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ART, MUSIC, FOOD, GARDENS, DON'T MISS IT



This weekend serves up some unique entertainment as Kumeu Art in the Garden comes to town. Two days full of music, food and art, set out upon four award winning local gardens for you, your family, guests or colleagues to enjoy fully. Better than a family gathering or a Christmas function because the event considers smell, touch, sound and visual as being an important mix and to cap this off, all proceeds are for local charity groups in the area. With fine settled weather predicted we would suggest you get organised. ▶ ...cont pg 6

LEN BROWN SPEAKS TO THE RODNEY WARD

There is something about a visit from the mayor. The promise of hope and the promise that change will be in the interest of the greater constituents. Hope was missing from Len Browns visit and many attendees did not get the feeling that the Local Board nor the Mayor heard or were interested in delivering to the needs raised nor the expectation of the local community. It leads the question, if not the local board and the Mayor who will lead the charge, who will collectively set up the process and a persistent program of work that will get in the ear and under the skin of the council elected and the national government to ensure Kumeu's voice is heard and that we get a hearing. This visit was little more than a political flag waving affair that showed some unity between the Mayor and the Local Board but which came across as a "welcome to my world speech" followed by a stand up show of pass the question around the local board. The press statements from the Mayors office tell a somewhat different story entitled Mayor listens to Helensville businesses and enjoys the following statements; Organised by Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED), the event was an opportunity for local businesses to engage with Auckland Council representatives who included Mayor Brown, councillor Penny Webster and the area's local boards. ▶ ...cont pg 4

THE BIGGEST BANGERS HIT WEST AUCKLAND



The Waitakere Lions Club have for the last 6 years put on a Fireworks Display at the Trusts Stadium in Henderson. This year the event is Saturday 5th November and promises to be larger than previous years. The gates open at 5.00pm with the fireworks at 8.45pm. The pre-fireworks entertainment include- Pip Bands, Motorbikes, Laserlight Show and Surf Lifesaving demonstration. Children have access to the food & sideshows. The 25 minute fireworks show is by New Zealand's best in Dr. Martin Van Tiel (he completed the Rugby World Cup opening fireworks) ▶ ...cont pg 12

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Child restraints:

It is disturbing to see the number of young children incorrectly restrained in motor vehicles, especially when the parents are safely buckled up. Children under 5 years are required to be in an approved child restraint, i.e: a car seat. Again the penalty for this is \$150.00.

Cycle Helmets:

I am increasingly observing cyclists, normally young children riding their bikes without helmets on. It is a life saving piece of equipment and if your child leaves home on their bike ensure they have their helmet on. This offence carries a \$55.00 penalty and given the age of some offenders parental help will be required to sort this.

RESTRICTED FIRE SEASON STARTS DEC 1

It is open season at present but restricted fire season will start December 1. Permits will be required. Landowners burning vegetation need to be vigilant and make sure that fires are well planned and carefully managed. Fire permits are issued by Rural Fire Authorities for particular types of burning at a certain locations within restricted times and dates and under prescribed conditions.

When any of these requirements are breached the fire permit is no longer valid and any fire is illegal. Landowners must acknowledge and accept fire management as just one of the broader land management considerations required to successfully manage any farm or lifestyle property.

Whatever occurs as a result of the fire remains the responsibility of the person lighting the fire. This extends to fire fighting costs and damage caused. There have been cases where costs incurred were in excess of \$540,000! Riverhead and Woodhill Forest areas stay prohibited burning at all time, so if you think you may fall into the area or if you want some advise it is free to ask and get the assistance you need before you find yourself in the middle of a uncontrolled burn off. Take care with your fires and think of the consequences. For more information please contact Local Council Support on 09 412 7995

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Riverhead Road	2 hectares + house	\$ 783,000
State H/Way 16	4 hectares + house	\$ 1,648,000
Taupaki Road	4 hectares + 2 house	\$ 1,140,000
Trigg Road	1000 sqm + house	\$ 629,000

RIVERHEAD

Albert Street	811sqm + House	\$ 470,000
George Street	809sqm + House	\$ 475,000
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WAIMAUKU

Cloverfields Drive	1500sqm + house	\$ 625,000
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Waitakere Volunteer Rural Fire Station and appliances taken at 4 Township Road, Waitakere Township in 1986

The day finally came where we emptied out the old fire station buildings and got ready to start the build of the new civil defence facility, fire station and training room for the Waitakere township community. The day we closed the doors for the last time was a day of mixed emotions. Some sadness that the old buildings are going as they represented many thousands of hours by the past and present members that have gone into building and maintaining them, but also excitement as we build a resource that will serve the community for the next 25 years. Over the coming months you will see the new building rise and take shape, so if you are in the area call by and have a look. For further information on the station look us up at www.waitakerevolunteerfire.co.nz

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“West Rodney businesses play an important role in the region and there is a great product here. It was important to us to speak directly to as many companies as possible in the area at this forum.” ATEED’s Manager, Business Development – North, Ngaio Merrick, believes the high attendance level is a great sign. “Businesses in the west of the Rodney district are obviously keen to engage with each other and to have their views heard by the Mayor and Local Board. It was wonderful to see so many companies taking this opportunity to network and to ask questions about the Council’s plans for Auckland as a whole as well as their local areas,” says Ms Merrick. To some level the press statement is correct, there is strong interest because people within this area have had a guts-full of Rodney Council’s apathy and want to see some real investment in the area. The overwhelming feeling from the meeting was disappointment. The people questioned after the meeting said “Brown should not come out to Kumeu and talk about the viaduct, the passenger liner terminal, the cloud, the train from CBD to Airport and the electrification of the rail network because in Kumeu we just don’t get that, we are largely unaffected and disengaged from this. Talk to us about the local bus network, feeder systems, waste water and infrastructure development, enhancing the tourism value in the area and in growing the capacity and the unique funding aspects available to grow the area. Even Bob Howards comment that only two people were seen using a bus reflects, not the need for the bus service but the service that is provided, and its inability to meet the wants of the community. So step up Local Board and Penny Webster because what was delivered from you and the Mayor was not good enough and created more questions than answers at a time that this community need two ears and fast legs.

Saturday 5th November
The Trusts Stadium

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HUAPAI DISTRICT SCHOOL AND TREES FOR SURVIVAL

Huapai District School, Kumeu Rotary Club and AgriLINK NZ have joined together to form a Trees for Survival (TfS) Programme. At a Rotary meeting last Tuesday Sarah Brenchley, a TfS Field Officer, enthusiastically explained the programme. TfS was started in 1991 by the Rotary Club of Pakuranga and has since expanded to over 155 schools. Next year, subject to TfS Board approval, Huapai District School children will have their own native tree plant growing unit. Combined with raising trees our young leaders will learn all about soil erosion, water quality, native birds and generally looking after our beautiful country. TfS creates community partnerships by bringing together schools, landowners, service clubs, councils, businesses and volunteers who all work together to protect our environmental heritage. Kumeu Rotary and AgriLINK NZ have agreed to become joint sponsors for the school, through purchasing a growing unit, covering the annual running costs, as well as providing time throughout the year and on the all-important planting day. Andrew Barber of AgriLINK NZ said that he is extremely excited to see the project starting to take shape and knows that it will create a legacy that our children will have pride in as they in turn inspire their own children.

About the project sponsors:

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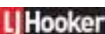
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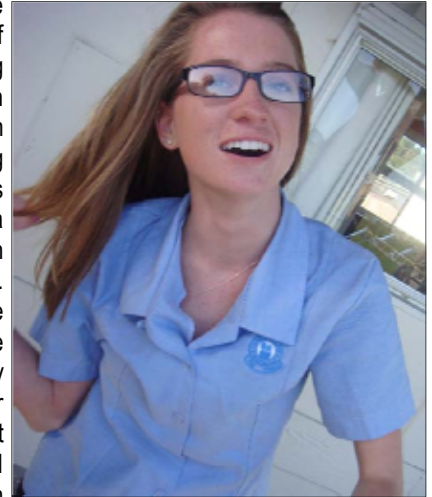
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My name is Abby Sloan, I am sixteen year old Rotary exchange student from Los Angeles, California hosted by the Rotary Club of Kumeu. I have been in New Zealand for 2 months and it is nothing like home. All I see is lambs, sheep, and cows on grassy green paddocks on my way to school and i absolutely love it. I am attending Kaipara College as a year 12 and greatly enjoying school. I like how it is small. My school back home has 3000 kids in it. The school was so different but i enjoy it. I am practically a kiwi now, i have been to a world cup rugby game, snowboarded on an active volcano, and adding aeh to the end of all my sentences. I am finally going to the correct side of the car, eating like the queen, and bearing the smell of vegemite. In November I will be going to the South Island for 3 weeks with all the other Rotary Exchange Students from all around the world. I am so excited for this we will go to all the major cities spend a couple days sight seeing. we will do activities like tramping, cycling and kayaking. I love staying in Kumeu so much, such a nice little quite town. I can not wait to see what exciting things happen in the next 10 months!



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"We have created an international event that raises awareness of the region, the artists and the creativity that flourishes in the area in some amazing garden galleries. It's magic to see the interaction between the garden lovers and art enthusiasts" says Festival Founder and Event Director, Graham McIntyre of Kumeu. *"It's a charity event with profits benefiting local community groups such as Community Patrol, Hospice West Auckland and Kumeu Fire Brigade"* There will be music, food and beverages available in each garden and visitors are encouraged to bring a blanket and picnic and stay a while to enjoy the atmosphere. Kumeu Art In The Garden, October 29 and 30th. Be a friend online at www.facebook.com/kumeuartinthegarden. Bookings can be made by phoning the Kumeu Visitor Centre on 09 412 9886 or online at www.kumeuartinthegarden.co.nz

OPTOMAP DELIVERING REMARKABLE RESULTS

The boutique optometry practice For Eyes in the Kumeu Village may be one of Auckland's best-kept secrets. Optometrists Matthew and Molly Whittington were the first in NZ to offer not only 3D optical coherence tomography which offers high resolution laser scanning of the macula and optic nerve, but also Plus Optix auto refraction for calculation of spectacle lens power in children from 6 months old, and Colorview Lenses to correct for red-green colour vision deficiency. They are the first practice in Auckland to introduce the Wilkins colorimeter for calculation of correct tint for those suffering from reading disabilities, some dyslexias, and migraine. Now they've done it again,

bringing the first Optomap ultra wide-field retinal scanning ophthalmoscope to NZ. The Optomap was invented by Scottish design engineer Douglas Anderson after his 5 year old son was blinded in one eye from undiagnosed retinal detachment. Upset that eyetesting equipment was incapable of diagnosing and saving his son's vision, he spent over 40 million pounds and 10 years of research to develop the machine. Heralded as a major breakthrough in diagnostic eye care, demand in the USA was so great virtually every machine produced was absorbed by their market. The Optomap was released into Australasia in August this year and Matthew Whittington placed NZ's first order. Prime Minister John Key visited For Eyes to view the new Optomap and congratulated Matthew on the state-of-the-art equipment at the practice. He is aware of the importance of regular eye examinations as his mother had glaucoma, and appreciated being one of the first New Zealanders to have his eyes imaged by new Optomap technology. Matthew and Molly Whittington have 25 years experience in optics, and say the optomap is a quantum leap in eye care, likening the device to switching on the light rather than searching piecemeal by torch-light if you were trying to find your keys in a large barn at night. While other retinal camera systems capture only 12% of the retinal surface, the optomap captures 80%, thus imaging peripheral anomalies like early retinal detachments, diabetic changes and melanomas. It is quick and easy for patients to use, Douglas Anderson designed it so his 5 year old son could take his own retinal images. It allows the optometrist to spend time analyzing, diagnosing and educating patients on their retinal health. It has the ability to save lives by noting the early detection of retinal abnormalities or other health conditions like high blood pressure and diabetes. Mr Whittington is dismayed that a lot of patients feel they need only be examined when they need a change in prescription. "Your vision is the most precious of your five senses. The most important reason for examination is to determine the health of the retina and find any changes early so they can be treated before you lose vision.. The optomap provides a permanent digital image giving a baseline which can be compared later".



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Art in the Garden October 29 & 30, Ashcombe Garden (1385 Highway 28, Kumeu)

Kumeu Art in the Garden is a celebration of local gardens and local art. Hospice West Auckland will be serving refreshments at Ashcombe Garden. Tickets can be purchased at www.kumeuartinthegarden.co.nz or via the Kumeu Visitor Information Centre, phone (09) 412 9886.

Pomona Hall Craft, China & Haberdashery shop opening October 29, Pomona Hall (35 Access Road, Kumeu – behind the community hall)
We are opening a Craft, China & Haberdashery store at Pomona Hall. There is a Book Fair at the Community Hall on the same day so pop in to pick up all the Christmas presents you need.

Twin Streams Exhibition November 17—21, Shed 2 Projectspace (Corban Estate Arts Centre, 426 Great North Road, Henderson)

The Waitakere Trust Art Awards are celebrating their 25th year. Project Twin Streams will be showcasing community arts interaction with an additional display of panels from Hospice.

For more information on attending and or helping Hospice West Auckland please visit www.hwa.org.nz/news or email kathrynb@hwa.org.nz

THE WOES OF THOSE TOES THAT WE TAKE FOR GRANTED

Ever kicked your toe? Drying mine last, I realised just how enjoyable the towel massage of little piggies on the ends of feet - between and under, pushing back each cuticle, as mother taught. Injuring even one of these tinies seems to pervade every subsequent activity. How easy to take for granted these thirty joints that may seem extraneous! 510 risked in every Rugby match! Without them what shape our feet? Four corners on our ends, shorter shoes, where to grow corns, blisters and chilblains? How to fill gumboots, steel-capped workshoes? Would any footwear stay on? What would become of our national image with nothing to hang our jandals on? Our Economy would suffer. Glut of leather, nail lacquer manufacture cut back, pedicurists unemployed. Dressing time and shoe cleaning would be faster, less wear on carpets. Shorter shoe boxes so less storage space. Fewer fractures would reduce queues at A&E, cutting public spending. We'd probably be unbalanced, on all fours. Driving could be difficult, cars redesigned. Ceilings lowered would lower building costs. Life would be at a slower pace. We'd have a different point of view, a different perspective. Could we cope? Maybe toes should be treated with care, and enjoyed!
Dawn Kendall, Kumeu



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CHICKEN WITH CHORIZO AND CHICKPEAS



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My son's grandmother is Spanish so she taught me to cook like a traditional Spanish housewife. This means being quite economical with wastage, but always having an absurd amount of food to hand. She took enormous pride in preparing more food than anyone could possibly eat - and then reserves - just in case. One of the things she would stockpile, largely for its versatility was Spanish Chorizo. Chorizo originated from the Iberian Peninsula and in Europe are typically fermented and therefore eaten raw as part of tapas or antipasto. They are also frequently added to soups and stews to intensify the flavour, or quickly fried and used as a base for pasta sauce or a robust salad. Most of those available in New Zealand are raw and must be cooked. Our local Countdown stocks them in the delicatessen counter, however for an exceptional chorizo, source one from Sabato in Mt Eden or try www.spanishgoods.co.nz for other distributors and additional information and recipes. This traditional style dish can be easily cooked within 40 minutes and makes a complete meal with a crusty ciabatta and green salad. It also reheats well for lunch the next day.

4 garlic cloves, roughly chopped
 4 chicken thighs or breast fillets, skinned and boned and sliced into 3 pieces
 2 fresh or dried chorizo sausages, cut into four
 2 tblsp olive oil
 2 tins of chickpeas
 1/2 tsp paprika or 1/4 tsp Spanish smoked paprika
 400g tin Italian chopped tomatoes
 1 tblsp dried oregano
 salt and pepper
 50g pitted black olives (optional)
 2 tblsp extra virgin olive oil

In a large cast-iron casserole, heat the olive oil then add the chicken and chorizo and brown lightly. Add the garlic and cook until softened a little. Season the chicken.

Add the paprika and stir quickly. Pour in the tinned tomatoes, chickpeas, oregano and olives (if using). Bring to the boil and then immediately reduce to a simmer. Cover, and cook gently for 25 minutes, until chicken is cooked through and tender. Season to taste. Drizzle over oil, and serve.



KUMEU'S YOUNGEST ARTISTS ON DISPLAY

Kumeu Arts Centre will be exhibiting art works from the Kumeu Children's Art Club and also KACI member, Mishka Patterson, over the month of November. Clay, painting, knitting, life drawing and creative writing classes will also continue on over this period. We will be holding our annual 'Affordable Art Exhibition' in December, and are calling for new members to join in and participate. Membership is a minimal \$10 per year, a chance to be involved in our great community art centre! Contact us on 412-9480 or thetinshed@clear.net.nz for more information. Phone (09) 412-9480 Follow us on: www.facebook.com / Kumeu Arts Centre Incorporated

WAIMAUKU GUIDES ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Waimauku Guides are a busy crowd with lots of things to learn and do for girls who are 9 ½ to 13 years. We cover the area from Helensville to just north of Massey and then West to the coast and East to Whenuapai, Hobsonville and Riverhead. This week we are participating in the Fantrail for the Bronze Final of the Rugby World Cup 2011 and we will be providing teas and snacks for Brookvale garden one of the gardens featured in Kumeu Art in the Garden. The last Term for the year starts next week with the expectation of longer evenings, more time out of doors and preparation for TUI 12- Jamboree next January. Lots to look forward to and the Guides will be busy! We are always looking for new Guides and new helpers to join us in helping the young women of the future develop and have fun. If interested please contact District Coordinator Niki- 411-9350.

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Determine the value: everything you own should have a value, it's either beautiful or functional. Once I determine that an article is no longer needed I pass it on.

Everything really does need its own place: decide the best place for everything to live. If you've ever hunted high and low for your car keys you will know the value of this rule.

Focus is a wonderful thing: multitasking is not the best idea if you want to simplify your life. There are huge benefits in being able to give something your undivided attention.

These rules apply both at home and in business. We hold onto things often because we think we'll need them one day. Chances are if that day comes, the item will be outdated or no longer the best solution. Pick one area to focus on, apply the rules, and feel the difference.

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LAMBING AND CALVING SEASON

It sounds like spring this year has been easier than last for lambings & calvings, the rain has ensured lots of grass growth and so we've hardly seen any sleepy sickness which is great. Do beware of barber's pole (haemonchus worm) – conditions are ideal and your young stock are at high risk, as always feel free to have a chat to us as to what drench type you should be using and how often. On a different note, it's worth reminding everybody about the importance of lambs and calves getting adequate colostrum. Colostrum is the first milk a mother makes for her newborn and it's important as this is the only source of protective antibodies the newborn receives to protect it from infections like pneumonia during the subsequent weeks of life until it's own immune system is up and running. Furthermore, the newborn must get this colostrum within the first 6 hours of life, after which transfer becomes limited. Sadly to dispel the old but all too common myth – the egg white and glucose concoction won't do the trick as a substitute. In some situations where you cannot manually strip even a few millilitres of colostrum off mom you can buy an oral substitute but you still need to get this into the newborn within 24 hours of life and remember there's no substitute like the real thing!

We're always happy to chat so if you've ever got any worries give us a buzz on 412 9016
Dr van den Berg

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The fireworks provided is by both Van Tiel Pyrotechnics and York Corporation Ltd, in Henderson. The cost per family is \$40.00 (2 adults & 3 children).

Adults \$20.00

Seniors & Students (secondary school) are \$15.00

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The costs have been kept to an affordable minimum to cover cost, profits from the event are provided to the community. The Lions do not take any funds out for themselves. We are grateful to the Trust Community Trust, the Auckland Council for their support and to David York for his supply of fireworks for the event.

The public get to see a safe and varied show in a great venue. We have over 15,000 people attend each year so the event is well recognised and attended. Hope you can attend a fantastic family show. Tickets are available at all Waitakere & Portage Licensing Trusts and can be purchased from the trust Stadium.

Tickets are available from 7th October onwards – the event is alcohol free. If you want more details or information contact Pete Sinton – Fireworks Director Ph. 412-2016 or e.mail petesinton@townplanner.co.nz.

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Spring is in the air, and all is right with the world the All Blacks have performed well through their World Cup campaign, there have been some great games and some excitement and celebration yet to come. Hope springs eternal and there's that word again spring its all around the sun is shining a little warmer the days a little longer and time to spring clean sweep away the remains of winter. Spring cleaning also is a great idea for your finances too, now more than ever talking to your ANZ banker about reviewing your accounts and finances is always a good idea. Something we should do at least once a year like spring cleaning. Knowing what you have and looking at what you need with your ANZ Personal banker gives you the advantage and maybe a spring in your step going into summer.

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RELAY FOR LIFE HITS KUMEU

Relay For Life is not a race – it's a celebration and awareness raising event for cancer survivors, their carers, whānau and friends. The concept of Relay For Life began in 1985, when Dr Gordon Klatt, a surgeon and American Cancer Society volunteer, ran and walked 81 miles on a local track for 24 hours. He raised \$27,000 for the American Cancer Society. From his experience the Relay For Life event evolved. Today, Relay is the world's largest cancer fundraising event in 23 countries around

the world. It is also the American Cancer Society's signature programme for advocacy and cancer awareness. In 2001 the Cancer Society of New Zealand held their first Relay For Life in Palmerston North. It was a tremendous success raising \$140,000. In 2002 Otago/Southland, Canterbury/West Coast, and Central Regions held Relay For Life events. Other Divisions around the country soon followed with their own Relay success stories. In 2011, 17 Relays were held across New Zealand and raised nearly \$3 million. Relay is a wonderful source of inspiration for thousands of people year after year. Resourced by volunteers and supported by many community-minded businesses, Relay For Life unites the community in the fight against cancer. Relay for life in Kumeu March 24, 2012. For information and reservations please contact Maureen Miller on auckland@relayforlife.org.nz



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All in all, the Kumeu Country Market continues to be an excellent attraction for people from all walks of life, and from all around Auckland. If you'd like to enjoy a great family day out, come along to the next market on Sunday, 13th November 2011 from 10am to 2pm. You won't be disappointed!

Current Time Tuesday, 25 October 2011 at 10:12:16 a.m. NZDT

	Wed 26 Oct	Thu 27 Oct	Fri 28 Oct	Sat 29 Oct	Sun 30 Oct	Mon 31 Oct	Tue 1 Nov
Weather:	Sunny. Mild.	Mostly sunny. Mild.	Afternoon clouds. Mild.	Mostly cloudy. Mild.	Showers late. More clouds than sun. Mild.	Showers late. Mostly cloudy. Mild.	Haze. Mild.
Description:							
High temperature:	20 °C	20 °C	19 °C	21 °C	23 °C	22 °C	18 °C
Low temperature:	12 °C	12 °C	14 °C	12 °C	11 °C	13 °C	12 °C
Comfort level:	19 °C	19 °C	18 °C	19 °C	21 °C	20 °C	18 °C
Wind Speed:	13 km/h	10 km/h	20 km/h	11 km/h	5 km/h	6 km/h	6 km/h
Wind Direction:	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↗	→
Humidity:	68%	71%	77%	66%	69%	72%	76%
UV Index:	7 (High)	7 (High)	5 (Moderate)	0 (Low)	5 (Moderate)	0 (Low)	5 (Moderate)
Chance of Rain:	0%	10%	21%	33%	26%	55%	10%
Amount Rain:	-	-	-	-	1.8 mm	4.0 mm	-
Sunrise:	6:24 a.m.	6:22 a.m.	6:21 a.m.	6:20 a.m.	6:19 a.m.	6:18 a.m.	6:17 a.m.
Sunset:	7:47 p.m.	7:48 p.m.	7:49 p.m.	7:50 p.m.	7:51 p.m.	7:52 p.m.	7:53 p.m.

Forecast next 14 days	Wed 2 Nov	Thu 3 Nov	Fri 4 Nov	Sat 5 Nov	Sun 6 Nov	Mon 7 Nov	Tue 8 Nov
Weather:	More clouds than sun. Mild.	A few showers. Partly sunny. Mild.	More sun than clouds. Mild.	Showery. Mostly cloudy. Mild.	Showers early. More sun than clouds. Mild.	Mostly cloudy. Mild.	Partly cloudy. Mild.
Description:							
High temperature:	18 °C	18 °C	17 °C	18 °C	18 °C	17 °C	18 °C
Low temperature:	12 °C	13 °C	11 °C	12 °C	13 °C	12 °C	13 °C
Comfort level:	18 °C	18 °C	17 °C	18 °C	18 °C	17 °C	18 °C
Wind Speed:	9 km/h	20 km/h	16 km/h	9 km/h	21 km/h	11 km/h	25 km/h
Wind Direction:	↘	↘	↘	↘	↘	↗	↗
Humidity:	78%	82%	74%	77%	75%	76%	72%

LAST WORD



Who cares about the Robbie's or the Quade's they simply distract us from admiring the great things that this country can do and the positives that can deliver so much more. From the AB's emphatic win Butch and I would like to do a Kumeu Wave and eat some Kumeu Strawberry while sitting on a Kumeu Poof and drinking some Kumeu Pinot (LOL). Lets celebrate the AB's but lets also put Kumeu up in the air and say "YOU RIPPA" cause it's the best little place in the world.

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