

Kumeu Courier

free monthly community newsletter for Kumeu & districts

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Another blossoming issue of Kumeu Courier, delivering outstanding value to the community. Make sure you are in the next issue.

Sarah

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big firefighter showdown in Nov



Kumeu Courier is proud to support a special firefighter boxing fundraiser at Kumeu Showgrounds on Thursday 15th November. Organizers Dene Jonkers and Eugene Sparron are confident the event will be a dynamic, well organised event that will deliver some outstanding heart felt entertainment. The night offers dinner, cash bar, live band and a charity auction aiming to create much needed funding support to aid the work and the research for Multiple Sclerosis, an illness that has impacted on a station family. "I would like to encourage

business to get in behind this inaugural event that promises to deliver some outstanding value as a corporate hospitality or pre-Christmas event that can deliver a unique but local flavor ..cont on page 6

unitary plan's non-democratic issue

The Auckland Council have recently approached the Government to try and fast track the Unitary Plan by removing any rights of appeal to the Environment Court. The Council are claiming to the Government that a large number of appeals to the Court will delay the implementation of the Unitary Plan (District Plan) resulting in restriction on economic growth and affordable housing. The reality is the reverse. If there is no ability to challenge Council Plan to the Environment Court, then the document has no independent authority to judge over Council decisions. Worse still the drafting of the Unitary Plan is Council staff assembled and politically driven document. There needs to be an independent review process for those Community Groups, special interest sectors and commercial interest to have final Council decision reviewed. The Council find it much more difficult to convince an independent Environment Court of the reason for their decisions. The appeal process although daunting is very transparent, and the Environment Court makes every effort to accommodate individuals or groups in the pre-hearing mediation process. This process is inexpensive and does result in issues being resolved. ...cont on page 4

charitable, community and fun



Kumeu Courier was developed as a philanthropic business publication that can create financial wealth that is reinvested back into the community in a way that can better the lives of all people living in Kumeu and districts. After celebrating our two year anniversary, investing in colour, gloss and boosting the email and print distribution, Kumeu Courier is fulfilling its role by investing in Massey Schools Performing Arts, Project Cherry Tree and Showdown at the Showgrounds as the start of many projects to add value in the district ...cont on page 16



Stephen Sparnon,
DCFO, Kumeu
Fire Rescue.
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a day to reflect - a day to say goodbye

Members of the Kumeu Brigade on Tuesday 11 September climbed the 30 floors of the BNZ Tower in Auckland City as the Memorial Stair Climb, to remember the 343 New York Firefighters who lost their lives at the World Trade Centre in 2001 and also remembered by name rank and brigade were the 56 New Zealand Fire Service members who have lost their lives while on duty in their communities. This was a somber moment for our members present as one of our members named, John Reesink was read from the list of fallen firefighters.

A Firefighter we are farewelling from the station this month is Mike 'Softy' Langley. Softy is alive and well but after 29 years of service to the Kumeu and Huapai area is retiring from the Brigade.

Mike joined in 1983 and has seen many changes in the local area and in the Fire Service, of which Softy has been a very well respected member for all those 29 years. Mike we wish you well and hope it doesn't take to long for you to stop jumping up from the dinner table, jumping into your Jeep and making your way to the Fire Station to help a member of the community in need. Mike 'Softy' Langley was a Kumeu Volunteer Fire Brigade member from 1983 to 2012.

Necesitas un descanso,mejor todauia o auun, tomate unas vacacinnes.

Huapai facebook phenomenon

This sign in Huapai was greeted with screams of delight and outbursts of concern as the public of Kumeu and districts were somewhat spellbound by the possibility that Huapai was getting some a) Rugby players, b) working girls, or c) LJ Hooker in Kumeu was moving to Huapai. The sign made headlines on sideswipe and facebook pages around Auckland and the comments that aligned to the picture were both colorful and varied. The best one that we heard was "At last something good is happening in Huapai, did you hear, there are working girls coming to town". Complete with dance pole, the large sign generated significant interest and several motorists would stop, get out of their cars and photograph the sign every day. The sign was erected to highlight that LJ Hooker Kumeu was moving to Huapai and Principal Graham McIntyre explained "We did want to catch the imagination of the Kumeu public and trust that many within the community enjoyed the play on words. This is a vital move for the company as we position ourselves to support the sales and development efforts of the 600 plus sections being developed for sale in Huapai over the next six to twelve months" says Graham. LJ Hooker Kumeu is now located at 327 Main Road. Phone 09 412 9602



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money matters

At the time of writing the Reserve Bank kept the Official Cash Rate (OCR) on hold at the record low of 2.5%. Some commentators are now expecting no change to this indicator until mid 2014 with forecasts showing an OCR peak in 2015. This is of course good news for borrowers who are also enjoying top prices for their properties with Auckland leading the way highlighting sales up 25% and a record median price of \$505,500, up 1.1% on July and 11.6% on last August (figures NZ Herald 11/09/12).

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Riverhead athletics club starts

Riverhead Athletics is due to start again on 17th October. This is held Wednesday evenings through summer at Riverhead War Memorial Park from 5:30pm. The club has been a mainstay of the community for over 50 years and continues to produce great talent including local athlete Portia Bing who after beginning her career at Riverhead recently placed 5th in the world junior championships in Barcelona. Athletics is a great first sport for kids, and with the recent Olympics coverage and success of our athletes like Valerie Adams it is riding a high. Parents can access the clubs website on www.sportsground.co.nz/riverheadathletics to find out more about the upcoming season. Rob Mihaljevich - Riverhead Athletics Club President.



Pete Sinton
Chairman
Kumeu Huapai Residents and
Ratepayers Association
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born to create great pizza

Colin MacFadyen has bought the old Dante's pizza business from his friend, Kevin Morris. Colin started out with designing and finding the right materials in New Zealand, then building this design wood fired pizza oven here in New Zealand - finding a name for it and integrating this product and lifestyle (Kiwi outdoor kitchens) into his building partnership. They called it "Mi Pizza Oven." This new woodfired oven officially debuted at the Auckland Home Show 2011 and was featured on one of the first tv series of Michael Van de Elzen's Food truck show. Michael, Kevin Morris and the tv crew actually rocked up to Colin's house to use the "letterbox" AKA Colin's wood fired oven - to cook and film one of the shows last December. The pizza oven made a bit of noise in the community because of the way it was placed - facing the street and not away from it. This meant that the entire community could come and use the oven, bring their own wood, dough, tomatoes and toppings and cook their own pizza. And come they did - with wine and blankets, adults and children and entire families from around the community in Mt Albert. Earlier this year, Kevin Morris of Dante's mentioned to Colin that he had an exciting opportunity in Ponsonby. This would mean having to sell Dante's in order to take advantage of this opportunity to start anew, this time in the city. Newly single, Kevin saw this as a new beginning...as did Colin. And so Popina's Pizzeria was born. Having originally grown up on the wild west coast of New Zealand (Kariotahi beach) Colin loves the west coast. One of the attractions of taking over Kevin's business - and baptising it "Popina's Pizzeria" is its location; close to Muriwai. It also fermented ideas with Colin as he wanted to take his love of wood fired ovens and cooking in them one step further. Contact Colin on 021452454

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In our area the Kumeu Village Zone Change and consent order with Maddren's over the design element was only achieved by the appeal process. Paul Cavanagh QC, of Herne Bay Residents Association, has asked the Minister 'to scrap the Auckland Council idea of stripping 1.5 million residents of their rights to question the Unitary Plan'. We need to be vigilant to moves by the Auckland Council to remove our democratic rights. Pete Sinton Email petesinton@townplanner.co.nz



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hair tips for spring from your local - Zash Hair

The sun is finally coming out and so is our hair. You many have noticed over the winter months how our hair becomes dry and wiry? It is so important to look after your hair as it has a profound effect on your overall appearance. Here are my 5 best hair care tips for spring, courtesy of Carla of Zash Hair.

- 1 Have your haircut at least every 6 weeks – Bad hair and shoes date an outfit
- 2 Use professional salon products
- 3 Weekly conditioning treatments are a must
- 4 Only ever go 3 shades lighter or darker than your natural hair colour
- 5 Always use heat protection products to protect your hair from the straightening irons or hairdryers





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it's about choice not about circumstance

When we talk about a debilitating illness we sometimes miss that fundamental essence of what makes life worth living and what is life all about. I recently had the absolute pleasure to spend a moment with Robyn and Craig Murray in their home in Huapai. One of the clear messages that echoed through the conversation was a pride in still having independence, a knowing and belief that life was simple in pleasure and that it was full of genuine love and genuine friendship. Multiple Sclerosis was a condition that had little meaning in the Murray family seven years ago but within a month of diagnosis a wide body of people around Robyn Murray had to come to grips with what the condition represented to a new way of living. MS is completely different for all sufferers due to the unwinding of the electrical and nervous system of the body however some of the common symptoms is massive fatigue and the difficult co-ordination between mind or body or both. It presents a complex range of motive challenges requiring much thought and planning to get through the day. It was this sudden onset that at the start of the illness asked more questions of the family, the friends, work and acquaintances than delivered answers but as Robyn and Craig, Hayley and Aimee became involved in the daily requirements, answers began to emerge. "You have to stay positive and you must have a sense of daily normality even though your life may be upside down and inside out" says Robyn. "It slows life down, allows for much reflection and makes things real. I have a number of supportive networks and I have a catch-up with my Neurologist every six months". The etymology of MS has not been confirmed but it affects twice as many women than men, it is more prevalent in colder climates and seldom found in the equinox. "In the outset of the illness" Robyn laughs, "I used to tell young friends of Hayley and Aimee that were visiting that I was not drunk I just had MS, and Craig had questions asked why he was hanging in with the marriage. He would always respond that the vows were in sickness and in health, but in many ways we have become closer for MS and the family manages the situation and invests in the simple things that deliver so much pleasure. So every morning the eyes open, the challenge and fatigue starts again, but the positivity and the resolve is strong". It is important for people to realize that they can help people with MS but people need to ask to help, and then wait for a response about how they can help. MS can slow a typical response and people need to be patient and not rush in. In addition funding support is required for research into the illness and into assisting with awareness of the illness. You can donate on line today through www.msnz.org.nz. A special thanks to the Murray family for allowing me an insight into the family's life around MS.

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There are opportunities to purchase a table and split it up for your friends and family or donate the seats and ask for a donation to this great cause. In this issue and the November issue of Kumeu Courier we will showcase a number of the firefighters taking part and some relevant background. One point that Dene highlights is that this event is a true entertainment event. The firefighters are all undertaking significant training programs through the lead-up to the event and are competitive to delivering a stellar performance. We suggest you register your interest today to purchase a table and attend the event by emailing dene@kzero.co.nz or phone Dene on 021 606 619.

craft beer a great tradition

The history of beer and brewing in New Zealand dovetails neatly with the arrival of Europeans to these shores. Yes Captain Cook, for it was he who in 1773 on his second expedition, brewed New Zealand's first beer, a distasteful concoction of molasses, spruce and rimu. Subsequent waves of immigration saw the introduction of Irish, English and mainland European brewing traditions. At one time what is now referred to as micro brewing was the norm as breweries and brew pubs up and down the country served their local towns and communities. Spin forward to the early 20th century when New Zealand came within a hair's breath of prohibition. Restrictive licensing laws gave birth to the 6 O'clock swill culture and subsequent corporate take over's resulted in a complete off shore owned duopoly of our beer brands. Beer consumption in NZ is currently shrinking whilst the Craft Beer sector is booming. That's good, our motto is "drink less, drink better". We at Hallertau celebrate international styles with 100% New Zealand ingredients. Next week sees the eagerly anticipated return of our cult American IPA – Maximus and our seasonal Double Stout alongside all your regular favourites. Come get some! Hallertau Brewbar & Restaurant, 1171 Coatesville-Riverhead Hwy, Auckland 0892, Phone 09 412 5555



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This is a nature lovers hide away. A glade which is sheltered, north facing with alfresco dining out to extensive decking. The home is predominantly brick with a tile roof and has a layout that will suit a family or semi retired couple looking for a self sufficient lifestyle, away from it all. 917 Peak Road, Waimauku.

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BY NEGOTIATION **3 BEDROOM** **2 BATHROOM**
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Architecturally designed by D J Design to blend with the natural beauty of the location and graceful living. Extremely private with a good blend of spectacular native NZ bush and hard to believe only minutes from Westcity Shopping Complex. This character home, set amongst other similar quality homes, offers elegance and charm. 88 San Valentino Drive, Henderson.

BY NEGOTIATION **4 BEDROOM** **2 BATHROOM**
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MONSTER FIREWORK Display



Taupaki Primary School is holding its popular Monster Fireworks event at the Kumeu A&H Showgrounds on Friday, 26th October 2011. (Rain date Saturday, 27th October.) Once again this event is kindly supported by BadBoy Fireworks, who put on the amazing pyrotechnic display. There will also be fun fair rides, activities and skydivers, as well as a variety of food and drinks for you to buy. This year we will be auctioning off the right for someone to 'push the button' to set off the fireworks display. For more information check out www.monsterfireworks.co.nz

Entry prices are very affordable at just \$35 for a family of 2 adults and 4 children, or buy your tickets early at the school office for just \$30. Individual adults \$15, and children & senior citizens \$5. The entire profits go to Taupaki Primary, so come along and support your local school and enjoy a great family night out.



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\$1,550,000 **4 BEDROOM** **3 BATHROOM**
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Moved from Remuera in 2003 this has been re-wired, re-plumbed and has a large capacity tank to service this outstanding bungalow. Refurbished in style from the rimu floors to the beautiful windows that have retained their character. This home has 2 extra single bedrooms, 1 large lounge, 2 dining areas, a carpark for 4, and a wood burner. 6 Cambridge Road, Riverhead.

BY NEGOTIATION **6 BEDROOM** **2 BATHROOM**
DENISE GLOZIER **0272549999** **LICENSED REAA 2008**
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This character filled 3 bedroom plus one bedroom studio home sits on a private 3 acres of gentle contoured land. There are a multiple number of out buildings including a large 9x18m barn with extra living accommodation. This unique property offers endless opportunity. 5 Karaka Road, Whenuapai.

BY NEGOTIATION **3 BEDROOM** **2 BATHROOM**
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Society of NZ please visit www.msanz.org.nz



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AUCTION
COURTNEY WOOD
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3 BEDROOM
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2 BATHROOM
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This 2 hectare property is flat and well fenced into 7 paddocks. The main dwelling is two storied with dormer windows and steep roof. Offering four bedrooms and three bathrooms, and the ground level has two living areas. The big barn provides garaging, a workshop or storage. A two bedroom cottage with its own entrance is a bonus. All this and more is only minutes from Kumeu Village! 122 Boord Crescent, Kumeu.

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This would be an ideal proposition for buyers seeking a 'do-up' opportunity. With stunning views of Muriwai Beach, this three bedroom, one bathroom bach has all the potential to be the perfect get away for you and your family. The sunny, generous site of 1295m2 is crying out for some attention and TLC. 126 Domain Crescent, Muriwai

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A traditional Kiwi bungalow with separate lounge dining and galley kitchen. The home is north facing with extensive views through the rural valley. Four generous bedrooms off a central hall with bathroom, w/c and laundry all separate. A single garage on the property and two driveway access to the property. The land is flat to gentle sloping. 6 McEntee Road, Waitakere Township

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This outstanding Architectural inspired Maddren cedar home sits within a botanical setting over 1.4 hectares of low maintenance grounds and enjoys commanding views over the hills and valleys to the Tasman Ocean. It provides extensive northfacing alfresco to wrap around decking, and also a double solar hot water tube. 429 Kiwitahi Road, Waimauku.

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This stunning lifestyle block offers panoramic sea views galore! Sitting on 4.63 beautiful rolling hectares, this property is ready for your dream home to be built now! This fast developing area is ready for you to either nest or invest. Owner want this sold! Present your offer now. Sanford Road, Ruakaka

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This stunning 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom plus office home will not be repeated for elegance and style. This platinum home is set on a 2218m2 site in the best street! This home has been perfectly designed to make the most of the section. It is nestled under the Riverhead forest giving it a rural feel. Double electric gate with a code, gives total privacy and security! 52 School Road, Riverhead.

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welcome back - Kumeu country market



Since the Kumeu Country Market first began in December 2010, it has become a "destination market" for thousands of visitors from all over Auckland and beyond. Held at the picturesque Kumeu Show grounds over the spring and summer months, this high quality market offers a fantastic selection of superb stalls with products that will appeal to even the most discerning of tastes. So, if you're looking for a gift for that someone special or simply after something unique for yourself or your home, come along and browse the array of stalls selling everything from boutique-style clothing, exquisite jewellery, homewares, pet care products, baby gear, toys and health and beauty products to fresh local produce, gourmet food and delectable sweets and chocolates. You are certain to find something truly special! The Market will be held indoors so whether rain or shine the show goes on! In addition to the market, the organiser (Courtney Wood LJ Hooker Kumeu) also endeavours to provide entertainment for young and old alike, wherever possible including live music and kids' activities. And if nothing else appeals, simply come and savour a delicious lunch on the lawn whilst enjoying the ambience of

the environment. Entry to the market is free but you may be asked for a \$2 donation for parking, proceeds of which go to local charities or schools. Eftpos facilities are also available on site. Regretfully, dogs are not permitted on the show grounds. All in all, the Kumeu Country Market provides the entire family with a great day out, so come along and enjoy. You won't be disappointed! See you all there!!! "Yee Ha" Any questions/stall bookings call Courtney 027 688 0818

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From three months of age they need protection against deadly diseases like Tetanus and Leptospirosis. These diseases are picked up from the environment, so all animals are at risk. We recommend vaccination of all young farm animals at three months of age with a booster a month later, followed annually after that. See us for more information. Thinking of getting your mare in foal this season? Talk to our experienced equine team about the services we provide. If you'd like to see our cute 'Patient of the Day' photos and hear about our latest specials check out our Facebook page and 'Like' us to receive updates on your newsfeed. For more information phone Kumeu Veterinary Services on 09 412 9016



shout out to residents of Riverhead

We have recently completed rear stair and landing on the Riverhead Community Courts Club (RCCC Inc) building (The old building next to the tennis courts). The RCCC committee have worked hard this past year to secure funding for the completion of our lovely old building. We received a cash grant from Council and Refresh Renovations donated some time to help with the project – Thanks Refresh! The final outstanding building project is the reinstatement of the back wall. A small job, but it all takes money to complete. Refresh Renovations have offered to do the labour for us (thanks Refresh!), but we need to source the materials (or money to buy them). This is a 'SHOUT OUT' to the community, businesses within our community or other interested parties.... or anyone wishing to contribute materials (left over timber from a renovation project perhaps) or a financial donation towards materials. We would greatly appreciate any contributions. Specifically we need: 18 metres of 250x25 H3.2 rough sawn, 25 metres of 75x25 H3.2 rough sawn, and 20 metres of 90x45 H1.2. On another note – we have secured funding for 50% of the exterior paint work and are looking forward to the completion of this project this summer! Once completed we will be able to open it up for the community to use in any way they wish – yoga, dance lessons, playgroup, photography studio. Contact Claire Walker on 09 412 8155

have you always fancied a law career ?

Smith & Partners are giving away \$4000 worth of prizes to West Auckland secondary students as part of their commitment to helping grow and develop West Auckland business and community. The Smith & Partners Law Scholarships are open to students enrolled in West Auckland secondary schools who plan on studying law at University in 2013. The scholarships are designed to assist with the first year of university fees for a New Zealand law degree. One finalist will be selected from each West Auckland secondary school. All finalists will receive a \$50 book voucher when they are announced in November 2012. From these finalists three scholarships for \$2000, \$1000 and \$500 will be awarded in February 2013. Applications Close: 5pm on Friday the 19th of October 2012. To learn more about application details and selection criteria visit www.smithpartners.co.nz/lawscholarship

helping our schools—Kumeu Rotary

For some years, Rotary Clubs have supported Trees for Survival – the only environmental programme supported by Rotary Clubs in New Zealand. The programme is administered by a charitable trust which promotes the growing and planting of native trees by school children. This is done to help control soil erosion, safeguard water quality and to restore and beautify landscapes. The Rotary Club of Kumeu have teamed up with a local agricultural consulting company, Agrilink Ltd and entered a 50:50 sponsorship to enable the Huapai District School to take part in the Trees for Survival programme. The children and teachers took part in a planting exercise at an Inland Road, Helensville, site on 22nd August. Rotary Club President Les Barber, his son Andrew, and Rotarian Denis Papa also took part. A very successful exercise and one we hope will be an ongoing project. For more details contact Les on 09 412 9334



results coming from Kumeu Courier advertising



Being in the internet marketing industry, I meet with a number of customers who push really hard to have their website found on the internet and make this the full extent of their marketing strategy. I often stress to customers that this is a very important part of your marketing strategy but not the only focus area and not to give up on traditional marketing such as brochures, magazines, adverts on the back of a bus and local directories such as the Lions Directory etc. I have been working with Graham from the Kumeu Courier since its inception 2 years ago and in that time have had a number of inquiries locally from the result of my advertising in the Courier and would thoroughly recommend it as a paper based marketing approach. My most recent lead which has eventuated in a sale happened last week and to hear a customer say "I noticed your advert in the Courier" is a pleasing result. I wish to extend an endorsement of this great publication and suggest that if anyone is wanting to pick up business opportunity and or communicate with the greater Kumeu and districts market this is not only cost effective it works very well. Call me if you would like to have a chat on 09 411 8797 or 07 895 4777 or on mobile on 027 449 1410 today.

community notice board

The Waimauku RSA are starting up a market day on the last Sunday of every month excluding December and January. \$10 for all stall holders. For details or booking contact either Kay 0211376877 or Linda 0211425508

TENNIS LESSONS are back for Term 4 at the Riverhead Courts starting Saturday 20th October for 8 weeks for \$75 a term. Lessons start from 11am according to age and ability (kids and adults) Book and pay to secure your place – must be in quick! Call Gillian 412 6323 / 021 232 8286 or email - gplinton@gmail.com Friday lessons also available for adults

Fourth annual Ladies' Pamper Night on Friday, November 16.

If you would like to participate, please email the Kindergarten at: waimauku@naka.co.nz or phone 411-8890.

Christmas Parade. This year the annual Christmas parade will be held on Friday 7th December starting at 6.45pm. The organisers of the Parade would love you to enter a float. If you would like to get creative and help put the community in a festive mood, then gather together some friends and family and contact Dale or Lyn to register.

Dale Wallace 412 9611 twal@xtra.co.nz Lyn Anderson 412 8068 jacko_lyn@xtra.co.nz

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the great popularity contest

Way back in the early days of the Internet, bulletin boards and shared servers hosted social conversations between networks of like-minded people. In the early part of last decade, online social conversations exploded and brought social media mainstream. These days it's Facebook who reigns supreme. In particular the Facebook Pages product offers New Zealand businesses a real edge in the online space. Why? Well over 2.26 million kiwis use the Facebook Profile service (700k of those in Auckland alone) and they are all sharing and talking about the things that better their lives. Things like your businesses products or services. Many business owners I talk to see the value of Facebook, but simply don't understand it. The most common misunderstanding is the belief you need for 1000's of fans, to succeed. The truth is, a carefully cultivated smaller page will generate more work for you, than a large bloated mess.

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Kumeu Courier started as an A3 black and white publication going to 5000 homes and businesses. Today the publication has an extensive database of over 3000 and a print run of 7000 copies. Circulation is from Coatesville, Herald Island, Taupaki, Waitakere Township and Bethells in the south to Muriwai, Waimauku and Woodhill in the north. "For the first 12 months we invested in the publication heavily to ensure that it built a solid base of advertising support and editorial content, in the last year we have anchored that support and invested in gloss paper, full colour production and increasing the size to 24 pages" says Graham McIntyre Founding Publisher. " We have reached a milestone in being able to invest in community projects that need financial support and exposure" Graham says, "the great news is that advertisers are getting work from the publication, editorial columns and submissions also remain strong. To get involved in Kumeu Courier please contact Sarah Cartwright on 0212507324 or sarahcartwright022@gmail.com.



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Senior Net guest speaker update

Nor-West SeniorNet speaker for November will be experienced genealogist Lani Rimmington. Lani's presentation will be on "Breaking down Those Brick Walls" Come along on Monday November 5th at 10.00am to St Chad's Church Hall Kumeu for an interesting two hours. Bring a friend. \$3.00 includes tea/coffee and biscuits and a very warm welcome.

For more details contact Pip at lalandepip@yahoo.com

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The Ukulele, is an ideal first 'tuned' instrument for all ages says Ali-May, a Waimauku music teacher. Ali-May has been using the Ukulele as a focus instrument for fun filled Music sessions with young children. "It's fantastic to see their confidence and creative ideas grow with their musicianship", she says. Her greatest reward has been teaching a child who couldn't speak to sing a song accompanied by the ukulele. Ali-May believes any age is the right age to learn an instrument and the magic of making music should never be undervalued. In a couple of hours it's possible to learn several songs and styles of playing the uke. She is having the Ukulele beginners workshop on 28th October from 2:30 to 4:30 at Mix n Match Waimauku. Mix n Match also has various ukuleles and tuners in stock. Contact ALI MAY on 411 8552 Or Soohee at Mix n Match 4119586 for further details.



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keeping it safe at Nature's Explorers



At Nature's Explorers kindergarten children aged between 3-6 have been attending a 'Keep Safe' course once a week over a five week period. The programme is run by 'Auckland Sexual Abuse HELP'.

The course is interactive and the children have been learning about how to keep their bodies safe in an energetic and fun way. They have been participating in dancing, rhythm and stories and have enjoyed listening to a puppet called "Toby".

The programme aims to raise awareness with children, encouraging them to keep safe, by learning skills to protect their personal safety. This includes providing a starting point for vocabulary and open communication between parents and caregivers.

we need volunteer firefighters



All hands to the pump is a term you may be familiar with, and in this case it is genuine truism. Waitakere Volunteer Fire Force, located on Township Road has been without a fire station for over six months while a brand new, state of the art, fire station, civil defense facility and professional training rooms were built on the site of the old fire station which dated back to 1984. "Through this time" says Chief Fire Officer Denis Cooper, "it was almost impossible to create a positive volunteer recruitment offer. It was wet and cold working out of an open car park. We are now fully operational and I want to talk to people that are interested in a volunteer career protecting our community and what they value" The brigade undertakes training on Mondays at 7pm at 10 Township Road, Waitakere Township. Contact Denis on 027 562 6942

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a chance to win a \$5000 designer wardrobe

West Auckland hospice shops have been sorting and pricing a massive amount of extra clothing and second hand goods which have arrived during the Give it Up for Hospice campaign. All kinds of interesting items have turned up including a 1950s phone, All Black Dan Carter's left boot, antique sheet music and a pair of jeans from Petra Bagust. Now that the New Lynn, Helensville and Te Atatu Hospice Shops are bursting with goods, the store managers are encouraging West Aucklanders to indulge in some guilt-free retail therapy. There is a special event attached to this shopping. Until 6 October, all customers who spend \$20 or more on fashion will go in the draw to win \$5000 worth of brand spanking new designer clothes from Trelise Cooper. "We've had wonderful donations at all our shops in West Auckland," says New Lynn store manager Lisa Caughey. "People always tell us they love shopping at our Hospice Shop," she says. "It's because they know the money they spend goes directly to helping people. The support Hospice offers is on a clinical, emotional and spiritual level, and helps both patients and their families. "Customers also feel good that all the Hospice Shop clothes are recycled and on top of that, they get such good quality at a bargain price." Ms. Caughey says customers do really feel good when they indulge in retail therapy for hospice. "This is the one time when you can truly buy that gorgeous dress or those wonderful shoes and say, hand on heart, you're shopping not just for yourself, but also for the good of others." The \$5000 Trelise Cooper prize will be drawn 15 October and the winner advised. The prize can be redeemed either at the Trelise Cooper flagship boutique stores in Auckland or via their website or ph 09 834 9752.

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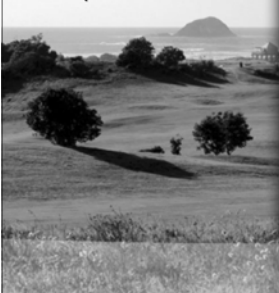
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chocolate peanut butter fudge sundae

The only thing I can take credit for with the following recipe is discovering it on the internet! I am sooooo glad I did! Super tasty...and now that these (slightly) warmer days are coming, it's a good excuse to serve up ice-cream! This little beauty is a Nigella Lawson creation (which apparently features in the Nigella Express cookbook). I had to whip one up to taste test...the nuts combined with caramel is such a winning combination. My mouth is watering just thinking about it...Enjoy!

Ingredients (Serves 4)

175 ml double cream
100 grams Milk chocolate chopped
100 grams smooth peanut butter
45 ml Golden syrup
4 scoop(s) toffee ice cream (or caramel) – Tip Top makes a nice one
4 scoop(s) chocolate ice cream
4 scoop(s) vanilla ice-cream
60 ml salted peanuts roughly chopped or left whole to taste

Method

Put all the cream, chopped chocolate, peanut butter and golden syrup into a saucepan and place on the heat to melt, stirring occasionally. In about 2 minutes you should have your sauce ready. Get out four sundae glasses and put a scoop of toffee or caramel ice cream in each, followed by one of chocolate and then another of vanilla. Pour some chocolate peanut butter fudge sauce over each sundae and sprinkle with the salted peanuts. Hand them round and wait for people to weep with gratitude.

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number plate security is important

The Nor-West Community Patrol, whose 56 members act as 'extra eyes and ears' for the local Police have made a number of interesting and positive observations over the years. Anything from boy racers to burglars have been sighted during the course of a shift and details are passed to Police for their action. The patrol covers an area North from Bethells beach to Woodhill Forest and inland from Riverhead to nearly Kaukapakapa and all places in between. Patrols are regularly up dated from Police with a list of stolen vehicles still outstanding. It is apparent that a number of registration plates are also stolen and then used on vehicles to commit offences. One of the initiatives that the Patrol has undertaken in an effort to prevent this occurring to unsuspecting members of the public is the fitment of tamper proof number plate screws. We are now available to offer this service for a small fee of \$5.00, which covers the cost of the screws. It only takes a few minutes and will give you security and peace of mind. To request an appointment or discuss further details please phone patrol member Brian Bracey on 09 412 8032 who conducts the fittings or alternatively contact our Police Liaison Officer, Constable Mike Collins at the Kumeu Police Station on 09 412 5194 or via e-mail on mcj107@police.govt.nz, who will then forward your request on.



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riverhead property market update

The market has taken a leap this spring Riverhead has had a 15% rise in price. The subdivisions that are being developed at the moment and due for building within the next year will see many positive changes. The area is growing and developing into a very sort after community to live in. Prices are being met far beyond current CV in Riverhead. I am available to give an appraisal at anytime on your home in this current market. Phone me on 027 254 9999 or in the office on 09 412 9602. Denise Glozier, Country Living Realty Ltd Licensed REAA2008.

don't over-do it



Spring is here, and with it the gardens need a tidy-up. Spring gardening does not have to be a pain in the back. Dr's Chris and Nolene McMaster of Kumeu Chiropractic offer these tips to help you enjoy the fruits of your labour during this gardening season:

- Stretch before you start. Take the time to prepare your body for activity and always warm up and cool down your muscles.
- Bend your knees. Keep heavy loads such as potting mix close to your body, your back straight and bend your knees while picking up and putting down loads.
- Use the right moves. Alternate your tasks, kneel to plant and weed, change positions frequently, pace yourself and always make sure that gardening tools are a comfortable weight and size for you.

Take a break before it aches. Get up, move around, alternate tasks, repeat your stretches or sit back, relax and have a cool drink.

Special Offer For the month of October. 50% off Your Initial New Patient Consultation. (Normally \$90.00.) Please mention the Kumeu Courier article to qualify. Ph 4125536 Chris and Nolene McMaster - Kumeu Chiropractic. 8 Shamrock Lane, Kumeu. Phone 09 4125732

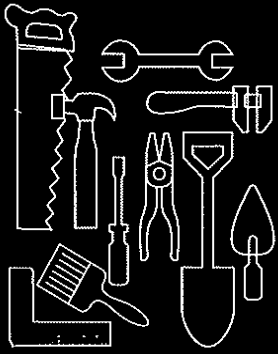
house of the year awards for Maddren

The team at Maddren Homes have good reasons to celebrate after winning three medals - two gold's and one silver - in the Auckland Registered Master Builders PlaceMakers House of the Year awards. Maddren Homes won the Gold award in the new homes \$600,000 to \$1 million category for a South Head home and their second Gold in the show home category for their Silverdale show home. The silver medal was for a new home in the \$350,000 to \$450,000 range at Waimauku. Established for 100 years, Maddren Homes has been in Kumeu since 1954. In 2010 Tony Anderson took over as Director, with Rodger Scott joining the firm as Sales and Marketing Manager and Grant Goodwin as Construction Manager. The management team has a combined total of over 200 years experience in the building industry. They have worked hard to re-establish the Maddren brand as an industry leader, focusing on the higher end of the market and lifestyle block owners. Tony is an experienced builder and a hands-on Director. His wife Terena and son Keegan also work at Maddren Homes, giving the business a family flavour. Maddren Homes have their own design team for design and build projects. They use the latest 3D design technology, enabling customers to get a clear idea of how their house will look. The website www.maddrenhomes.co.nz features a range of plans and helpful advice about the building process. Since Tony took over, Maddren Homes has won nine gold and two silver 'House of the Year' awards. The show home at Maddren's Kumeu yard is now for sale - it is also open daily at 102 Main Highway. Phone 0800 666 000

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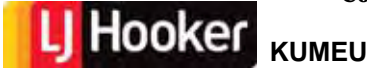
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