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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Kumeu Art in the Garden for Rotary



With spring around the corner and planning well under way for the last quarter of the year, the organizers of Kumeu Art in the Garden 2010 are thrilled to release information and tickets for the event covering the 6th and 7th of November 2010 from 10am to 5pm daily. Long days and longer nights have been spent talking with participants, the public, and parking volunteers, to create an event that not only has "WOW" factor but is a pleasure to be involved with.

Firstly, the event is now open to children supervised by an accompanying adult. Other changes include the introduction of food and beverage options and music (including jazz, strings, and country), and of course over 1000 artworks available for sale and perfect for Christmas presents, all within the setting of four of Kumeu's most outstanding gardens.



"Colour, scented rows, glades, and terraces. The art blends with the coloured canvas of gardens and sways to the tones of melody. You'll be loving this years event"

"It's a great event for introducing people to Riverhead, Kumeu and Waimauku" explains Graham McIntyre event founder, "but it also delivers much needed funds to essential community groups pivotal to this areas stability and success". All proceeds are donated to local charity projects via Rotary Kumeu . Tickets can be purchased online at www.kumeuartinthegarden.co.nz or by contacting the Visitor Information Center in Kumeu on 09 412 9886.



Why is Kumeu "Wine Country"

Last month the Kumeu Courier team were treated to an evening with John Key at Kumeu Valley Estate. Ensnconced within a barn showcasing wooden vaulted ceilings it is easy to see how local vintners and hospitality providers have taken such pride in their premises and produced such unique and marketable products. Upon "googling" Kumeu you'll find the information has a decidedly grape flavour, with Huapai fittingly reputed to mean "good fruit" in Maori. In 1924 Luka Bebich of Bosnian origin

purchased a 100 acre property in Cemetery Road Kumeu and proceeded to plant it with vines. He never sold his wine, but passed on a bottle to neighbours each Christmas. From the early 1930s migrants including the Papas family at Huapai and the Jelas family in Riverhead were planting vines and producing wine commercially despite obstacles in the form of the prohibition movement and the dominance of the existing liquor industry. By the 1940s the Nobilos and the Brajkovichs settled the region's reputation as a serious

wine-making district. Both families used income from their market gardens to gradually finance planting more vines and involved their wider family members in the process of producing and selling wine. Marketing wine under the existing liquor restrictions was a complicated feat in some cases involving winemakers...



Refurbished Rustic Beauty



In a world full of plastic and synthetics its nice to find an earthy, natural, and solid sun drenched proposition. This homes has Generous bedrooms, and has undergone a tasteful refurbishment including a wonderful galley-style kitchen with large gas cooker and country boutique styling with baskets and cupboards complete with Butlers sink. The bath-

room is also modern with clean lines and excellent fixtures and fittings. French doors run the length of the living area and provide an alfresco flow to a generous verandah and through-fare to the outdoor living and dining area including a cobbled brick bbq area offering all day sun. Two car garaging is provided with a further covered carport and uniquely the property has vehicle access from the front and rear with two street accesses. All this is set upon a semi fenced 809 square meter section with

mature trees and established gardens with riverstone pathway. It offers a delightful playground while remaining low maintenance. Wake up and wander over for a coffee at the famous Kauri Gum Store Cafe or enjoy an evening at the soon to be refurbished historic Riverhead Tavern. Close to Riverhead Primary School, shopping, parks and boat ramp. A real family home. For sale by Open Auction on August 26 at 6pm in rooms at LJ Hooker 63 Main Road, Kumeu.

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Local Rugby Pride Since 1936

Since the early 1900's Kumeu has had rugby affiliations through its links to the Kaipara Sub Union. The Kumeu Rugby Club itself was formed 1936. As



transport and communication improved players increasingly moved to Auckland to play for city teams. This, combined with the recess caused by World War II, resulted in a gradual decline in membership. With the end of the War interest and participation revived and teams were drawn from the communities of Kumeu, Riverhead, Whenuapai and Hobsonville. During the 1960s the Kaipara Sub Union was dissolved completely, and in 1963 the Western United RFC was formed,

amalgamating the Kumeu, Riverhead, Whenuapai, Hobsonville and Helensville clubs, and claiming the Riverhead War Memorial Park as its headquarters. The existing clubrooms were built in 1976. In 1998 the club made its final name change to the Kumeu Rugby Football and Sports Club in order to better reflect the community from which it draws its players. The club continues to play a key role in the community, remaining country focused and family friendly.

Kumeu Fire Files

Helping Us Help You...

Our Local Members have local knowledge, but you can assist us to respond quicker. When calling 111 stay calm and speak clearly and slowly so the person receiving your call can take down your details efficiently. Tell them what your emergency is, and whether or not everyone is out of the building. Make sure your children know what to say: have a list next to your phone detailing your street

number, street name, and the nearest intersection. Think ahead by working out an exit strategy (this can be done online at www.fire.org.nz), and agree on a family/household safe meeting place. We highly recommend children attend a Firewise Course at school. Make sure you have visible street numbers, including being visible coming from booth ends of your road, especially if you live rurally.



We recommend night reflective numbers on your mailbox or a post as ones on gates (which can be open) or fences facing the road are difficult to read.

Take care this Winter.

Market Report for July 2010

The media reports throughout the country and specifically around Kumeu and districts all ring the same bell: few buyers with tight wallets and specific wish lists. It bodes well for property owners that have a great real estate agent that will go the extra distance, understands the importance of internet media, and continuously updates and refreshes. "LJ Hooker Kumeu is the only company to run video open homes on www.youtube.com" says Gra-

ham McIntyre principal of LJ Hooker Kumeu, "it provides a 24 hour, every day option for buyers to qualify their property of choice and to get a feel for a property without an over commitment in time and energy, and it is one of the differences that makes LJ Hooker Kumeu the leading choice for more home owners wanting to sell in this restricted market".

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Gavinike
1820 Sqr mtrs \$ 260,000

"For a report on the latest sales in your area free of cost contact: L.J Hooker Kumeu Licensed (REAA2008) Ph 09 412 9602"

Raising The Bar - Economic Snapshot

The Westpac Rescue Helicopter appeal has finished. We raised 1.4m against our target of 1.2m! Thanks to all who contributed.

Subdued sales means that it has been a slow year for the housing market and inevitably, the time taken to sell a house has lengthened. The REINZ's House Price Index indicates that prices are

now falling and we expect this trend to continue for the foreseeable future. Bugging the market across 2010 has been rising interest rates, tax changes and slowing population growth.

Westpac is forecasting modest house price declines, in the order of 2%pa, for 2010 and 2011. The next OCR announcement is 29 July (while the Courier is at press).

There are mixed thoughts on further increases at this stage. Some commentators are predicting a hold at 2.75% while others are suggesting further increases. We shall wait with baited breath.

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"Mixed thoughts on further increases"

Good Weather Blues - Kumeu Police

Following on from the spate of good weather that we have had there has been an increase in reported thefts from vehicles parked out at Muriwai Beach and surrounding areas. Some of those targeted were seasoned beach goers who simply forgot to remove high value items from their vehicle, others were tourists who thought it would be safe. Maybe the

winter cool had relaxed their awareness slightly? You can rest assured the criminals in this world will take any opportunity that they are given, at any time of day. Also on the increase is the theft of heavy motor vehicle or truck batteries. The majority of batteries taken have been easily accessible on the vehicle and it would appear that they may simply be used

as spare cash once sold to the scrap man. If visiting the beach avoid taking valuable items and if you do don't leave them within view from the outside.

If you want to know more please contact Constable Mike Collins at the Kumeu Police Station 09 412 5194.



Cancer Well-Fit

Friday the 27th August is the Cancer Society's Daffodil Day and to help support this cause Club Physical is offering those living with cancer a free 10 week programme.

"People undergoing chemotherapy can become drained and lack energy. Our goal for you is to offer a positive, uplifting and supportive experience". Based on a highly successful programme overseas, the type of results you could anticipate include an increased lean body mass, improved sleep habits, reduced fa-

tigue and improved self-image. "But perhaps the most rewarding result will be increased 'empowerment' and establishing a feeling of greater control over your life," says CEO Paul Richards.

The Cancer Well-fit programme is open to you if you have been treated for cancer within the previous 12 months and to people currently receiving treatment for cancer.

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Cancer Society's
Daffodil Day
27 August

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Super City Representation

The June passing of the Auckland Super City Legislation by a vote of 63 to 56 will unite councils across Auckland.

The Riverhead Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc (RRRA), as part of the Western Corridor Group, articulated their interest regarding candidates for the new Council/Board positions within the Rural Rodney Ward in their June 2010 newsletter. The new Kumeu Subdivision Area comprising Kumeu-Huapai-Taupaki-Waimauku-Riverhead- Hellensville-

Muriwai-Parakai and South Head, houses about 47% of the population of the Rural Rodney Ward and is expected to have 4 of the 9 elected representatives within the area. Depending on the composition of the Boards, these positions are likely to entail similar responsibilities to those currently undertaken by local councilors. These representatives will comprise our voice within the Super City, therefore ascertaining and supporting suitable candidates is crucial.

If you wish to find out more about the Local Board roles or becoming a candidate contact your local Ratepayer/Community Association.

The RRRA meets bi-monthly on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Riverhead Hall. 18 August will see a guest speaker from the Westgate Town Centre development explaining the projected developments there.

Commercial Land Grab-just the ticket

Over the last decade, Kumeu has seen a dramatic increase in commercial and industrial demand from businesses with an eye on the future seeking cost effective space providing excellent access to state highway 1 and 16, and eventually through to the south western corridor. Vacant land values in the area have reduced from the \$450 per square meter mark achieved in 2006 to around \$250 per square meter, providing an excellent opportunity for savvy investors and developers with an eye for tomorrow.

"Why on earth would you pay \$600 per square meter plus in

Albany" says Graham McIntyre of LJ Hooker Kumeu "when you can get land for almost a third the cost 10 minutes down the road in Kumeu? The services going into Kumeu will be brand new, with Supercity infrastructure and a captive workforce that has a tradition of hard work and community spirit". The draft District Plan from Rodney District Council has confirmed an ongoing investment to build commercial and industrial capability within the region, including contracts for both waste and water services projected to be connected to the area around 2012. The area boasts some interesting statistics as one of Auck-

land's largest tourist regions, and one of New Zealand's leading wine and strawberry producers.

LJ Hooker has 6 sites in Kumeu CDB that are to be auctioned by Ross Foreman on Thursday 12 August, 6pm in rooms at 63 Main Road, Kumeu. The sites range from 2000 square meters to 16000 square meters and offer a potential future wind fall opportunity, design and build or current income available. The sections have services provided including power, septic, stormwater and telecommunications. Rates and council plans available. Enquires to Graham McIntyre on 412 9602

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After 10 years of service our current volunteer has retired.
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 Do you live locally, and have good local knowledge?
 Would you enjoy meeting and helping visitors to the district?
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FREE GUITAR LESSONS

The Kumeu Arts Center is hosting beginner guitar lessons taught by Kumeu's guitar teacher and coach, Inga. **Free to the public**, the lessons are taught in two groups: children (ages 6 – 13) and adults. The lessons will run Wednesdays for 5 weeks commencing August 11 2010 4.30-5.30pm for children and 6.00-7.00pm for adults. Inga, a trained guitar coach, will guide you through learning your first chords, and sharing secrets and techniques that professional players use to practice. Please bring a guitar and an electronic tuner. Don't have a guitar? Rentals will be available. For details visit www.guitarcoach.co.nz. Spaces are limited and so bookings are essential. For reservations phone: **09 412 2029** or email: inga@guitarcoach.co.nz
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Ginger Crunch is an undisputed kiwi classic. So much so that Alexia Johnston, former curator of Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki and champion of old fashioned home baking included it as one of only 80 recipes in her kitsch and quirky inaugural book *Ladies, A Plate*. Properly made, only Ginger Crunch has the ability to supersede any chocolate craving, fill perfectly an afternoon tea plate, and minister to those who only want a small piece of something sweet.

This recipe, originally from Amanda Laird of the New Zealand Herald, and passed to me by Barbara Guy manager of the Massey Citizen's Advice Bu-

reau, is for a very decadent grown up version.

Base:

2 tblsp golden syrup
150g butter
¾ cup white sugar
1 tblsp stem or crystallized ginger, finely chopped
1 cup rolled oats
½ cup roasted chopped almonds
¾ cup self-raising flour
½ cup desiccated coconut

Topping:

100g butter
4 tsp ground ginger
5 tblsp golden syrup
2 cups icing sugar, sifted
Stem or crystallized ginger,

thinly sliced

Preheat oven to 180°C and line a 20 x 30 slice tin with baking paper.

To make base: melt golden syrup butter, sugar and ginger together in a saucepan. Add other ingredients, stir, press into tin. Bake 20 minutes or until golden. **To make topping:** melt butter, ground ginger, golden syrup and icing sugar together in a saucepan. Beat well for 1 minute with a wooden spoon or whisk, then pour over base. Top with slices of ginger. Chill until very firm. Cut into about 24 pieces with a hot knife for a neat finish.

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Winter has also brought back the Sunday Roast which is served every Sunday night for \$23.95. So come and see us at Jaffa Café, & Tapas Bar 3 Matua Road, Phone: 412 7127

When choosing beer, fresh is definitely best. The longer the beer has been in the bottle the worse the flavour gets. A lot of the beer you see in shops is many months past tasting its best. Beer in the bottle loses its lovely fresh hopping flavour very quickly, especially when exposed to the enemies of

Choosing Beer

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Wine Country cont....

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going door to door to build relationships with prospective customers and offering samples. In 1946 the Auckland Viticultural Association began a campaign to reform the commercially prohibitive laws - at the time requiring a two gallon minimum purchase. This movement culminated in wine being sold in individual bottles and licenses to serve table wine being provided to restaurants. By the 1960s duties on overseas imports had made locally produced wine comparatively affordable, and this, coupled with

the newly relaxed laws, saw significant growth in both the planting of vines and the production of table wines. Corbans, one of New Zealand's most revered wine families purchased around 400 acres in the region, and during the 1980s Coopers Creek commenced production. Now known as Niobilo Wine Group, Niobilo's remained family owned until the 1990s (and, gratefully, produce one my favourite desert wines, Noble One), while the Brakovich's Kumeu River continues to produce high quality

table wines from locally grown grapes including Chardonnay, Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, and Merlot, and remains a proudly family oriented operation. It is these stunning vines that are splayed across the hillside as you enter Kumeu. Their stage of development signaling the seasons and forming a living reminder of all the history, love, and patience that has developed them; not to mention the privilege we have of enjoying their produce affordably from both the cellar door and local retailers.



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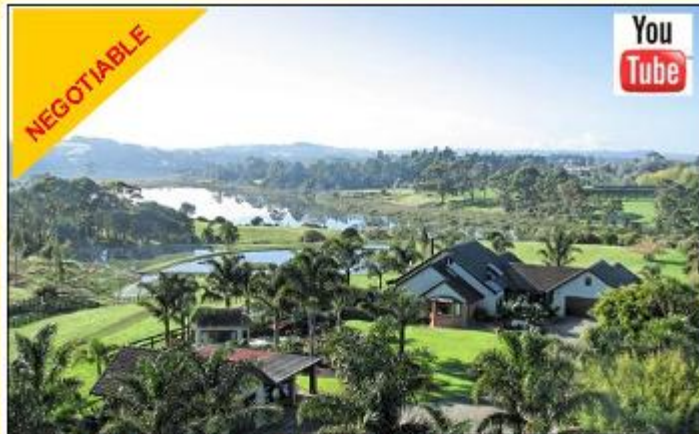
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RESTORED VILLA — RURAL SETTING

This beautifully renovated historical villa of 242 sqm sits on a third of an acre of land, peppered with trees, fully fenced and with a big shed. The home has open plan living, alfresco to north facing decking and a central family room with three generous bedrooms plus study.

CONTACT: Courtney Wood 0276880818
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By appointment
VIEWING: Negotiable (CV \$ 650,000)
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AMAZING WATERFRONT PROPERTY

This superior 5.61 hectare tree lined property is in a class of its own, hidden in Kumeu's sought after Riverland Road. This four plus bedroom home with north facing entertainers kitchen has a large list of features worth considering. Masonry construction with north facing decking from two levels and impeccably landscaped. Extensive waterside views with terraced ponds and potential for subdivision. View today.

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EXECUTIVE HOME - VALLEY & SEA VIEWS

Nestled upon Jonkers Hill overlooking Goldies Bush and out to the Muriwai Valley is this outstanding architectural home. Within a setting of native plantings over 3.1 hectares including mature Nikau Palms and Kauris. Three lounges, five rooms, study nook, laundry, three bathrooms, entertainers kitchen with amazing views and birdlife.

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FIVE BEDROOM - HEARTLAND KUMEU

Fabulously crafted brick and tile home, with 5 good sized bedrooms, bathroom and en-suite for good family convenient living. Flat to gentle sloping land and options for horses, dry-stock or sheep. Private and secluded (you will know your neighbours but you don't need to see them out the windows). Set out of the wind (north facing and within a small basin)

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WARMING HOME IN WAIMAUKU

Established in a quiet cul-de-sac this is the family home you have been looking for. Safe, modern and spacious with a lovely, flat 1/4 acre section and short Waimauku Primary School, this Initial style home refurbished with a modern kitchen, new carpets and tiles. 3 double and 1 single bedroom provide all the space a young family needs.

CONTACT: Denise Glozier
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FOR SALE: Negotiable (CV \$410,000)
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