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Intro

Welcome to our September issue and the end of Winter. I don't know how the year has flown by so fast but here we are – only 4 months out from Christmas already. Firstly I would like to extend thanks to the families of all the Firefighters currently in Canada helping out with the wildfires. Our magazine owner and local fireman Graham McIntyre is one of these selfless people and our thoughts are with them all. It is people like this that keep the spirit alive in our communities and we encourage all efforts to support those who actively try to make a difference in people's lives. One such organisation is Victim Support and they need more people to support victims, families and witnesses in our area. As Victim Support is actively recruiting for Volunteers in the Kumeu, Helensville area at the moment they are hosting an information day and evening at ST Chad's Church in Kumeu on Thursday 21st September. The first session is 1 - 2pm with the second at 6 – 7pm. They are inviting any member of the Community to come in, have a cup of tea with us and hear about the Services they provide at Victim Support. They will also be talking about what it means to be a Volunteer with Victim Support. Please feel free to email Sarah at sarah.binks@victimsupport.org.nz, or call Sarah to register an interest in attending or to find out more about their service on 09 424 6515. September is also the start of Bee Aware Month, Apiculture NZ's annual awareness drive to raise the profile of the honey bee in New Zealand. Bees are vitally important in the garden and in our food production, and their communal wellbeing is paramount. You can help ensure bees stay happy and healthy by planting lots of nectar and food sources for them - they especially love blue, purple and yellow flowers! Flat or shallow blossoms, such as daisies, zinnias and asters will attract the largest variety of bees. While other plants in the mint family, such as salvia, oregano, mint and lavender also do a fantastic job of feeding these amazing little creatures. Head on in to Palmers Plant World at Norwest and pick up some beautiful bargains that are also good for our Planet.

As always, stay safe, be kind,
Sarah
Editor.



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KEEPING HISTORY ALIVE IN THE KUMEU DISTRICT

Stories by Geoff Dobson.

Development could see the loss of many buildings and sites which are part of the Kumeu district's history.

But several community groups are working hard to ensure as many historical items associated with the area are kept.

One such is the old Riverhead School house, built around 1903, which is being restored by the Riverhead Community Courts Club (RCCC) after the community rallied to buy it.

It was moved beside the tennis and netball courts at the Riverhead War Memorial Park in 2009 to make way for Riverhead School expansion.

Considerable work has already been done on the school house, but now the RCCC needs to raise about \$20,000 to repair its sash windows.

While the Auckland Council is again helping, the club will also be the major recipient of a Riverhead Charity Ball on September 23. It's hoped that together they will get to at least halfway to their target this year club spokeswoman Heather Lundon says.

The masquerade ball with dance band is being organised by an informal group of Riverhead women who saw the need to raise money for The School House. It will be a night of dance and frivolity with profits going towards this vital piece of community history and will be held at The Riverhead, itself an historic building.

Sponsors were sought for the event and include The Riverhead, Soljans Estate Winery, Boric Food Market, Kumeu River Wines and Flooring xtra.

Coincidentally, a descendent of the Deacon and Griffin families which were part of Riverhead and Kumeu's history has contacted the newly formed NorWest Heritage group.

Now an incorporated society, the group led by Bunty Condon is already receiving items of interest from families associated with the area, including the Jonkers, Spences and more.

Dedicated to preserving and protecting the area's history and heritage, the group needs somewhere to house the growing number of items.

"We're urgently in need of a museum," Bunty says.

She says the Jonkers family donated some treasured family heirlooms, collected by the late Artie Jonkers. His dream was to establish a museum, but that remained unfulfilled in his lifetime.



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The Jonkers family has owned about 218 hectares of Waitakere farmland since 1924, with fifth generation family members now running it.

"NorWest Heritage and the West Auckland Historical Society intend to honour Artie's name with these precious items on display," Bunty says, thanking Joy Jonkers and daughter Lyn Martinac.

A hand wine press used in the early years at Matua Valley Wines for crushing small amounts of grapes has been donated by Eileen and Bill Spence.

D'Arcy Newson, a former owner of Kumeu Pharmacy has provided some early items of the type sold by Kumeu's first pharmacy. Anyone who can help find a building, house or premises for a museum, or secure storage in the meantime, should contact Bunty.

NorWest Heritage meets on the third Wednesday of the month at the Kumeu Cricket Club, Huapai Reserve, 7pm.

The next meetings are on September 20 and October 18.

All are welcome, with a hot drink provided.

Contact Bunty on 09 412 9451, 027 440 0044, or email buntycondon@xtra.co.nz for NorWest Heritage information.

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DOING COMMUNITY GOODE

Goode Brothers is living up to its name.

The North West restaurant is supporting community organisations the best way it knows how.

That ranges from shouting Waitakere township firefighters to free pizza at the restaurant, delivering free pizzas to a different local school every Monday for staff, providing vouchers – just to name a few.

Goode Brothers even donates basil plants past their restaurant best standard to a kindergarten to revive in spring and summer. There's also a rugby team sponsorship (Massey's under-85kg

team).

Now there is a new involvement with Jones's Youth Foundation formed by Michael Jones (not the former All Black).

A youth foundation pizza fundraising day in November is under discussion with Goode Brothers. Still in the planning stages, the event could help the foundation's aim of providing support and assistance to those aged five to 18 with education, finance, health, wellbeing, life skills and more.

The community projects are run by Goode Brothers North West general manager Mike Elsom and the restaurant's events coordinator Jess Longdon.

In fact, it was Jess's idea to get the 20 or so firefighters in for free pizza through her dad Stan Longdon's involvement with the Waitakere Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Jess's family has lived in the Waitakere area many years and she attended Waitakere Primary School, starting at Goode Brothers when the restaurant opened in October last year.

Coincidentally, Waitakere firefighter and owner of this magazine, Graham McIntyre is on a nearly six-week mission with about 80 other New Zealand firefighters battling enormous wildfires in Canada.

About 200 wildfires are burning across the country, especially in British Columbia, reportedly having its worst wildfire season in 60 years. The Kiwis are joining nearly 3800 others fighting to contain the fires, unlikely to end until winter snow hits.

Perhaps Graham will qualify for another free pizza on his return. Meanwhile, Goode Brothers provides pizzas to other workplaces deserving of recognition.

Jess and Mike say it's good to be able to help in the community where they can.

"We try to assist some local charities, including school fundraisers, with no strings attached," Mike says.

He sees it as an opportunity to interact with local organisations that may need a lift.

So the title Goode Brothers means just that, especially in the North West.

Photo: Jess Longdon and Mike Elsom are doing good deeds at Goode Brothers North West.

NIGERIAN DWARF GOATS INTRODUCED

A Kumeu couple has been the first to bring Nigerian dwarf dairy goats to New Zealand.

Fiona and Adrian Casey started a breeding programme for the goats about two years ago, naming their business Goldengrove, after importing some from an Australian breeder.

Their first buck, First Fleet Frederick, came to Australia as an embryo.

"Our goats are registered and from American heritage," Fiona says. "They are the first ones in New Zealand."

Fiona says the goats are tiny and in big demand in the USA for their very high milk fat.

Of West African ancestry, the goats were initially taken from there on ships as food for captured wild species held in zoos. Survivors were maintained in herds at the various zoos, some acquired by private owners who began breeding them.

Small and easy to maintain, the goats have become popular as pets and family milkers. A high butterfat content makes their milk well suited to cheese making.

"That's the key reason they're of interest to us," Fiona says.

Later in lactation their butterfat can reach 10% or higher, making the milk ideal for ice cream, yoghurt, desserts and soap making.

For a tiny animal, the Nigerian dwarf goat can produce a sur-

prising quantity of milk, around 0.45 litres to 3.6 litres daily. Production depends on genetics and how many times the doe has freshened (given birth). Feed quality and type plus general good management help too.

Nigerian goats breed year-round, so it's easy to stagger freshening so there's a constant milk supply, Fiona says.

Gentle and easy to train, the goats will even come into the house if you let them. While some prefer letting the mothers raise their kids, others may bottle raise them, but they can become overly clingy, Fiona says.

"With either method, they can be very friendly and easily be trained to walk on a leash."

That all helps to make them good visitor animals for rest homes, retirement villages and hospitals.

Small harnesses and tiny wagons are available to fit the goats from some goat supply outlets.

The goats are colourful too. They can include white, black, gold, red and cream in a variety of patterns. Eyes may be blue, gold or brown. They are generally dehorned at an early age.

However, adult goats shouldn't live in the home, Fiona says. "Because they are ruminants they need to spend a large part of the day eating hay, pasture or browsing."

Adult males can have an objectionable smell, so does or wethers (neutered males) make the best pets.

Information about the goats can be found at the American Dairy Goat Association, which sets a maximum height at the withers for the Nigerian dwarf goats at 57cm for does and 60cms for bucks (males).

The association says the Nigerian dwarf has, for the first time, become the leading goat breed with the highest number of ADGA registrations last year, beating the Nubians which have held the record for many years.



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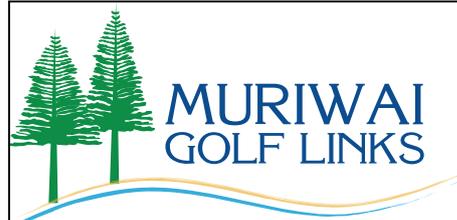
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RODNEY TWIN LOCAL BOARD RECOMMENDED

Twin local boards for Rodney is one of two options recommended by consultants to the Local Government Commission. The other is to keep the status quo.

A report from consultants Morrison Low, considered by the commission on August 4, gives the boot to the Northern Action Group's (NAG) proposal for a northern Rodney unitary authority and the Waiheke unitary authority proposal – among seven options evaluated.

Options rejected were considered too impractical.

The commission will now decide, probably later this year, which of the two "reasonably practicable options" (ROPs) it prefers.

If the twin board idea is accepted then further community consultation will be sought.

Originally stemming from the Kumeu-Huapai Residents and Ratepayers Association (KHRRRA), the dual Rodney local board option doesn't include any change to boundaries or functions of the affected local authority, the consultants say.

"The option enables democratic local decision making, provides fair and effective representation and enables equitable provision to be made for the current and future well-being of all communities within the affected area."

KHRRRA chairman Pete Sinton says he's "happy with the direction taken" and believes it's the correct one for the district.

Attending the commission meeting in Auckland on August 4 with other area representatives, including Rodney councillor Greg Sayers and Rodney Local Board chairwoman Beth Houlbrooke, Pete says the commission was asked to make allowances for growth in both the Kumeu district and Warkworth area.

That growth has to be factored into the equation, along with the cost of the inconvenience the present system presents, Pete says.

"It will take time to work through, as the commission still has to come up with a preferred option from the twin board concept, the status quo or something else."

He says the association put considerable effort into its proposal and gained support from others like the Taupaki and Helensville ratepayer groups.

"We took a different stance on behalf of the community to ensure no adverse effects came from the NAG proposal, which would have devastated us.

"We weren't trying to take it away from Warkworth which, if this is successful, will probably have a local board service centre, as will Kumeu."

Pete believes that service centres in both townships will be more accessible to residents in those areas.

He says that could lead to the Orewa service centre being better used by the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board, which has responsibility for that area.

Greg Sayers says he's "interested in seeing the democratic pro-

cess followed" after more than four years of negotiation.

He says that's certainly been the case, and if the commission decides to support the twin board option then further public consultation is expected.

"It would have to go to all of Auckland for a poll – not just Rodney – and at least 10 percent of Aucklanders would have to agree. So it's still a high hurdle to get over."

The commission had earlier determined the "affected area" in the NAG proposal is the whole Auckland Council area and not just northern Rodney.

Asked where he stands on the ROP options, Greg says he doesn't really have a set position. "Both have pros and cons."

But he supports any change that will bring more local decision making so that rates are spent more locally.

A similar sentiment is shared by Rodney Local Board chairwoman Beth Houlbrooke, who supports any changes which bring more decision making and budget control back to a local level. She's unsure how it will "pan out", as the commission could opt for one of the ROPs or even do something different.

Beth says the board may later want to make a submission, depending on what the commission decides.

Te Awaroa Residents and Ratepayers chairwoman Holly Southernwood also sat in on the briefing and says the twin board option "seems the likely outcome".

But she says whether the two board proposal would lead to two councillors being required to cover the area appears to be up to the Auckland Council to decide.

Photo: Local Government Commission chairman Sir Wira Gardiner, left, with Taupaki Residents and Ratepayers Association chairman Ian Shaw, commissioner Janie Annear and Kumeu-Huapai Residents and Ratepayers Association secretary Mark Hall at a public meeting in Kumeu late last year, mainly to discuss the twin board proposal.



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SAFER COMMUNITIES

When the Francie overturned crossing the Kaipara bar in November last year, pitching its skipper and 10 passengers into the pounding West Coast surf, emergency services were stretched to the limit.

Rescuers on the water, in the air and along Muriwai Beach scanned the waves searching for the missing. Back at Kaipara Cruising Club in Helensville, members and families gathered after hearing the news that something was wrong.

Out on the water, it became evident that the rescue effort was rapidly becoming a recovery operation. Police quickly called in Claire, a Victim Support worker, and other members of the local Victim Support team to help at the clubrooms.

Victim Support is an agency that works alongside emergency services to support those affected by crime, violence or tragedy. It is funded by the government. Team members are specially trained volunteers, supported by paid area co-ordinators and operations centre staff. Claire joined Victim Support two and a half years ago and has been trained to provide victims with emotional support in the immediate aftermath of an incident. Part of her role is also to support individuals, families and whanau in dealing with police, the coroner and the justice system. Usually, when Victim Support workers are called to an incident, it is easy to establish who the main victim is and who else might be affected. Support is also offered to witnesses and families of those directly involved.

On 26 November 2016, the incident was very different. Claire and the other Victim Support workers worked tirelessly alongside police throughout the night to identify victims' families, support families as official information came through and then begin the process of supporting these families as they struggle through the grief process.

After a long night, Claire headed home, having made a small difference on what, for these families, was likely the most difficult night of their lives.

Victim Support need more "Claire's" to support victims, families and witnesses in your area.

As Victim Support is actively recruiting for Volunteers in the Kumeu, Helensville area at the moment they are hosting an information day and evening at ST Chad's Church in Kumeu on Thursday 21st September.

The first session is 1 - 2pm with the second at 6 - 7pm.

They are inviting any member of the Community to come in, have a cup of tea with us and hear about the Services we provide at Victim Support. They will also be talking about what it means to be a Volunteer with Victim Support.

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If you would like to join our club, we meet at 10am on the first Wednesday of each month at St Chads Church Hall Huapai, just come along to our next meeting on September 6th or contact: Brian Lacey on 022 183 1811 brian@lacey.nz or Nigel Dempster at nigeldem@outlook.com.



VOICES FROM THE PAST

Kaukapakapa Library, Sunday 17th September, 10am - 1pm. Come along and hear oral histories from Kaukapakapa's past providing information on early families, their lifestyles and significant events. Listen to the late Frank Henley on early Kaukapakapa, Wyn Jordan about Jordan's Island and Murdoch McLean speaking about railway and the Makarau tunnel, farming and schooling in the area,

and more. Oral histories are courtesy of the Helensville Museum. For more information contact Megan Paterson on 021 959 017 or email threehorses@xtra.co.nz. Photograph is: Ron Taylor, Norman Taylor, Owen Jordan, Wyn (Taylor) Jordan at Kukutango (Jordan's Island), Kaukapakapa, 1931.



YOU MAY THINK HERE AT THE ROSE FARM "ALL IS QUIET"

But alas all is not. Over winter we have cut back our rose crop so it had a better chance to survive without heating. It's certainly been a challenge but we are coming out the other side "smelling of roses" (No pun intended) We are making some changes so we will be able to supply roses and other flowers/produce next winter for our local market. Other changes are that we are diversifying into more herbs, edible flowers and even some vegetables. We have been growing gherkins for 'Aldersons' who do a fabulous range of pickles, sauces and condiments. You can find some of their range at Boric Food Market Coatesville-Riverhead Hwy. We also grow dill and on their list this year we will be growing lovely hot peppers. Our growing house is also perfect for tomatoes so we have these on the list in the near future too plus some other goodies I am eager to trial. If you are wanting someone to grow organic fresh herbs and veges or anything else - give Angeli-que a call on 027 519 7108. Check us out on our website www.flowerbarn.co.nz.

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The club is taking registrations for all junior tennis players aged from 4 to 18 years old. Membership fees include two terms (Term 4, 2017 and Term 1, 2018) of after school club day tennis every Wednesday, free entry to all club events, and discounted lessons. Registration dates are on the Open Day, or alternatively on Wednesday 13th September 3.30 till 5.30pm. You can also register via email at waimaukutennis@gmail.com. All juniors wanting to play inter-club tennis must be a registered member.



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KUMEU BLEND CHOIR

We enjoyed a good concert on Sunday 13 August with the Auckland Youth Symphonic Band. Brahms' German Requiem, the Faure Pavane and a Beatles' medley all went well. We also sang three a cappella pieces. From Monday 21st August we start to rehearse our Christmas programme.

Kumeu Blend is a friendly, un-auditioned choir. We sing a wide variety of music from classical choral through to music from shows and modern works. Some is challenging but all is fun. You don't need to read music to join the choir although it helps if you do. Feel free to drop in to St Chads Church, Huapai, at 7:30 any Monday evening, or if you would like to join

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By Mike Pero, Chief Executive, Mike Pero Real Estate. Understanding the real value of your home, and how it is calculated, will help you establish expectations when it comes to sale time.

Naturally, sellers want top dollar for their homes, but overpricing can prove just as detrimental as underpricing. The old saying 'you can always come down but you can't go up' is somewhat misguided when it comes to effectively marketing a property, and sometimes the cost of a missed opportunity far outweighs a minor price adjustment on your property's asking price.

Gauging the Market - Assuming you engage a licensed real estate agent to sell your home, you will most likely receive a Comparative Market Appraisal (CMA) to help you and your agent establish the most appropriate price.

The purpose of a CMA, which includes a number of recent sales in the geographical vicinity of your property, is to give you a reference point in order to establish your property's value.

Determining Factors - The value you arrive at will take into account a series of factors including: location, perspective,

land size, dwelling size, age, quality, and so on. It is often difficult to be objective with your own home because you know all the extra effort and money you have invested in the property over the years - details that are often overlooked or of no consequence to potential buyers.

No two houses are identical in every respect, so it's up to you and your agent to work together to reach an agreed value of your home. When you do arrive at an 'ideal value', it is important to consider the absolute 'rock bottom' price you would accept.

Managing Expectations - All going well, your eventual sale price will be somewhere between the two, and on a good day it could be even more than you anticipated. The most common, and successful, way to exceed your expectations is by going to auction. You may have a figure in mind before auction day; but if there is fierce competition for your home, and if the emotions of bidders are running high, then it could well be your lucky day. 0800 500 123 - Mikepero.com. Mike Pero Real Estate Ltd Licensed REAA (2008).

IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHAT'S IN YOUR CREDIT FILE

Everywhere you visit these days you're given the opportunity to go online and rate your experience. Whether it's a restaurant you ate at, a hotel you stayed at, or your last tinder date - ratings systems are everywhere. We use them to make informed decisions about what is good and what we should try to avoid.

Things aren't too dissimilar in the finance world, where lenders have access to a credit file to help assess a borrower's suitability for a loan. However, while most of us know our rating on Uber, very few Kiwis know what their credit score is - but it's hugely important.

Here are some of the top reasons why every person should know what's in their credit file.

You can plan around it - particularly if your credit history is not ideal. If your credit history is not great, it can significantly impact your options when it comes time to apply for a loan. In fact, there are many lenders with restrictive lending criteria who won't even consider a customer who has any type of negative notation (being a 'hit' or mark on a person's credit file) - no matter how minor or long ago the event occurred.

Knowing what is in your credit file before you apply for finance means those borrowers with poor credit can plan alternatives, such as going to a more flexible lender from the outset.

This also means that you limit the number of unnecessary notations that get made on your credit file. This is because each lender with whom you apply for credit makes a notation on your credit file at the time you apply for the loan - irrespective of whether you are approved or not. Too many notations can negatively impact your overall credit rating.

You'll know if you have to wait to apply for finance. If you know what has caused you to have bad credit, then it might make sense to delay applying for finance. Anything like a credit enquiry, default or court judgement will remain on a person's credit file for five years. So, if you know that a default on your credit file will drop off shortly, then it might make sense to wait it out to give you more options.

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How can you access your credit file? There are three different credit ratings agencies in New Zealand: Centrix, Dun & Bradstreet and Veda Advantage. All three providers will give you your credit file for free, however if you want to get the information quickly then you might have to pay a service fee.

For further details or feedback feel free to contact Ivan on 09 427 5870 or 0275 775 995 or email ivan.urlich@mikepero.co.nz. Ivan Urlich is a registered financial adviser specialising in mortgages, his disclosure statement is available free of charge on request.

NEW METH TESTING STANDARDS FINALLY RELEASED

Methamphetamine is a serious issue that landlords need to be aware of, as there are potential repercussions both in insurance and tenancy matters if the requirements are not met.

The long-awaited Standard (NZS 8510:2017) for testing and decontamination of methamphetamine (P) contaminated properties has been released by Standards New Zealand.

As per a recent media release by Standards New Zealand, the guidelines provide industry guidance on good practice methods in the testing and clean-up of methamphetamine contamination in houses. The standard also addresses properties used as make-shift laboratories for the illicit manufacture of methamphetamine, as well as properties contaminated by the use of methamphetamine. The standard will be used by methamphetamine testing and clean-up/decontamination companies; laboratories that analyse samples taken from meth contaminated properties; health, safety, and environmental regulators; property owners, managers, and insurers.

This new standard adopts a single level of 1.5 micrograms of methamphetamine per 100 sq.cm of surface sampled, regardless of whether a property was involved in the production or use of meth. It also specifies best-practice disruption for property owners and occupants.

The Tenancy Tribunal is also starting to expect landlords to have completed a meth test prior to signing up any new tenancy, on the grounds that it is part of the owner's responsibility to provide the property in a reasonably clean and reasonably tidy state as per their obligations under the Residential Tenancies Act, 1986 (as amended from time to time).

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	660,000	4.1HA	82M2	935,000
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Muriwai	630,000	842M2	120M2	815,000
	690,000	3073M2	215M2	900,000
	610,000	974M2	57M2	1,050,000
	930,000	1.7HA	213M2	1,450,000
Parakai	450,000	553M2	153M2	659,000
	295,000	0M2	79M2	585,000
Riverhead	700,000	1132M2	91M2	1,140,000
	910,000	956M2	230M2	1,265,000
	920,000	772M2	246M2	1,365,000
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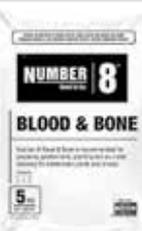
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10 ACRES OF FLAT USABLE LAND - HELENSVILLE



By Negotiation

37 Te Pua School Road, Helensville
By Negotiation

Searching for flat land with easy access to SH16, this is the property for you. Flat grazing land, orchard with shedding and near new four bedroom, two bathroom family home returning \$550 per week. In addition the property has casual grazing options, arena, sleepout, stable and tack room. Things to do, but so much on offer to the gazer or grower looking to secure an excellent long term investment. Close to Parakai and Helensville convenience shopping, schooling and transport network. Access off Te Pua School Road and SH16 makes the property multi-functional and flexible. The CV on this property is \$840,000. We are happy to supply a list of the last 12 months of transactions in this area. For a complete transaction list please email graham.mcintyre@mikepero.com.

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Asking Price \$905,000

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Asking Price \$905,000

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By Negotiation

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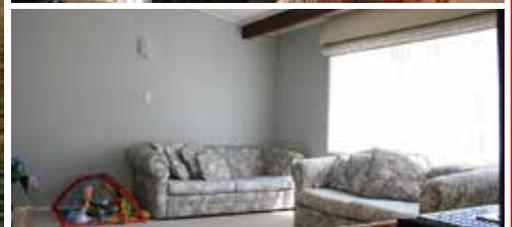
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ELEVATED STATELY BUNGALOW - WAIMAUKU

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Asking Price \$997,000

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Asking Price \$997,000

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Asking Price \$845,000

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Asking Price \$845,000

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HILLTOP LOCATION OVERLOOKING HELENSVILLE AND PARAKAI

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By Negotiation

525 Kiwitahi Road, Helensville
By Negotiation

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LIFESTYLE PROPERTY BUYERS GUIDE - PART 1

What is a 'lifestyle block'? The term 'lifestyle block' can be described as a rural small holding of land and typically includes lifestyle blocks, hobby farms, and country homes on large sections; they are attractive to people who are seeking an alternative to the traditional suburban home.

Who lives on a lifestyle block? The people who have ended up living on lifestyle blocks are very diverse. They move for the prospect of a better life for their families, away from the urban rat race with today's social problems. They want fresh air, open spaces, and bigger properties that tend to hold the promise of swimming pools, tennis courts, and large gardens with plenty of land leftover for 'free-range' children. People want to have control of their living environment and food production plus the joy of having animals and pets in natural surroundings. Only on a lifestyle block does someone feel free to regularly hug their animals, and give them all a name.

Key attributes of lifestyle living - Location: The key aspects of location relate to: nearness to small town communities; sources of employment, services and amenities; high school, tertiary education, leisure and entertainment activities; being 'close enough to urban life' means to be within a reasonable commuting distance.

Place of residence: Lifestyle blocks are places of residence first and foremost, and their cost is largely determined by the kind of home to be found there. If a block of land has a modest home, the same block would sell for more if it had a larger, more prestigious home. Lifestyle properties do vary in regard to land area, floor plan, and outbuildings – each property is unique.

Children: Lifestyle properties offer a great opportunity for children to go to a small rural school, with a school bus at the gate, and room for children to play in the fresh air with family and friends, enjoy the company of pets, and the responsibility of caring for animals.

Environmental Qualities: A lifestyle block is enhanced by the extent to which it offers peace and quiet, views of the surrounding countryside, mature trees, native bush, ponds and streams – all added benefits when purchasing a lifestyle property.

Facilities: Properties that are well fenced externally and internally for grazing of stock is important, along with a good water

supply for the house and stock. Stock handling facilities and outbuildings all add value to any good lifestyle property.

Financial Investment: Lifestyle blocks are currently and have generally increased their value at a greater rate than urban residential property. If a block has potential for further subdivision there can be added value here as well.

Next month I will present the second part of this guide "Lifestyle property buyer guidelines"

If you require any further information on lifestyle properties please give me a call on 027 554 4240 or 09 411 7854. Lyndsay Kerr Lifestyle Specialist Mike Pero Real Estate. Licensed REAA (2008).

PALMERS PLANET

It's the month we long for all winter, when spring is sprung. There's lots of new life and colour emerging, the gorgeous pink blossom of the cherry trees intoxicating the tui, brightly coloured daffodils and tulips, magnolias blooming, such promise of sunnier times ahead.

September is also the start of Bee Aware Month, Apiculture NZ's annual awareness drive to raise the profile of the honey bee in New Zealand. Bees are vitally important in the garden and in our food production, and their communal wellbeing is paramount. You can help ensure bees stay happy and healthy by planting lots of nectar and food sources for them - they especially love blue, purple and yellow flowers! Single flowers (those with one ring of petals) provide more nectar and pollen than double flowers, in which extra petals have replaced pollen-laden anthers. Flat or shallow blossoms, such as daisies, zinnias and asters will attract the largest variety of bees. Long-tongued bees will be attracted to plants in the mint family, such as salvia, oregano, mint and lavender.

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Despite significant schedule drops over the weekend, cattle prices at Pukekohe were seriously strong in places; with rising yearling cattle selling as well as they has for many months. Quality killable cattle also, were in high demand, surprisingly, following negativity in papers over the last week. As spring approaches, farmers tend to feel more optimistic, at least as far as feeding cattle is concerned. This generally has a strong impact on the store cattle market and big schedule drops tend to make farmers add weight to killable stock rather than buying expensive store cattle. Therefore, the next month or two will be interesting as works are indicating cattle are too expensive, but still need them.

Best 2 year steers	\$1,200 to \$1,780
Light x bred steers	\$990 to \$1,140
Rising 1 year steers	\$690 to \$850
Small weaner steers	\$540
Best prime heifers	\$1,300 to \$1,800
Lighter heifers \$	1,110 to \$1,290
Medium rising 1 year heifers	\$750 to \$810
Other small x bred heifers	\$150 to \$578
Boner cows	\$935 to \$1,390
Very light cows	\$230 to \$450
Fat lambs	\$105 to \$156
Store lambs	\$70 to \$92
Spring lambs	\$65
Hoggets	\$105 to \$129
Ewes	\$135
Ewes with lambs	\$66.50

W/H bulls	\$160 \$320
W/H heifers	\$90 \$170
Friesian bulls	\$40 \$135
Store	\$125
Porkers	\$130

YOU HAVE TO HAVE AN UP TO DATE WILL

If you are in any doubt about the benefits of having a lawyer prepare your will, right now read this. Nobody wants to think about their will - they involve you spending money on something that will only ever be used after your death. But you really have to have one.

People often ask me why they should spend the \$350 odd dollars to get a lawyer to draft their will when they can just get one off the internet. The answer is that wills are the most litigated document you will ever sign. If you don't get it right (which is the risk with home-made wills) or if you die without a will you leave an expensive source of conflict for your family to sort out. Estate litigation is a costly exercise with legal fees ranging from the tens to hundreds of thousands. It makes much more sense to invest in having a will prepared by a legal professional to be confident you've got it sorted.

In New Zealand you are more likely to go to court over a will than over any other document.

Your word is not law when it comes to bequeathing your worldly goods. You have obligations even after your death that mean the Court can overturn your will if you haven't fulfilled those obligations. The cost and stress of defending a claim to overturn a loved one's will is a real burden. And in most cases it would have been avoided if the will maker had had sensible legal advice when the will was drafted.

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Another good thing to do in a will is appoint a testamentary guardian so that someone you trust will have the right to be involved in decisions about what happens to your children after you go.

Doing a quick legal spring clean is an easy way to meet your local lawyer, and get your affairs sorted so that no-one ever has to do it for you.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF RECALL

Recall is getting your dog to come back to you when you call them - sounds simple right? Unfortunately many dogs and their owners struggle with this skill, quite often people find themselves wondering, why doesn't my dog want to come back? In truth,



it's not that the dog doesn't want to come back, it's just that they want to explore the world and play with their friends more. Think about when you were younger and you were out with your friends and your parents would call your name to tell you it was time to go in. How often did you tread the line and get as much extra time as you could by pretending you couldn't hear them? Nowadays how often do parents call/text their children with no response but convenient excuses like 'my phone was in my bag so I didn't hear it'. All so that we get that extra time exploring with our friends.

So to get your dog to come back to you, you need to become more interesting and important to your dog than the distractions they come across. The best place to start is to change the way you think about walking your dog. Instead of it being a chore to drain energy out of your dog, try thinking of it as a time to build your relationship. It shouldn't be that your dog is off charging around while you walk along on your phone not paying attention to them. In your dog's eyes you are being really boring so it's no wonder they go off and find their own entertainment. Your dog walk should be like when you meet up with a friend for coffee, the focus is on them, if the focus switches to something else then both of your attention goes to it. Using things like food, or their favourite toy can really help in keeping your dog's attention.

You need to practise getting your dog to come back to you, don't expect them to just suddenly know to do it. If you are worried about your dog not coming back then use a long line. A long line provides your dog the freedom to move around but gives you the reassurance that if they're about to run off you

can stop them.

What if things go wrong?

When your dog is ignoring your calls it can be really disheartening and start to become embarrassing. This often leads to us doing the worst thing possible which is to get annoyed and show it in our body language and tone of voice. How often have you been on the beach and heard someone shout 'GET BACK HERE NOW!!' whilst standing face on to the dog and quite often aggressively pointing to the ground in front of them. Imagine if someone was shouting at you, would you willingly go to them or would you avoid them until they had calmed down?

Instead of showing your annoyance the best thing you can do is hide the annoyance and pretend to be really happy and fun; you may feel like you deserve an Oscar but you will be much more successful in getting your dog to come back. Also instead of being face on to the dog, turn sideways or even possibly away from them, this is you communicating that you're planning on going the other way so they need to come back and keep up.

Another great tip is to move. Quite often dogs get a bit cheeky and when we call them realise we're where they left us so don't bother looking round (they can tell where we are just using their hearing) By moving and then calling them they will hear that you have moved and often look to investigate where you've gone, once you have their attention it's a lot easier to get them to come all the way back.

You may need to take the moving to the next step and start hiding. If you hide and call your dog's name, chances are they will look up and when they can't see you will come running and search for you.

Recall is so important and if you put in some work, a very achievable thing. It is our responsibility as dog owners to have control of our dogs in public. If you do not have a good recall your dog should be on a lead or long line, end of story. Too often children, adults and other dogs are injured by an out of control off leash dog and it needs to stop.

It may sound harsh but it is actually the safest thing for your dog. In our society dogs are guilty until proven innocent. If they are off lead and perceived dangerous because they are out of control then they will face the repercussions. Do not put your dog in a situation where they are set up to fail.

If you do not trust that your dog will come back to you then make sure they are either kept on leash or you use a long line to ensure that you can get control when needed. As a dog trainer I am more than happy to help you with building your dog's recall to the level that you need or I can point you in the direction of other great trainers in your area. When training your dog remember you want coming back to you to be a positive and rewarding thing for your dog.

For more information contact Laura Purkis at The Dog Safe Workplace – www.dogsafeworkplace.com.



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 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 1 1/2 cups milk
 3 eggs (large)
 2 cups plain flour, sifted
 3/4 cup self-raising flour, sifted
 orange slices, to serve
 White Chocolate Ganache:
 360g white chocolate, chopped
 2 teaspoons finely grated lemon rind
 2 teaspoons finely grated lime rind
 2/3 cup sour cream

Method:

Preheat oven to 160°C/140°C fan-forced. Grease a 6cm-deep, 19cm (base) square cake pan. Line base and sides with 2 layers of baking paper.

Combine lemon, lime and orange rind, butter, chocolate, sugar, vanilla and milk in a saucepan over low heat. Stir until smooth. Transfer to a large bowl. Cool for 10 minutes.

Add eggs. Stir to combine. Add plain flour and self-raising flour. Stir to combine. Pour mixture into prepared pan. Bake for 2



hours or until a skewer inserted in the centre has moist crumbs clinging. Stand in pan for 10 minutes. Turn out onto a wire rack to cool.

Make ganache: Place chocolate, lemon rind and lime rind in a heatproof bowl. Place bowl over a pan of simmering water. Cook, stirring, for 4 to 5 minutes or until melted. Remove from heat. Stir in sour cream. Refrigerate for 30 to 40 minutes or until thick enough to spread. Spread over top and sides of cake. Stand for 10 minutes or until ganache is set. Serve with orange slices.

Recipes supplied by Wedding and Birthday cake specialists Paula Jane Cakes. Contact Paula on 021 208 8604 or Jane on 021 273 6139, email info@paulajaneakes.co.nz or visit www.paulajaneakes.co.nz.

FORAGE AND YOU SHALL FEAST! FORESTER FRAMES RIVERHEAD AS A DINING DESTINATION

But wait there's more. The anchor tenant of Riverhead's newest development, 'Riverhead Central', presents a multi-faceted offering all flowing from a central hub; Forester, a relaxed gastro, Harvest, a light filled cafe, and The Chippy, a modern takeaway bar.

Seamlessly blending fresh produce foraged from local farm and field with international dining experience, the food at Forester is an exciting modern take on classical bistro dishes which includes the famed Roman wood-fired pizza. This is complimented by homemade baking and Havana coffee at Harvest as well as firm family favourite fish and chips at The Chippy. This new venue will provide quality night and day dining options for the expanding demographic of the area - the city slickers will love the digital loyalty program too.

With all dining options being fully licensed the selection on offer has been well considered. The wine list is packed with local NZ staples such as Kumeu River, Hunting Lodge, and Te Mata with an array of international selections for good measure. Also on offer is a great range of premium and local craft beers including a selection from Melbourne brand Mountain Goat Beer. Have a brew after a hard day in the office, while the kids make their own pizzas at 'Babysitter Club' Fridays or perhaps while you await your fish and chips? Don't mind if we do.

The brain child of seasoned hospitality veterans Dan and Ange Housley, the new offering will be the flagship premises of the well-established Black Pepper Hospitality brand which includes Executive Chef Campbell White and General Manager Jared Smith. The team have a wealth of local and international experience spanning over 20 years including the much loved Bellota tapas bar in Skycity and Merchants of Venice in Wynyard Quarter (Dan and Ange), Hip Group and Regatta (Campbell) and the Queenstown and Wellington dining scenes (Jared).

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venue is awash with rich greens in a 'board and batten' style. The venue was designed by the team at CTRL Space to reflect the forest and hill surrounds. The venue offers spacious and comfortable dining and a café setting that can also accommodate semi private functions.

The new heart of Riverhead will be open from mid-July starting with Harvest café and The Chippy followed by Forester in August. Harvest will be open for coffee and breakfast from 6.30am Monday to Sunday, Forester will be open for lunch Friday to Sunday from 11.30am until late and dinner Monday to Sunday from 4.00pm until late, and The Chippy will be open for take-aways Monday to Sunday from 4.00pm until late.

The locals are excited. And you should be too. With whispers of later plans for a gourmet deli, visiting guest chefs, international wine and whiskey tasting evenings Riverhead Central is one to watch. This is definitely a dining destination well worth the easy 25min drive from downtown Auckland to the lush Riverhead countryside.

SOLJANS ESTATE WINERY

With the wedding season just around the corner, it is the perfect time for those newly engaged couples to start searching for their ideal wedding venue. Soljans Estate Winery has a wealth of experience as a successful wedding venue and would like to showcase their stunning grounds at the Soljans Wedding Expo on Saturday, 14 October 2017 from 10am to 2pm. Enter the architecturally designed



winery that reflects their Dalmatian heritage, wander the surrounding home vineyard and experience the ambience of the rural setting. Come and talk to the dedicated staff about Soljans wedding facilities and gather contacts from recommended vendors. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email our Wedding Coordinator Brittany on 09 412 2824 or weddings@soljans.co.nz. Saturday, 14 October 2017, 10am – 2pm. Soljans Estate Winery; 366 State Highway 16, Kumeu, Auckland.

NEW ZEALAND HERBAL BREW

New Zealand Herbal Brew teas aren't just leaves in a bag for making a cuppa; there's a lot of thought behind them. This new range has been meticulously developed, tested and tweaked by Kumeu local Rebecca Stenbeck —a qualified herbalist and naturopath – resulting in teas for both interest and therapeutic qualities....

"A therapeutic dose can be achieved in three to six cups of tea a day, depending on the ailment and person." Her range currently includes health teas for liver, digestion, heart & circulation issues and coughs & colds – with more therapeutic blends to come. It also includes single blends like hibiscus, lemon balm, peppermint and chamomile as well as fun blends like a craft beer tea with malt and hops - great gift for enthusiastic craft beer lovers. Teas are available in small and large jars, along with re-sealable pouches. For more



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THE TASTING SHED

The Tasting Shed is back from our winter break and there are some changes afoot. First up is the launch of our Junior Platter, designed for our littlest diners to take the hassle out of dinnertime on weekdays (available Wednesdays to Fridays from 5pm-7pm). Succulent meatballs, homemade focaccia, crispy potatoes and gorgeous greens, plus a little Tasting Shed chocolate treat. It's been given the thumbs up by our discerning panel of kid judges, so we know your kids will love it too. There are new menu items to celebrate the start of spring, and don't forget our monthly Trust the Chef nights are back, with our recent August nights fully booked out from the moment they were announced. Like us on [Facebook.com/TheTastingShed](https://www.facebook.com/TheTastingShed) for the latest updates so you don't miss out next time.



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Yes, it's officially spring from 1st September. Although we still have a few chilly days and I know some people got bad colds. During winter, our homemade teriyaki sauce contains kombu kelp seaweed, manuka honey and ginger ... a winning combination for curing colds. Our sauces are homemade from original recipes; you will taste the difference when you try them. We are a little food truck located at the car park of Passion Produce vegetable shop on 92 Hobsonville road. Please check our Facebook page for menu, trading hours and updates. We look forward to seeing you. Phone 022 431 3462.



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Ridiculous, right? Right.

Or would you take off your shoe, remove the pebble and put that shoe back on nice and firm so you could keep going? Absolutely!

Therefore, why would you stop your fitness routine if you had one bad day? One slip up with your healthy eating. One day where you were too exhausted from your busy routine and needed rest. One day where you needed to focus on the kids after school events. One day where you need to complete a project or the accounts on time.

Don't let one pebble stop you from achieving the healthy, fit, strong, confident goals you desire.

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If you are ready to stop the excuses & start loving the body you are in, call or message Melissa 021 798 435 for a chat today. Check out this month's offer at www.benefityou.co.nz.



THE ART OF LIFTING

We see a lot of unnecessary back strains and sprains here at Kumeu Chiropractic. With just a little preparation and planning you can save yourself some grief.

For healthy lifting, lift with your legs, keep the load close to your body and get help if the load is too heavy.

Here are some basic steps required for proper lifting.

Size up the situation. Keep it close. Spread your feet shoulder-width apart for better balance. Bend at the knees. Tighten

up your abs and use your stomach muscles. Make your legs do the work. Give yourself a rest and take regular breaks. 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 at Kumeu Chiropractic on 09 412 5536 for an appointment.

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ARE YOUR KIDS AN 'EXCUSE' OR A REASON? CHAPTER 2

Last month I spoke about why you should make your children the reason you exercise and here are the practical tips I promised. Try a bush or beach walk with your children – whether they can walk themselves or they're in a pram (you'll need big wheels!). They'll love being outdoors and checking out a new environment. Spend an hour kicking a ball around with your children. You'll work up a sweat and it won't even feel like exercise. Put the music on and let your inhibitions fly out the window. Children love to dance – so dance with them. Set up a fitness circuit in the backyard or park that your children can use too. I set up 'cones' (we just use shoes) for Harrison to run around, have a station where he kicks a ball at a goal and one where we both carry some weights (his are a lot lighter than mine) and Bob's your uncle – a great workout for you both!

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BROKEN DENTURES? WE DO SAME DAY REPAIRS

Often we get asked about broken dentures that the person has tried to glue back together but it doesn't seem to hold. Can this denture be repaired? In most situations yes, this can be repaired

depending on the severity of the damage. The worst part of the glued denture is not the damage done but rather the harmful chemicals that are in the glue; this isn't healthy. The good news is that even when the denture has been broken and glued back several times in the wrong position, sometimes we can re-orientate the broken pieces in the right position with an impression of your mouth. People often think that it's too far gone to be repaired if it's been glued but this isn't necessarily true.

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Note that Viking Ocean Cruises - being so new - are struggling to keep up with demand, and a lot of their popular 2018 itineraries are sold out already, 2019 is now on sale!

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JOJO'S CHILDCARE TURNS 5YRS OLD

September is our 5th birthday and as we all know with birthday's come presents. We however would like to share the presents with you. Not only do we have a new learning space being built ready to open at the end of 2017 which we are looking forward to, we have limited space we can offer families sprinkled throughout the centre over the rest of 2017.

Present #1 - if your child is 2yrs old and due to turn 3 before the 31st Dec 2017 we would like to offer you 20 free hours now which will continue once your child turns 3yrs old.*

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DELIBERATE FOCUS WILL BENEFIT YOUR BUSINESS

As a business owner, you probably know that your business is an extension of you. No doubt you have heard that your business can't really function any other way than the way you are being. You are also probably aware that money and abundance is a mindset, your business is like your third arm - whatever you are doing, it is doing. I hear you say, 'my staff problems are not my doing, I didn't create the customer that constantly doesn't pay on time'.

I'm saying that it is your doing. Everything in your business, bar nothing, is a reflection of where you are at. How your business is functioning is a brilliant indicator of how you're thinking and feeling every day. There is a saying that is very true regarding what I do - 'tell me your values and I might believe you, show me your bank account and your calendar and it will reveal all' It's all well and good knowing that our business is an extension of ourselves, but what do we do with this information? How do we work with ourselves to create more of what we want?

We get to work. Your business will be the result of focus. I'm not talking about physical work, door knocking, scheduling more meetings or traditional personal development. I'm talking about conscious, deliberate positive focus on what it is you want. What it is you want will be a 'something' and there will also be a positive authentic feeling alongside it. None of us are visiting that feeling or focusing on it at any point during our day. We have so much power at our fingertips - positive power to guide outcomes and open more doors but we don't tap into it. So, am I saying that better focus and tapping into your higher business vision will help with staff problems? YES. You can't continually focus on something and not have it in your life. Also remember that happiness will usually come before success. True focus does not feel negative feel in any way (those emotions lead us in the opposite direction of abundance).

Great business is satisfying business. It feels like being in the right place at the right time, its connecting with everyone around you, its smiling at the person who makes your coffee. Great business is money flowing in so you and the family can go to Fiji. Great business is fun. Great business is an adventure, it's a platform to be more engaged, more motivated in life. Great business is enabling others, offering jobs. Great business is teaching and guiding those around you, raising people up. Great business is walking beside other successful people. Great business is having time off. Great business is operating in the world in a bigger way. Isn't it great to be part of a thriving, successful community? There is evidence of success and increase and abundance everywhere - right in front of you, every day, and you are a part of it.



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That is mindset. But we are never in it or doing it. Mindset and focus will set you apart from others. Usually what follows true focus will feel effortless. It's natural. You are naturally on the receiving end of more innovation, more motivation and ideas. Remember that it also does not feel like hard work. The thing about mindset is that it naturally guides behaviour, you will sometimes not realise you made 3 extra calls and bumped into such and such yesterday because it just feels effortless. You can't control being in the right place at the right time – life just unfolds in alignment with who you are being.

This is what I do for clients. Come for a session and get your head in the right place. Mindset comes before everything. Get yourself into the flow of life.

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EMPOWERING EARLY LEARNERS AT KERERU KINDY

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We encourage them to think and act for themselves, which helps them to gain self-belief and to build their self-esteem. They are then able to discover and enjoy learning experiences in their own unique way.



Learning becomes more fun and meaningful, and helps to prepare children for going to school. It is very rewarding for teachers to watch children make discoveries on their own, and to share their excitement and sense of accomplishment with their friends and teachers.

Looking for an early childhood centre in Huapai? Call in at 10 Oraha Road or check out www.kererukindy.co.nz.

ALL THINGS MARKETING

When you come right down to it, all business exists to take their wares to the marketplace and sell them. From a multi-national company like PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PWC), selling professional services, a large product based company like Philips International, a vineyard or the town dentist – they all exist to sell their products or services. In marketing-speak we call this process 'co-creating value'; we provide value for the customer in the products and services that we bring to the market and customers provide value when they buy these.

Fundamentally, the role of marketing is to create wealth (the role of accounting and finance is to administer it). Marketing is the most crucial function in any business or not-for-profit organisation. It includes a wide range of functions: Sales, PR, brand management, product/service development, packaging design, customer support, distribution and channel management, advertising etc. Anything that touches a product/service or relates to a customer is touched by marketing. It's strategic and tactical, creative and pragmatic, an art and a science, always challenging and that's why we love it!

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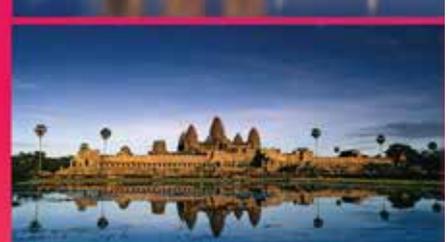
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PLAYSCHOOL EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

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BIKE DAY

Bike Day at Nature's Explorers Kindergarten is a monthly tradition which the children just love.

Throughout the day children are gaining confidence on riding bikes and scooters, they even share with their friends to give themselves more of a challenge.

Riding bikes is not just fun it also has many different benefits for our children's physical development which include: Leg strength, balance, coordination and core strength.

Pop in to see us at 1 Maude Street Riverhead or give us a call on 412 8800 for more information or for an enrollment form as we are planning for 2018.



PHELAN'S LOCAL BOARD UPDATE

Over the last two months I endeavoured to explain how council spends its budget, this month it's about the Local Board. For those of you who were here during Rodney District Council days, before 2010, we didn't have Local Boards and it's taken a while for people to get their heads around what their function is.

We have a shared governance model between Councillors (the 'Governing Body') and Local Boards;

Councillors are there to focus on the big picture regional issues, develop Auckland-wide strategies and plans and make decisions on regulatory activities.

Local Boards represent local communities and provide leadership, make decisions on local activities, allocate local discretionary funding, provide local input on regional strategies and plans, and advocate to CCO's and councillors on behalf of their community.

The Rodney Local Board has a total budget of just over \$23 million this year. Our budget is split into two main categories; Capital Spend of \$7.6 million, which as previously discussed is money council borrows to invest in assets and pays back with rates; Operating Spend of \$15.4 million, which funds community services, local parks, environmental development and planning.

The budget is allocated into three different types of spending; 'Asset Based Services', which is spending on maintaining and renewing the assets we already own; such as the over 100 public parks in Rodney – the largest out of any Local Board - the sports fields and playgrounds, libraries, halls and community centres. Each year there is also money for adding assets required to meet need based on factors like population growth like playgrounds or community facilities. This makes up the largest portion of our budget and spending in the parks space uses up the most money given our huge network of public spaces.

'Governance Services' is the part of our budget allocated to running the local board, this is about \$1m per year.

Finally, there is 'Locally Driven Initiatives' funding. This is the part of our budget we have direct control of and is used for activities we prioritise as part of our three-year Local Board Plan. Currently we have prioritised spending into three main areas; town centre improvements, a waterways improvement fund to assist landowners in riparian planting and protection to improve the health of our harbours, funding for greenways – or 'trail ways' – which will improve the connections between our communities. You can find more information on this by googling 'Auckland Council Annual Budget 2017' our section is from page 197. Or you can call into your nearest service centre for a hard copy.

Next month an update on what's happening with our town centres and planning.



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TODAY'S PRESCHOOL LEARNING AT ITS BEST

Albert Einstein believed that "play was the highest form of research". It has been proven that children who are active in unstructured play, not only have more advanced social skills, but also have larger vocabularies, better problem-solving skills, more independence, imagination and creativity, and are more skillful at risk taking than those who are less involved in play. Play provides the foundation for learning in a child's world and opens the door to a world of learning opportunities. Here at Country Bears, our underlying philosophy value is respect, which is then assimilated throughout children's daily experiences of wonder, delight and excitement.

Children are taught using a blend of three learning styles - visual, kinaesthetic and auditory and classrooms are far more dynamic places than they were in the past. Our experienced and qualified teachers help to identify the types of learner of each individual child, to create an environment which will help to extend the learning of all.

At Country Bears we have created a place where children have the opportunity to explore their own learning adventures with the support of the teachers that truly believe that children grow through being involved in hands-on tasks.



At Country Bears children progress through age and stage designed group classrooms, starting from our Infant and Baby Bears Centre with its home-away-from-home feel and a gentle nurturing team of teachers. Then as the child develops they extend into the Junior and Bear Cubs group which embraces the growing curiosities and ability to explore. Finally, into the transition to school class where the children are engaged in more in-depth studies and projects, which are designed to help children become ready for school.

Throughout our centre we believe that children learn from teacher supported tasks, connected relationships, well designed activities, as well as child directed time. Our environment allows the children to take their learning beyond the indoor centre and outdoor playground facilities to our very own forest and tree house set amongst the natural environment. Our Tree-house classroom project and Elements of Life Programme has been utilised all year round, with plans to continue to extend the learning of both children and teachers alike.

Please feel free to come and have a look at our beautifully placed centre and our professional and caring team of teachers. www.facebook.com/cbearsecc. Country Bears Early Childhood Centre, 79 Oraha Road, Kumeu phone 09 412 8055.

TIME TO DECLUTTER FOR SPRING

If you're anything like me at this time of year, the process of optimistically putting away the winter clothes and switching for summer is about to begin. These days we grab Sistema boxes with our summer gear down off



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Date	High	Low	High	Low	High
Fri 1 Sep	05:32	12:03	18:18	-	-
Sat 2 Sep	-	00:47	06:47	13:10	19:21
Sun 3 Sep	-	01:44	07:46	14:04	20:11
Mon 4 Sep	-	02:32	08:34	14:50	20:54
Tue 5 Sep	-	03:15	09:17	15:32	21:33
Wed 6 Sep	-	03:55	09:56	16:13	22:12
Thu 7 Sep	-	04:35	10:35	16:53	22:50
Fri 8 Sep	-	05:15	11:14	17:33	23:30
Sat 9 Sep	-	05:56	11:54	18:15	-
Sun 10 Sep	00:10	06:38	12:35	18:58	-
Mon 11 Sep	00:53	07:22	13:19	19:44	-
Tue 12 Sep	01:40	08:09	14:08	20:36	-
Wed 13 Sep	02:32	09:02	15:05	21:36	-
Thu 14 Sep	03:34	10:04	16:13	22:46	-
Fri 15 Sep	04:47	11:15	17:30	-	-
Sat 16 Sep	-	00:00	06:05	12:28	18:44
Sun 17 Sep	-	01:08	07:16	13:35	19:48
Mon 18 Sep	-	02:08	08:16	14:32	20:42
Tue 19 Sep	-	03:01	09:07	15:23	21:29
Wed 20 Sep	-	03:48	09:53	16:08	22:11
Thu 21 Sep	-	04:31	10:34	16:49	22:50
Fri 22 Sep	-	05:11	11:12	17:28	23:26
Sat 23 Sep	-	05:49	11:47	18:05	-
Sun 24 Sep	00:00	07:25	13:20	19:41	-
Mon 25 Sep	01:32	08:00	13:53	20:16	-
Tue 26 Sep	02:06	08:35	14:28	20:53	-
Wed 27 Sep	02:43	09:12	15:09	21:35	-
Thu 28 Sep	03:29	09:56	16:00	22:29	-
Fri 29 Sep	04:26	10:53	17:06	23:42	-
Sat 30 Sep	05:40	12:08	18:25	-	-

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Where: In store at *helloworld* Hobsonville

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Where: In store at *helloworld* Hobsonville

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for catering purposes

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