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Intro

This month's issue sees the rain still with us but there's hope in sight! We are well on our way to the better side of winter and it's time to start thinking about the lovely things that spring brings us. There are lots of crafty things going on in our community and the Kumeu Arts Centre will be holding its annual 'Arts in Action' FREE community arts day on Saturday October the 4th from 10am – 2pm. This is a fun family day so come along to try your hand and various art activities ranging from digital photography to clay work to painting. Thanks to Pub Charity for funding for this event. All welcome, phone 412-9480 or email thetinshed@clear.net.nz for further information. Check out Sam's sewing tips for a few ways on how to improve your skills-maybe it's time to get off the couch and save some money by making your own clothes...or cake. Check out the delicious recipe for carrot and pineapple cake provided by the lovely ladies at Paula Jane Cakes. As usual we have our monthly update from the local Rodney Board, which will already have started to go through submissions on the three year Local Board Plan - many locals are hopeful that this includes a focus on core services and amenities. Thanks to everyone who supplied us with the interesting content to share with the rest of the community. As always, stay safe, be kind.

Sarah,
Editor.



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RODNEY LOCAL BOARD UPDATE FROM PHELAN PIRRIE

Local Board Plan - By the time you read this the Local Board will already have started to go through submissions on the three year Local Board Plan. Rodney had one of the highest number of submissions so it will be interesting to see what you have said is important. There will be some tough choices to make as the draft plan proposed spending more money than the Board actually has. Personally I hope that we can start to concentrate on basic core services and amenities. Roads - The saga of the long awaited Waimauku Roundabout drags on unresolved. Barely a month ago the word from NZTA was that it was to start in the 2015-2016 year. A group of Waimauku residents had been trying to bring this forward and an on-site meeting was arranged a few weeks ago with the group, NZTA and Auckland Transport staff. At this meeting a bombshell was dropped that the project was now pushed out to 2021!! I contacted our MP's office and they too had only found out that the project was delayed and had



already written to the Minister to find out what had happened. At the time of writing I have had no word on why this project has been delayed. In the meantime both NZTA and AT are looking at what interim safety measures can be put in place. Safety assessment work is also being done by AT around Huapai School, to improve crossings for children in Trigg Rd, with the aim being to get something planned for the 2015-2016 financial year. Planning for Kumeu - The Local Board will start community engagement later this year in preparation for a 'Structure or Master' Plan for Kumeu and Huapai. The intention is to ensure the process has wider community involvement from all groups and individuals who want to be involved in a comprehensive long term plan for our town. Issues, questions, projects you need help with? Contact me on: phelan.pirrie@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or mobile: 021 837 167

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In an emergency dial 111.
For more information contact
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The Waitakere Fire Brigade has been busy conducting fire safety demonstrations to various local kindergartens. These events are a great way to get the safety message through to children who in turn take the message home, especially about installing or checking smoke alarms. The first of the local kindergarten gala is a Waitakere Kindergarten, Township Road on Sunday 14 September from 11am-2pm. We will be there supporting our neighbours with fire truck rides. A great safety device for the house is a fire extinguisher. A good general purpose is an ABE Dry Powder. Where fire extinguishers should be installed: Mount fire extinguishers on a wall out of the normal reach of children. Place fire extinguishers in noticeable places where they can be accessed safely. Suggestions include: in or near the kitchen – not too close to the stove or cooking surfaces. Ideally have an extinguisher in the garage and one in the car. Caravans should have one attached to the inside of the door. Boats should have one mounted in a protected area where it can be reached from the open deck.

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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	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 605,000	\$ 455,000	\$ 605,100
HUAPAI - KUMEU				
Residential	\$ 821,000	\$ 735,000	\$ 530,000	\$ 675,000
Lifestyle	\$3,860,000	\$ 1,900,000	\$799,000	\$ 750,000
MURIWAI				
Residential	\$ 746,000	\$ 680,000	\$ 560,000	\$ 746,000
RIVERHEAD				
Residential	\$ 965,000	\$ 691,500	\$ 620,000	\$ 620,000
TAUPAKI				
Lifestyle	\$ 1,075,000	\$ 1,008,000	\$ 740,000	\$ 1,075,000
WAIMAUKU				
Residential	\$ 1,110,000	\$ 830,000	\$ 530,000	\$ 855,000
Lifestyle	\$ 1,257,000	\$ 1,070,000	\$551,000	\$ 685,000
WAITAKERE TOWNSHIP				
Residential	\$ 538,000	\$ 480,000	\$ 415,000	\$ 538,000
WESTHARBOUR				
Residential	\$ 930,000	\$ 671,000	\$ 458,000	\$785,000
WHENUAPAI				
Residential	\$ 935,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 680,000	\$ 750,000

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16 from Foster Road to the marae at Woodhill. Tena will talk about the volunteer nature of First Response, give tips on CPR, and is going to bring along their special jeep used when they are called out to an emergency. Hopefully none of us will ever need this vital service but we should be informed about it as it is part of our community. 10am start, tea, coffee, biscuits, raffle, congenial company all for \$3 entrance fee to help towards hall hire. You don't need to be a member of SeniorNet to attend so come along and bring your friends too.

RAFFLE PROCEEDS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Helensville Patchwork & Quilting Group recently presented a cheque for \$500.00 to the Westpac Helicopter Trust, being the proceeds of a raffle of a Quilt which was made by the Group. In the past we have supported the Helensville Ambulance & Craigwell House with donations and Community Quilts. The Patchwork & Quilting Group are having a



display of their Quilts in the Community Hall on Commercial Road, Helensville on October 4 & 5th from 10am till 4pm....Entry is \$3.00, children free and there is also a lovely Country Kitchen to be enjoyed, come along and join the fun.

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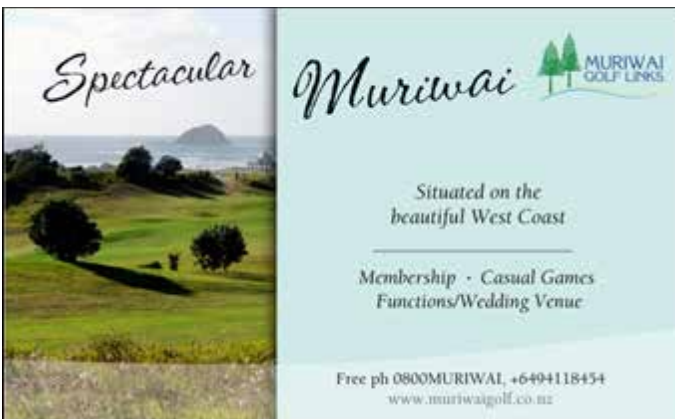
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FROM MY PLACE

Much grey, a little blue, now from mushy green – sudden flashes of intense gold!

'If winter comes, can spring be far behind?'

Experience of spring has inspired poets, songsters, lovers, artists, even gardeners! Weather is cold, gusty, unpredictable, but worth the warm coat – even gumboots! For the somewhere surprising feat for eyes and nose, not unbidden bursts of newsprung snowdrops and incredible fragrance of jonquils.

Maybe Autumn advertising inspired unavoidable purchases that exhausted basketed shelves of those prettily labeled packs of bulbs planted now into pots, for patio and porch happy surprises, or a table indoors. Florists' displays in concentrations of real joy can tempt beyond endurance.

No longer only long-stemmed daffs, but with frilled cups wide or narrow, paler than cream and brighter than oranges and

lemons, fluted petals, even perfumed, choices of miniature and multi-headed. Following now come freesias, and tulips colour-hybridised beyond belief (looking like paeonies), lachenalias, bulbocodiums (petticoat narcissus) iris, ixias, sparaxis.

Among these, fragrant favourite fresias have undergone changes. Longer stems and season, multi-petalled and coloured. Perchance any or all your older-fashioned beloved are loyally and unmistakeably announcing themselves now among the violets as they all know how! Dawn Kendall

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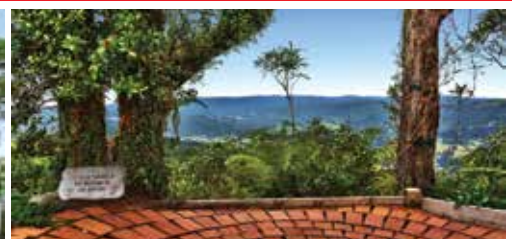


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BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED HIDE-AWAY - WAITAKERE

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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 area. A real entertainers paradise with excellent alfresco to patio and decking. A double garage and workshop links to the home off a beautiful and scenic driveway.

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



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WAITAKERE TOWNSHIP ON 1500 SQUARE METERS

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103 Waitakere Road, Waitakere Township
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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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DIY HOME WITH INCOME OPTION OR AN EXTENDED FAMILY

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Enquiries Over

1027 Coatesville-Riverhead Highway, Riverhead
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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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LAND OR HOUSE AND LAND PACKAGE

By Neg

16A Aitkenhead Court, Parakai
By Negotiation - Viewing by appointment

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FULLY FENCED & SUNNY 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.



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CITY VIEWS FROM WEST HARBOUR - NEAR HOBSONVILLE

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Set Date of Sale

22A Van Dyke Place, West Harbour

Set Date of Sale Tuesday 9th September at 5pm - Viewing by appointment

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



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RURAL BEAUTY, 23 ACRES - CLOSE TO WAIMAUKU

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By Neg

77 Alf Access Road, Helensville

By Negotiation - Viewing by appointment

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



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NEW, CONTEMPORARY, INNOVATIVE, WELL-APPOINTED - MURIWAI

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By Neg

61 Domain Crescent, Muriwai
By Negotiation - Viewing by appointment

An outstanding, elevated, contemporary, new home, with "step up" split level easy-flow interior and cleverly contoured exterior delivering commanding views from all three bedrooms. A breathtaking panorama from the open plan entertainer's lounge, open dining and kitchen offers views over Park, Golf Course, Sand Dunes and Surf Club. Sliders open to north-west decking with glass safety railing provide uninterrupted access to the breaking white water and Tasman Ocean. There has been no expense spared with a delicious mix of oak flooring and woven loom carpet. Twin breakfast bar, three generous bedrooms, bathroom and en-suite, generous laundry and storage throughout, along with expansive under house parking complete the package. This home makes a significant statement inside and out.



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ELEVATED FLAT SECTION IN HISTORICAL RIVERHEAD - NO COVENANTS

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1027 Coatesville-Riverhead Highway, Riverhead
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930 square meter, elevated flat site, away from the road and minutes from the Kauri Gum Store and Riverhead Primary School. The site has services at the road and is presented ready for your desired house site or relocatable to be positioned to take advantage of the plentiful sunshine and extensive views. Make this land your canvas for your dreams to be a reality. No covenants and easy options for an exceptional home and lifestyle.



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AS CLOSE TO AK CBD AS KUMEU OR COATESVILLE

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Enquiries Over

171 Stoney Creek Drive, Waitakere
Enquiries Over \$899,000 - Viewing by appointment

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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CRAZY AFFORDABLE IN CASTOR BAY - NEAR MILFORD

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Enquiries Over

3 / 18 Parr Terrace, Castor Bay
Enquiries Over \$419,000 - Viewing by appointment

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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PROPERTY TALK WITH ASHLEIGH TAYLOR

With the first half of the year now behind us and with winter in full swing, it's a great time to take advantage of what the seasonal market has to offer. While many consider holding off the sale of their home until spring – don't be fooled – winter is still a great time to sell your property. There are plenty of buyers out there at the moment and we're always looking for new properties to take to the market. We look at the advantages of selling your home in winter, REINZ statistics for July 2014 noted that there was a 2.3% increase in sales volume nationwide compared to the previous month of June. The national median price was \$416,000 and this is an increase of \$31,000 compared to July 2013. Auckland recorded the second largest increase in median price compared to July 2013 with a 10.5% increase. Embrace the winter months and take advantage of what the property market has to offer. If you are thinking about buying or selling in the near future then we would love to assist you in this process. Call me now 0800 900 700.
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KUMEU WI NEWS

At the August meeting, Mr Ben Steiner told his moving story of how, as an 8 year old Hungarian Jewish boy, he was suddenly taken from his Catholic boarding school, herded into a crowded cattle truck and transported to the Auschwitz Concentration Camp. On arrival, the detainees were separated into 3 groups. Those who were young and fit were assigned to work parties. The old, infirm and most of the children were lead straight to the Gas Chambers. However a third group was taken away by "nurses" to a special building where they were to be used as "guinea pigs" for medical experiments. Ben was part of this group. He did not go into much detail about the horrors the children suffered, but he did mention the large scars that he still retains from the experimental operations. He was very lucky to be still alive when the American troops arrived in 1945. After

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a period of time in a Danish sanatorium, he was eventually reunited with his parents in Hungary. As a student, he later took part in the Hungarian uprising during 1956, after which he escaped to the West. Hearing about NZ and imagining a tropical island of dancing, top-less, Maori maidens he decided to emigrate here. A Grey Power representative will be the Speaker at our next meeting on September 3rd at the Kumeu Community Centre, when members of the Helensville WI will join us. For information phone Joan 09 411 8964 or Doreen 09 416 9522.

SHAKE RATTLE AND ROLL

At Nature's Explorers we have recently introduced a Core Movement Skills Programme into our Kindy routine. Every second Tuesday our three and four year olds head off to their local hall, to participate in this fun-filled class with Amy. Amy has experience working for Harbour Sport, and is well equipped with skills and knowledge in the field of sports and movement. Children participating in this programme work on a variety of core movement skills. This includes balancing, gross and fine motor skills and hand and eye co-ordination. Mastering these skills boosts children's confidence, they learn about their bodies and how they can move. They also develop social skills as they work together taking turns as they complete a variety of fun circuits set up by Amy. We have found this programme to be a valuable worthwhile learning tool for our children. They always look forward to Tuesday mornings with Amy. If you are interested in finding out more about Nature's Explorers Kindergarten, please contact us on ph: 09 412 8800

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It looks like winter is here with those frosty mornings and chilly nights. It's time to turn on those heaters and heat pumps.

This usually means a substantial increase in your power bills. Did you know you can save on heating costs by significantly reducing the heat loss through your windows? If you open your thermal curtains and blinds during the day and close them just before it gets dark, your house will gain heat during the day and retain some of the heat overnight. Good quality curtains and blinds when drawn, can reduce heat loss through windows by up to 60% for single glazed windows and 40-50% for double glazed. It is important to ensure there is good coverage to prevent warm air from getting behind your curtains or blinds. It is equally important to try to stop cold air from behind the curtains or blinds from getting into the room. To obtain good insulation your drapes and curtains should:

- Be made from good quality thermally backed fabric
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UNFAIR CONTRACT TERMS

In the Kumeu Courier July Edition (page 5), I provided an update on important amendments to the Fair Trading Act 1986. Following that article, I received quite a few queries around the “unfair contract term” amendment. I therefore thought it would be helpful this month to provide some more information about this important amendment. Effectively, come 17 March 2015, it will be an offence under the Fair Trading Act to include an unfair term in a standard form consumer contract. These are typically contracts that are offered to a consumer on a “take it or leave it” basis, and usually relate to goods and services that are for personal use. Examples would include agreements for hire purchase; rental cars; gym membership; and online apps and software. The Commerce Commission (being the body responsible for enforcing the Act) has now released a draft set of guidelines that provide further explanation and clarification around unfair contract terms. In particular, these guidelines explain the unfair contract term provisions of the Act; explain how the Commission will assess whether a term is unfair (and the principles to be applied by the Courts); outline the kinds of terms that may be unfair; and describe the Commission’s approach to enforcing this new amendment. The Commission has invited submissions from interested parties on the draft guidelines by 5.00pm, 30 September 2014. Accordingly, for those of you who operate businesses that utilise standard form consumer contracts, it will be important to review these draft guidelines (which can be found at www.comcom.govt.nz) and, if necessary, make submissions. Businesses unsure about whether they will be affected by this amendment, or needing advice on compliance, should seek legal advice well before the amendment comes into effect. For more information on this article, contact Danswan Law Limited on (09) 412 7348 or visit us at danswan.co.nz.

LIVESTOCK REPORT

Prime cattle and boner cows sold as well as they have, not recently, but possibly ever! A large bench of competing buyers



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ensured vendors were well rewarded for keeping cattle through the wet months. Prime steers sold to \$1,540, heifers \$1,405, but the real highlight was the bidding battle on boner cows which sold to \$1,110. Young stock were in fewer numbers, but sold well, with weaner steers to \$430 and heifers \$405. These probably represent good buying as it is very early to have such nice weaners. With numbers of both prime and quality young stock being very limited, despite record prices, the cattle values look to remain very strong for months to come.

Cattle

- Prime steers \$1,125 to \$1,540
- Small 15 month x bred steers \$770 to \$790
- Small rising 1 year steers \$580 to \$600
- Weaner angus/fresian xsteers \$360 to \$430
- Prime heifers \$1,210 to \$1,405
- forward 20 month heifers \$910 to \$930
- Store 18 month heifers \$770
- Medium rising 1 year heifers \$510 to \$605
- Small rising 1 year heifers \$470 to \$490
- Medium weaner heifers \$360 to \$405
- Boner cows \$885 to \$1,110
- Very light cows \$475 to \$490
- Cow & calf \$790

AT LAST, COUNCIL MEET THE COMMUNITY OVER STRUCTURE PLANNING

The Association were given 1 1/2 days notice to present in front of the Council Development Committee, chaired by Deputy Mayor Penny Hulse. The meeting on Thursday 14th August was set up to consider various scheme changes as well as the further four proposed Special Housing Areas (S.H.A.) for the Kumeu-Huapai area. The Association were aware that additional areas were being considered because the Rodney Board also considered them as a confidential matter at it's meeting in July, recommending to the Auckland Council that they be declined. The Council meeting was attended by members of our Committee and we were given a good hearing. The Council also considered the approval of the new 4 S.H.A. Areas in committee. No indication was given by the Council as to their decision as to whether any new areas will 'join' the existing two in Kumeu. The Council, after a 'tiki tour' by bus of the existing development in the Kumeu-Huapai area, they were astounded at the earthworks and changes made in Riverhead and Huapai on existing de-

velopments. The Association made it clear that we didn't believe the Council had a mandate to approve any future (S.H.A.) until the Structure Plan Layout was completed. The Council have accepted the Ratepayers Association invitation to a meeting at Soljans Winery Restaurant on the 9th September. Director of Planning Roger Blakeley & Penny Pirrit will attend along with Chairperson Penny Hulse. The Council want to hear from the community over issues that are of concern. The meeting gives the community the best opportunity to ensure the top Council Officials know what Kumeu-Huapai needs. Acknowledgement was made at the meeting that the Structure Planning (which hasn't been started) has to be a collaborative effort with the community. At last the Council will front up to the community to discuss our issues. Hope to see you there on the 9th September. Please confirm by email to our Secretary or the writer, so you can ensure a place at the meeting.

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A CASE OF FOOT IN MOUTH....

Sandra (name changed to protect the paranoid) had been a regular customer at the Howick shop for years. Mid-forties-ish, she and her Alpha Male and their two lovely sons shopped 2 or 3 times a month. We usually passed the time of day when business permitted; she was from Richmond – I went to Waimea Intermediate. She'd travelled extensively in Europe – I'd lived in Germany and later in Roermond. Chatting was easy. It was a bizarre dream, possibly powered by the demon painkillers I was taking for back pain. It involved a two-storey house adjacent to a stop bank, with a front door pointlessly opening to a small patch of grass encircled by a gateless 2 metre brick wall. The 20-odd of us panicking on the lawn included several Fast Eddies customers besides Sandra: dunno who the others were. There was no staircase, so no way between the two floors. No way out and no way in: we must've arrived by parachute or something. Those on the top floor had a close-up of the angry, fast-rising river already lapping at the lip of the bank; clearly we on the lawn would very soon be treading water. We were hoping to postpone death for a bit by climbing a ladder swinging precariously from an upper window: from there, we could escape the doomed building via a gang-plank, and run to safety along the bank. So when Sandra turned up to order dinner for her family the very evening after this horrifying hallucinatory experience, I naturally greeted her with bright eyes and wagging tail: "Now there's a coincidence Sandra – I dreamt about you last night.....!" That was thirteen years ago, and I've never seen her since. You have to be careful how you phrase things, sometimes. Use the cut-out voucher on this page, and add Waimauku's favourite burger to your meal - free! Ts & Cs Matti B's is on SH16, round behind FreshChoice in Waimauku Village. Ph: 09 411 7200
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SEPTEMBER 2014 MEACT

Great to have the Local Board Meeting at Muriwai Surf Club in August. Our newly-appointed Chair Gerry Henley presented, with Erin Griffin, ongoing development plans for moving our plant nursery to the back of the Surf Club. Thanks to Muriwai Rangers for allowing us to house our plants their Station for the past three years. Marty and Waitakere College have been laying traps in Goldies Bush. Students placed 10 Doc 200 traps and 60 possum traps, and will maintain the trapline until mid-November. We, and various groups, are supporting trapping and planting on the other side of Constable Road. See more on WildLink, a corridor of native planting connecting important breeding areas like Tiritiri Matangi. At the Bethells end, Forest and Bird are initiating the reintroduction of Pateke (brown teal) into Te Henga wetlands. On the subject of breeding - the Gannets are back and nest-building - welcome them early to admire how far they colonise the mainland this year! Get in touch to help with Gannet monitoring, Village Green developments, or to share a local conservation story ruth@muriwai-environment.org

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CROSS LEASE FOOTPRINT ENLARGEMENT

Last month I discussed building modifications that do not need a building consent. This could include a low deck. And, a partial closing in of the low deck. However, doing this on a cross lease title comes with an extra layer of complication. This is because closing in a deck may be a footprint enlargement which triggers an obligation on you to re-survey the entire building and to file a new cross lease plan. That process involves getting your bank's consent and also the consent of the other cross lease owners. The all up cost of a survey and new cross lease plan could be in the region of \$8,000 to \$9,000 with a turnaround time of 2 to 3 months. Accordingly, discuss your building plans with your lawyer before you make modifications to any cross lease footprint even if you consider that the Council need not be involved. Luke Kemp, Ph 09 412 6000.



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