and gestures, babble to themselves and others, say their first words, and rapidly add new words to their spoken vocabularies. Most children who have been surrounded by language from birth are fluent speakers by age three, regardless of intelligence, and without conscious effort.

Each of the 6,000 languages in the world uses a different assortment of phonemes – the distinctive sounds used to form words. When adults hear another language, they may not notice the differences in phonemes not used in their own language. Babies are born with the ability to distinguish these differences. Their babbles include many more sounds than those used in their home language. At about 6 to 10 months, babies begin to ignore the phonemes not used in their home language. They babble only the sounds made by the people who talk with them most often. During their first year, babies hear speech as a series of distinct, but meaningless words. By age 1, most children begin linking words to meaning. They understand the names used to label familiar objects, body parts, animals, and people. Children at this stage simplify the process of learning these labels by making three basic assumptions:

- Labels (words) refer to a whole object, not parts or qualities (*Flopsy* is a beloved toy, not its head or color).
- Labels refer to classes of things rather than individual items (*Doggie* is the word for all four-legged animals).

Anything that has a name can only have one name (for now, Daddy is *Daddy*, and not *a man* or *Jake*).

As children develop their language skills, they give up these assumptions and learn new words and meanings. From this point on, children develop language skills rapidly. Here is a typical sequence:

- At about 18 months, children add new words to their vocabulary at the astounding rate of one every 2 hours.
- By age 2, most children have 1 to 2,000 words and combine two words to form simple sentences such as: "Go out." "All gone."
- Between 24 to 30 months, children speak in longer sentences.

From 30 to 36 months, children begin following the rules for expressing tense and number and use words such as *some*, *would*, and *who*.

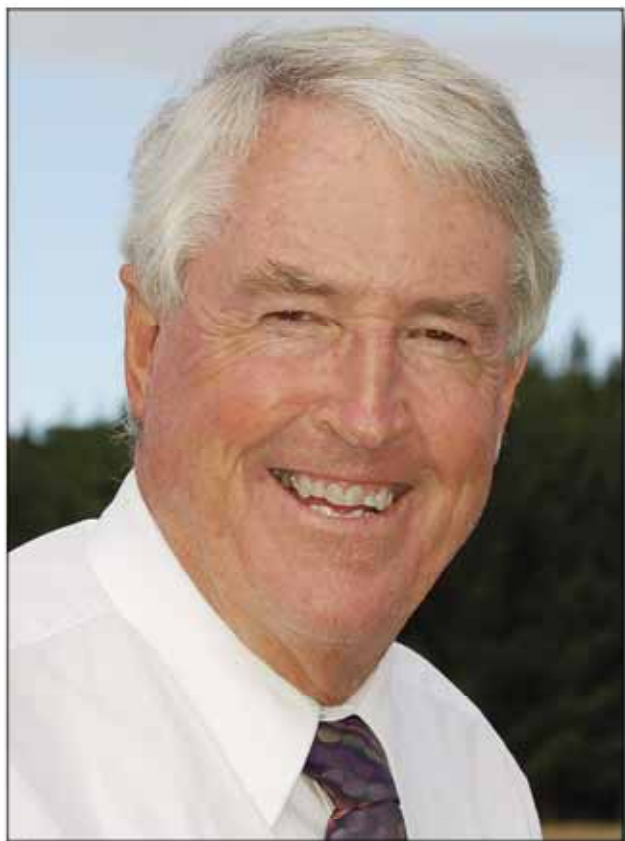
We hope that this may have provoked some measure of interest and given you a brief insight into where your thoughts may be with regards to, *How 'my' is child learning to read*. Please do "Come on up and visit us", Ph Rita (09) 4128055. Please check us out at : <http://www.countrybears.co.nz/> <http://www.facebook.com/cbearsecc>

This is the first step, please look out for the next issue and the follow on articles to this series on How Most Children Learn to Read'

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IMAGE 1

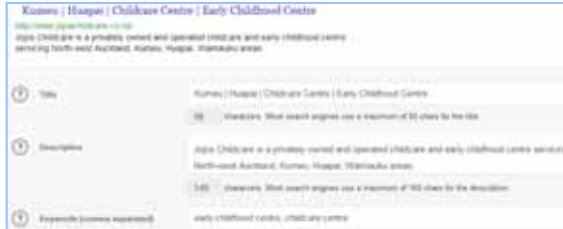


IMAGE 2



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The second image below is what the result looks like in Google. These settings have a relative bearing on the position you are in the SERP and there are many other factors that we will cover but these are pretty much the base line editable requirements to appear in a Search Engine these days. For more information visit [www.designhand.co.nz](http://www.designhand.co.nz)

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**Muriwai Beach Surf Club Open Mic** – on the first Thursday of each month (next on Sept 5<sup>th</sup>) we welcome all singers, musicians, poets, and lovers of these art forms, to our open mic night held at Muriwai Beach Surf Club and Community Centre. Music starts at 7pm and runs to 10pm. Performers each receive 15 minutes or 3 songs. We have available PA, mics, keyboard, drums, to just plug in and go. We've just completed the 4<sup>th</sup> open mic at the surf club and it's proving a popular event, so don't miss out on the fun! Contact Mark Kenington 021-718028 or email [mkenington@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mkenington@xtra.co.nz). Or like our Facebook page "Muriwai Beach Open Mic" and contact through the page.

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# Signage is looking sharp at Ruby's

Yes! signage is now up!! And we now have a name - this was achieved in spite of the amazing spring weather we have been having, with much of the painting being done in the rain! Highway sign is still to come, as is the light box. Weather permitting, the last of the black "grill work" will be filled in by next print. With Spring definitely on the way, and our menu has been "tweaked" with the addition of the Surf and Turf – eye fillet topped with Salt and Pepper Squid, and Sweet Chilli Cream and Shrimp Sauce – is just delish. And we are doing our best to keep up with the demand for our Crispy Skinned Pork Belly with whipped potatoes .... The cheese cake of the day is really popular, most recently the Toffee Orange, with Chilli Lime and Ginger, Turkish Delight and Lemon Meringue to come. Requests for the Battered in the Shell Mussels, stuffed with Camembert and Smoked Salmon, have been heard, and they are available as a taps, or entrée as a September special. Open for Allpress coffees, wine, "crafty" beers and Moa Original on tap, Ruby's on Matua, Winebar and Grill from 4.30pm, Tuesday to Sunday, 3 Matua Rd. Phone 09 412 7127



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## Reserve bank's change drops one cylinder

I offer the following initial observations in response to yesterday's Reserve Bank's announcement that from 1 October banks will be subject to restrictions on high loan-to-value ratio (LVR) housing mortgage loans. Firstly, the announcement highlights the important role of mortgage brokers who can source alternative options beyond the registered banks. I believe the changes are an innovative way of slowing the low equity market down with the emphasis on the banks to choose the most deserving customers, if they are limited to the number of loans they can offer above 80%. While it is up to individual banks how and to whom they allocate the available credit within the LVR limit, I would anticipate that priority will be given to first-home buyers over those buying investment properties. If there are special circumstances for loans at 90% or even 95% the banks can do them. However, bank boards will obviously take a cautious view of those restrictions, because the implications of breaching a condition of registration would be a serious issue and one they would be wanting to ensure didn't happen.

In my opinion, there will be a slight reduction in market pace but maybe not as severe as we thought in the worst case scenario. Its a bit like killing one cylinder on a V8 race car - it will still have some pace but won't be as fast as all eight cylinders. For further comment please don't hesitate to contact me Mike Pero, Chairperson, Mike Pero Mortgages, Phone 0800500123

## I am passionate about Osteopathy

My name is Gillian Wiltshire and I qualified as an Osteopath in London and emigrated to New Zealand in 1984. Since then I have run a home-based practice in West Auckland whilst raising a family - the last 4 years at 36 Sunny Crescent, Huapai. I am passionate about Osteopathy which is a form of manual therapy that focuses on improving the structure and function of the body as a whole. Treatment is specific to the patients individual needs. I use a range of techniques - from more physical manipulations to very gentle stretching and cranial osteopathy. The most common problems I see are headaches, neck, back and joint pain. The usual causes are accidents, sports injuries, arthritis, pregnancy and occupational overuse. I also help a number of dance students with posture and dance-related issues. I am ACC Registered. For an appointment please phone: 094125977 or 0212330413. Email: gill.wiltshire@gmail.com



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# New business district goes to the vote

Phelan Pirrie is a well-known Kumeu business owner and volunteer fire fighter, but when he talks about his business area, he's talking about a much larger picture. He's been working for three years to realise his vision of creating a Business Improvement District, or B.I.D stretching from Kumeu to Helensville and including Riverhead and Kaukapakapa. Phelan sees the B.I.D creation as the best chance for the area to market its assets to the rest of New Zealand and to the world. If it is successful the project would see businesses within the district paying an annual levy that could then be used to market and promote the area and to lobby for beautification and infrastructure, like public transport. The B.I.D will only go ahead if the business owners want it however, and they will all get to vote on it in a ballot that will be held before March 2014. Phelan has been working closely with Helensville's Matt Hampton on the project and they realised the first step in the formal process this month, by amalgamating Kumeu Coast and Country and Helensville Business Associations, creating the North West District Business Association. This new Association would administer the B.I.D once established. Phelan says local business people need to generate interest in the district to attract visitors to the incredible range of leisure activities, restaurants and wineries the extended area has to offer. "If people visit the district for the food and wine, it helps the smaller businesses as well," he says. "If people visit, some will stay and decide to live here and even open businesses of their own. Someone who builds a house needs to buy concrete and contract builders and if someone's small business is doing well, they will use a local printer for example, and it's a flow on effect. "Phelan says the area needs a unified approach to marketing what we have on offer. "Not just the food and wine," he says "but the beaches, historic Helensville, the Parakai hot pools and all the things that make it interesting. We need to create a buzz. Matakana has its pottery and market - we have all that and more, we're just not successfully promoting it." Phelan says there are one million people visiting the Muriwai gannet colony each year and they are all using State Highway 16. "We just need them to slow down on the way." For more information you can attend a ticketed event featuring the Rt Hon John Key Prime Minister as guest speaker, at Soljans Estate Winery on September 11<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Tickets are \$25.00 and available online at [www.northwestbusiness.co.nz](http://www.northwestbusiness.co.nz), or from the Kumeu or Helensville Visitors Centres.



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**Ingredients:**

- 1 Medium to large sized head of fish, cleaned
- 3-4 tbsp Malaysian fish curry powder
- 1-1/2 to 2 Cups of brinjals cut into 1-1/2 inch pieces or small whole okra
- 2 tbsp Ghee or vegetable oil
- 1 to 1-1/2tbsp Chili powder
- 5-6 Garlic, minced
- 5-6 Curry leaves
- 2 Medium fresh tomatoes cut into wedges

- 1 tsp Fenugreek seeds
- 2 Fresh red or green chili peppers, whole
- 1 tbsp Tamarind pulp
- 1/2 Cup coconut milk
- 1 tsp Sugar
- 2 tsp Coriander seeds
- 1-1/2 tsp Cumin seeds
- 8-10 Dried red serrano chillies, reconstituted in hot water
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 Cups water

- Rub salt all over the fish head, leave it for about 15 minutes, and then rinse salt off.
- If using dried red chillies first remove the stems, most seeds and reconstitute in warm water, drain well.
- Grind the softened dried chillies, cumin seeds and coriander.
- Take a small bowl, combine fish curry powder and chili powder, add a few tbsp of water and make a thick paste.
- Take a pot and heat ghee or vegetable oil in it.
- Add garlic, fenugreek and curry leaves and sauté for about 1 minute
- Add curry paste and chili paste, decrease the flame to low, stir-fry till quite toasted and oil starts to ooze from paste.
- Mix tamarind paste around in 4 cups water.
- Strain, remove the seeds and fibers.
- Combine the tamarind water with it and bring to boil
- Add coconut milk, fresh tomatoes, brinjals or okra, fresh red or green chili peppers, sugar and season with salt and pepper, stir well
- When it comes to a slow boil, add the fish head, cover and simmer it gently.
- When fish head is just cooked, take out promptly from the flame, let stand for about 15 minutes.
- Serve Fish Head Curry with, roti or steamed rice.



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## Waimauku Tennis Club update

Waimauku Tennis Club (WTC) received another award from North Harbour Tennis. This time a Silver Membership award following up our Gold award in 2010. The court lighting project is well underway and should be "lights on" by the end of September. WTC Summer Season open day will be the 22nd September from 1pm and everybody is welcome. Summer interclub:

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If you would like to play please phone Gaylene Lloyd (09) 411-8305. All names needed by September 3rd. WTC is sad to announce the death on August 9th of it's past President Geoff Bunny. During his time as Club President he spent a huge amount of time and energy in securing the future of the tennis club and was instrumental in the court lighting project which is near completion. He will be sorely missed.

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Tony 21 772 756



## Lions book fair - Saturday 21 September

Huapai-Kumeu Lions are gearing up for another Book Fair at the Kumeu Community Centre in September. Donations of surplus books are welcome and people may leave them at one of the drop-off places – Kivispan NZ 329 Main Road Huapai or Sunnyview Orchards or Huapai Hardware at Waimauku. Past Book Fairs have been very successful in raising funds for community projects and the range and quality of the books offered has resulted in many satisfied customers, especially as most books are sold for \$1 or \$2. Lions club members are being assisted at this Book Fair by members of the Riverhead Scout Group who are raising money for a Jamboree. In particular the scouts are wanting extra equipment to provide for the large contingent planning to attend the scouting event. The Book Fair runs from 9am to 3pm on Saturday 21 September and coincides with the Garden Show at the show grounds which will make for a festive occasion in Access Road.

In addition we are holding a fund raising Fashion Show night on the 1st. of October. This will be a great night. The entertainment will be provided by a Kaipara Collage group, I have wonderful support from the community, donating lovely gift pack's for the raffle. It is wonderful to see that people do care and want to help those less fortunate. So come along everyone and you make go home with one of our great prize's Contact Raelene by email malart@orcon.net.nz

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# Building reports - an overflowing issue

A few days ago I was informed that a purchaser pulled out of a real estate deal due to a feature that I had reported on in an inspection. The house featured the hidden guttering system used extensively from the 80s until the early 2000s in building work throughout New Zealand. Unfortunately the purchaser had previously had issues with this style of guttering and chose to pull out of the deal based on advice from a builder. So why was it such a big deal to the purchaser? Fascia-style, or hidden, guttering was extremely common for a couple of decades, up until the early 2000s – my own house even features it. Although designed for aesthetic purposes, so as to conceal the guttering, it can cause many problems, particularly if the house has a lack of sufficient downpipes and overflows. If there are any low points, some of which can be caused by plastic warping over time, then excess rainwater from a blockage during rain will start to overflow at these points. If the surrounding soffit (the underside of the eaves) tilts even a small amount towards the house, then substantial amounts of water can run into the walls and ceilings. As you well know, this can lead to leaks and can encourage rot. The problem with hidden guttering is that, unlike externally mounted guttering systems, in the case of an overflow there is no 'fail-safe' of water flowing away from the building. This also means that owners are usually unaware that there has been any overflow or damage. It doesn't have to be extraordinarily expensive to solve this issue. Most of the time, the installation of extra downpipes or overflows is all that's required to remedy this known fault. If you're at all worried about a property with hidden guttering, I'm happy to inspect it to see what kind of shape it is in. I hope that you're having a fantastic month so far – it's hard to believe that we've already reached August! Next month I'll talk about other internal guttering and what to look out for. If you have any queries about what I've talked about this month, feel free to contact me. Until next month, take care! Grant Tibbits, Free Phone 0800677398



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