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The Huapai Chapters of 1960's

While Taupaki became a quiet family district, Kumeu/Huapai Village sustained an inflow of business people, workers, and families across the 1960s and 70s. This created a demand on the township from both the public and private sector as well as demonstrating a need for more community groups. The commercial strip along SH16 developed in response, slowly rendering the smaller facilities based in Taupaki and the outer regions unprofitable as private transport became increasingly more common and affordable and more centralized facilities became convenient. Kumeu/Huapai continued to build up around the highway edge, culminating in a bustling industrial and domestic township, servicing the existing and rapidly increasing residents and businesses of the local districts. This new

economy provided a multitude of employment opportunities ranging from boat builder, labourer, fruit picker, to office worker.



Stalwarts of the commercial strip and surrounding community came to set up business and provided further jobs for residents; from Craig Walker Building Removals to Madren's Timber, resulting in a mixture of industrial, farming, and building supply companies, as well locally run ventures including many specialty shops and cafés. The consequent population growth re-

sulted in the head of many local farming families become real estate entrepreneurs as they divided up their land into domestic-sized blocks to make way for further residential subdivision. Many of these businesses still exist in either their original or relocated positions, often still run by members of the families that started them. What emerges most noticeably, as the annual Kumeu Show attests, as does the prolific and jovial turn out each year at the Christmas parade, is that while there is less direct produce/income production being drawn from the land, with people choosing to work in Auckland City and commute the distance back from work becoming more common, the community has nonetheless remained one in which a country aspect is one of the prize ingredients.

“How I See It” Ratepayers Voice...

The last minute flurry of variations to the District Scheme were heard by the Council in the 127 hearing on Wednesday 15th September. The ARC staff appeared, still pushing high density for Huapai North as it was in accordance with their 10yrs of Growth Strategy Plan. It was amazing to see that no consideration was given by them to the major

changes occurring at Westgate with 30,000 people projected to live there within the new development. It isn't logical to have high density in Huapai North when the need is being provided elsewhere. The Council have yet to decide on this issue but took on board what we had to say.

The Ratepayers have correctly taken the position of 750m2 section sizes when

and only when sewerage & water reticulation are available. The issue of stormwater management was also aired at length. The catchment plans and levies imposed by the ARC to provide funds for acquisition, maintenance of ponds and riparian margins was again put to the Council.

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A fabulous opportunity to secure a stunning property in the heart of Taupaki. This home ticks all the boxes. Aspect, position and space. This elevated north facing home is situated on 1.162 hectares up a long driveway offering complete privacy. The main home has been tastefully renovated throughout. This property

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Muriwai Junior Surf Registration Day. Held at Muriwai Surf Club, Sunday: 17 October, 10am-1pm. Come register for the upcoming season and meet your coaches! If you've never participated before this is a great time to check out our Historic Club house (this maybe one of its last seasons), purchase club gear and catch up with friends. Registration for a whole family (2 parents and all children) is \$100 for the season or one parent and one child, \$75.

First club day is Sunday, 31 Oct, 9:45am. Please contact Patty Wilson, biwi@xtra.co.nz or Jayne McCall, jivmc@xtra.co.nz or for more information www.muriwaisurf.org.nz
See you at the beach!

It's spring and The Riverhead's still a long way from opening. The infrastructure is being worked on which means that when we do re-open things will work properly, but it also means

The Riverhead

that not a lot of visible progress can be seen. We are nearly ready for painting inside the new Portage Bar – that's the old Public Bar, the linings are ready to go up in the Landing Restaurant and new railings are going up on the newly supported decks that overlook our wonderful view. Anyone passing will have noticed our new colour scheme and a big thanks to those who have stopped and given us their support....including the biscuits! Follow our progress visit our Facebook site by searching 'The Riverhead'.

Kumeu Fire Files

With daylight saving upon us and putting our clocks forward, it is a great time to replace the batteries in your smoke alarms. To test your smoke alarm – hold down the test button and wait for the high pitched screech. Some cheaper alarms, when tested, take longer to activate. There are two types of domestic smoke alarms;

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It's amazing what a natural disaster and a collapse of a finance company can do to the economy. The tragic events in Christchurch have assisted the Reserve Bank into placing a hold on its monetary policy and we don't expect to see any movement in the Official Cash Rate until March 2011. The RBNZ emphasised that they had already decided to keep the OCR as is prior to the earth-

quake however. It's difficult to find the basis for this change in judgement. Retail sales, household lending and building consents have grown only slightly; house prices have flattened out and sales remain weak. But these are not new stories in the past 3 months. It seems the RBNZ has simply given up on waiting for signs of improvement and has backed off somewhat. The RBNZ's change of heart

has removed the urgency to fix your home loan now, floating is still attractive. If your home loan is due for review please feel free to contact me for a no obligation consultation.

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It continues to frustrate Police when hard working, honest members of the community, through no fault of their own, become victims of a burglary and Police are required to take a report from them which has no information that will lead to the identification of their property should we locate it.

Set aside a couple of hours this weekend to identify and mark your property in some way. Not only will it help us in identifying your stuff it will also assist in

your insurance claims which by my own observations are regularly underestimated. Often the most sentimental and underestimated items taken from a home is jewellery, it is recommended that you photograph it all if you want at least a fighting chance of getting it back. Help us to help you, make the time and make a list.

Should you want any assistance in doing this please contact Constable Mike Collins at the Kumeu Station on 09 412 5194.



Bob Price, Manager and Neil Killgour, of PlaceMakers Kumeu took on a project for "A good cause and a good challenge", and have coordinated suppliers from West Auckland region to contribute skills and materials to complete a fully transportable house. The house is a functional and light filled three bedroom weatherboard home. Come October 9 which is also World Hospice Day, the house will go under the hammer with a low \$10,000 starting bid, and all proceeds from the sale will go to Hospice West Auckland and The Prostate Cancer Foundation. Auction day promises to be a star-studded event with family fun and activities from 10am and a BBQ and Devonshire Tea on offer. The auction, outside PlaceMakers on Main Road, Kumeu starts at 1pm. See www.hwa.org.nz or www.prostate.org.nz

Kumeu Spiritual Medium Riverhead Tennis



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Meet Spiritual Medium Carin Anderson who is making a big difference in Kumeu, Auckland, as featured on "The Edge" Radio Station, with Jay-Jay Mike and Dom, New Zealand's 20/20, and other media interviews. Carin has worked with missing persons cases, as well as bringing guidance to many people's lives. Carin's clients travel from all over New Zealand, and around the world, to see her. Her work also includes property cleansings that remove negative energy from people's houses and businesses, especially if

they are wanting to sell their properties. Carin is also currently working on filming her work, to create a television programme for New Zealand audiences. Bookings are essential and she can be contacted by her website <http://www.nzmedium.co.nz> Phone: 021740331 Email: nzmedium@ihug.co.nz

The Riverhead Tennis Club will be hosting Open Play Days on the following Saturdays, and invites all families to come along and play other locals for a gold coin donation. Play will begin at 10am, and a BBQ will be available for all participants to use on the day.

October 16
November 20
December 11
February 19
March 19
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This is the last week to purchase early bird tickets for November's Kumeu Art in the Garden event.

The early bird tickets of \$20 close on 30 September, with tickets costing \$25 from 1 October through until the event, which runs over the weekend of 6-7 November. Children (5 – 15 yrs) remain \$10.

Kumeu Art in the Garden founder Graham McIntyre says those wanting to take advantage of the early bird price are advised to make a decision with haste and visit www.kumeuartinthegarden.co.nz or the Kumeu's visitor centre to purchase tickets to this popular event.

"As with the GST increase on 1 October, so to the price of participation in the Kumeu Art in the Garden Festival increases to \$25 per person," says Mr McIntyre.

"Last year we had more than 800 visitors over the weekend and we are expecting the event to be even more popular this year. Tickets sales are lim-

ited due to parking and road control, so we urge people to purchase their tickets as soon as possible."

A two-day event, Kumeu Art in the Garden provides four spectacular garden galleries for more than 1000 pieces of original artwork from 80 New Zealand artists.

Supported by the New Zealand Art Guild, artwork will be on display and available for purchase by event visitors. A new initiative this year is the introduction of musicians performing at the gardens on both days – so people are encouraged to bring a picnic or purchase a delicious Kumeu Art in the Garden lunch-box for two, comprising of great local produce and beverages.

Proceeds from the event go to local charities, including the Kumeu Community Patrol, West Auckland Hospice and Kumeu Volunteer Fire. For more information please visit www.kumeuartinthegarden.co.nz



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Sometimes I make mini pizzas, or divide pizza into four sections by running two thin strips of dough across it and let each person pick their toppings, usually a light Italian style pasta/tomato sauce, pesto, baby spinach, steamed chicken, marinated artichokes, anchovies, olives, feta, bacon/ham/chorizo and tons of cheese. Make sure the base is well coloured. Alternatively, shape into a loose focaccia and top with extra virgin olive oil, rosemary, salt flakes, or poke in some fat olives before baking. Try to use high grade or baking flour, it has more gluten and produces a superior product. Pizza Dough - Adapted from *Jamie at Home*. Makes 2 oven tray sized pizzas. You can make one for dinner and freeze the other ball of dough for another night, or

make tons and enjoy the leftovers.

7 cups white flour, preferably high grade
1 tablespoon sea salt
2 tablespoons instant dry yeast
1 tablespoon raw sugar
4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil/any oil
2 1/2 cups lukewarm water
In the bowl of an electric mixer or a deep bowl, sift the flour and salt and make a well in the centre. In a large measuring cup, mix the yeast, sugar and olive oil into the water and leave for a few minutes until the yeast starts to foam, then pour into the well. Either mix on a low speed or mix using your hands. Knead until you have a smooth springy dough. Place the ball of dough in a large flour-dusted bowl and flour the top of it. Cover the bowl with a damp cloth and place in a warm

room for about an hour until the dough has doubled in size. Knead the dough gently to push the air out with your hands. You can either use it immediately, or keep it, wrapped in plastic wrap, in the fridge (or freezer) until required. If using straight-away preheat the oven to 240°C. Divide the dough up into as many little balls as you want to make pizzas or in half for two large. Dust your work surface with a little flour, and roll out the dough about 3/4 inch thick, either shaping small rounds or stretching to fit the tray. Grease a baking tray with olive oil and place your pizza dough on it, using your finger tips to push it into the corners if desired. Cover with toppings and place in preheated oven. Bake for about 10-15 minutes until the dough is golden brown.

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Kumeu Rotary Sponsorship

The Rotary Club of Kumeu is sponsoring Kaipara College students to the Rotary National Science & Technology Forum School 2011. Mikaela Law, Tayla Rees, Jasmine Sawyers-Mullen, and Jacob Lawes have all been put forward for selection to participate in the forum presented by the University of Auckland, AUT University, Manukau Institute of Technology, and Massey University (Albany), RMIT University (Melbourne), via the Forum, offer an advanced academic

programme with experiences in a wide range of scientific disciplines to outstanding Year 12 (6th Form) students, who plan to study science at Year 13 (7th Form) in 2011. The Forum will be held in Auckland from 15th - 29th January 2011. Students live in at O'Rourke Hall, a University of Auckland Hall of Residence. Students should emerge from the Forum with a better idea of the tertiary courses that they wish to pursue and have a fuller appreciation of science and technology in the community. Applications must be

lodged through a Rotary Club. Final selection by the District Committee is based on academic achievement and personal qualities. Successful applicants have the opportunity to win a place at the Australian Youth Science Forum in Canberra (1 per district) or the London International Youth Science Forum (2 NZ places). Warren Sly, Youth director of the Kumeu Rotary club says "The club is delighted to be able to assist Kaipara College students take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to pursue a career in science. All 4 students are high achievers and have a passion for science.

...to the Public of Kumeu

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I think the Rodney politicians now understand the issue that ownership and maintenance of ponds has to be in public domain. The bizarre twist is that the RDC appealed the water rights decision of the ARC to the Environmental Court. A further cost to Ratepayers. They didn't want to consult with local people over water right issues and the staff didn't want to undertake a Catchment Management plan for the area.

The crazy situation is that on the 1st November both

the ARC & RDC disappear so the new Auckland Council will have to deal with the issue. At least in the future with one Council this scenario of ARC v RDC won't occur again. With the above, the Unitary Authority Bill, and the legacy of debt left, we can all look positively forward to the Auckland Council making a difference. Talking of which, my ballot papers have arrived so I hope all will exercise your votes with care.

We need people on the Board who have a passion

for this District and not just seeking a meal ticket. They have to be prepared to consult and listen to people in this area. To start with, I am sure it will be difficult with a new structure but it can only get better.

One forthright businessman in Kumeu said "We had no show of surviving in the future with Rodney, at least we have a chance with the Auckland Council"! I agree with that.

Vote Well
Pete Sinton - Chairman
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PRICED RIGHT IN TAUPAKI

Wonderfully positioned north-facing home privately situated on 1.162 hectares in a handy location. A well presented family home that offers 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom and a large spacious kitchen with a separate dining and lounge area looking out over a wonderful country lifestyle property.

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AS SEEN ON TV - HUAPAI HEIGHTS

The property is flat to gentle sloping with good access, excellent fencing, extensive garaging and storage. A platinum showcase property which has an outstanding layout that opens up for entertaining options. The home has enough space for the extended family plus large rooms and oversized lounges.

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BARGAN LIFESTYLE IN KUMEU

Don't miss out on this 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom Cottage situated on a lovely grazeable 3/4 of an acre. The property is private and located only a few minutes drive to Kumeu and Waimuaku Villages. There is even room for a Pony!!

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NEW FAMILY HOME IN RIVERHEAD

This newly built brick & tile family home is a rare find in sought after Riverhead. Spacious, sunny, warm and inviting, 4 large bedrooms - the master offering an en-suite and bi-folds to the deck for all-day-sun. The new kitchen is a cooks delight and ideally centrally situated to keep an eye on the children's activities in the two large living areas.

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