

Kumeu Courier

free monthly community newsletter for Kumeu & districts

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As the sun sets we look forward to a day dawning. We celebrate Muriwai and the achievements made in our sandy paradise.
Sarah

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open day at waitakere fire force



Kumeu Courier is supporting two events in the community in November. The first is a community open day of the newly completed Waitakere Fire Station at 10 Township Road, Waitakere Township from 10 to 3pm on November 11. A state of the art fire station, training facility and civil defence staging post the station is capable of complete self sufficiency for over 72 hours. Kumeu Courier is also supporting Kumeu Fire Stations initiative called showdown at the showgrounds, a fight night spectacular and auction which raises funds for

multiple sclerosis, a debilitating condition that effects the nervous system. The fight and auction is at Kumeu Showgrounds on November 15 and only a few seats remain. ..cont on page 6

council on a dangerous path

Last month I observed and commented on the change being proposed by the Auckland Council to condense the planning process for the Unitary Plan to save time at the expense of our democratic rights. The Government at Council request, removed the appeal rights for the general public after decisions are made on the Auckland Plan. Admittedly the formal hearing will be in front of independent commissions and not the Councilors or staff. The Court will have the right of cross examination, not a process the general public are familiar or comfortable with. The Council only have rights of appeal after the formal hearing. That will ensure further costs at the Environmental Court with the Council using ratepayers money to try and overturn the Tribunals decisions. Given that the Council are preparing the Unitary Plan now, and are due to release the document for public consultation in March 2013, it will be essential that the input from the community before and after that document is released, to be as well presented and researched as possible. The communities input at the draft stage (March) will largely determine the final notified version of the plan.

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project cherry tree plants 30 trees



A beautiful day and a great team of dedicated locals and businesses invested in the planting of 30 cherry trees in the Southern and Northern gateway to Kumeu/Huapai. A special thanks to the following businesses and individuals who have invested in making this beautification of Kumeu and Huapai a reality and something to be very proud of. LJ Hooker Kumeu, Treescape, Waimauku Landscape Supplies, Kumeu Courier, Craig Walker Building Removals, Frizzura, Northland Town Planners, Harney & Sons
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DCFO, Kumeu
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be thoughtful and be careful

A number of high speed and high impact motor vehicle accidents have recently highlighted the need for vigilance while driving around the area. One incident on the eastern approach to Kumeu in an 80kph area saw five cars involved in a domino impact that saw nose to tail and head on impact. Two car versus motorcycle incidents highlight the risk that motorcyclists face everyday on our rural roads with the results being sever trauma and death. A car versus power pole in access road saw both the car and power pole in a very bad way, but luckily no major injury. All these incidents involved in some degree speed and a lack of concentration or judgment. All would have been avoidable if speed was reduced, and if more care and vigilance was observed. Over the next two months leading up to Christmas we are called to a great number of motor vehicle incidents which could be avoided. All of the members of Kumeu Fire urge you to take some extra time and care on the roads leading up to Christmas. Be aware that the restricted fire season comes into effect on December 1, 2012 and permits can be obtained from Auckland Council by phoning 09 3010101 and requesting a fire permit or visit the Auckland Council web site. There is no cost to obtaining a permit but their may be a cost to a non permitted fire being extinguished. We are here to help so if you have a question drop into Huapai service centre and ask.

lone kauri, hillary trail, bush, sand and sea

The Hillary Trail connects a range of existing tracks around the Waitakere ranges and is winning favour with locals wanting an amazing west coast experience. For more information visit <http://www.localist.co.nz/auckland/articles/great-summer-one-day-trips-te-henga-walkway>. If you are thinking of walking all or part of the Hillary Trail but wondering how you are going to get dropped off and picked up? Are you looking for somewhere secure to park your car? Are you looking for comfortable accommodation at the end of your day in the bush? Lone Kauri Lodge at Karekare, in conjunction with Bush Sand and Sea at Bethells will be happy to help. Depending on your proposed walk we will put together a package to suit your needs – just let us know which sections of the Hillary Trail you want to walk or how many days you would like to spend on the trail and we will do the rest. Email or phone for more information. Email: info@bushsandandsea.co.nz View: www.bushsandandsea.co.nz or www.lonekaurilodge.co.nz Phone: 9 8109 584 or 09 812 8127



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| Boord Crescent | 2 ha | \$ 995,000 |
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| Koraha Road | 2400sqm | \$ 632,700 |
| Lathrope Road | 2.3ha | \$ 1,200,000 |
| Matua Road | 990sqm | \$ 522,000 |
| Matua Road | 4 ha | \$ 3,215,000 |
| Moon tide Road | 5.7ha | \$ 2,560,000 |
| Orchard Lane | 750sqm | \$ 330,000 |
| Oraha Road | 1 ha | \$ 1,135,000 |
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| Vintners Close | 1000sqm | \$ 750,000 |

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| Fletcher Road | 2.2ha | \$ 1,040,000 |
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| Gavinike Place | 1700sqm | \$ 290,000 |
| Muriwai Road | 1600sqm | \$ 685,000 |
| Sarah Todd Lane | 1500sqm | \$ 600,000 |

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| Domain Cres | 800sqm | \$ 370,000 |
| Motutara Road | 1800sqm | \$ 772,500 |

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| Barrett Road | 2 ha | \$ 1,295,000 |
| C/Riverhead Highway | 829sqm | \$ 590,000 |
| Kaipara Portage Road | 810sqm | \$ 570,000 |

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money matters

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innovative trailer from local manufacturer



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natural hay-fever allergy treatment

With the changing seasons comes an increase in pollens and other irritants for hay-fever sufferers. Alongside obvious do's and don'ts for exposure avoidance there has been some further research on the natural occurring enzyme Bromelain found in pineapple, primarily thought of as a great digestive aid it actually has been traditionally used as hay-fever relief. It exhibits anti inflammatory, antihistamine and decongestant effects. Research from 1960's showed that Bromelain can reduce hay-fever and sinusitis symptoms. It has also been shown in a more recent study to reduce the duration and speed up recovery of acute sinusitis in children. Apart from people with a known pineapple allergy, Bromelain is safe and free of any known side effects. For optimum results take 750-1000mg daily in 2 doses. For more information contact Tamara at Kumeu Medical Centre on 09 412 8446

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The Council have released an early version of the Unitary Plan but it has none of the development proposal finalised as yet. The new 'Rural Urban Boundary' (RUB) will be around Kumeu, Huapai, Helensville & Westgate in an attempt to contain urbanisation. The extent of this area is unknown at this stage. Development is encouraged around the urban areas with potential restriction on rural subdivision. There is indication that the urban areas need to 'go up' rather than 'go out' is a further indication that there will be a urban/rural fence and greater intensity in the urban areas. The zonings proposed in the rural areas are very coarse in that they are in five broad categories. The uses allowed and controls are still work in progress at the Council at present. There has been no indication of the Westgate/Kumeu Huapai differentiation for industrial land - no doubt that will come out in March. In December we are hosting NZRPG (Westgate) at Soljan's Restaurant so hopefully a clearer indication of their development will be shown to us.

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The last of the spring season is upon us again this month so here is some colour advice to put you in good stead for the remainder of spring.

Subtle Techniques ; Why not try the 'ombre hair look' – a gradient technique in which the colour is darker on top and fades lighter throughout the hair's length. Ombre will be popular this spring, largely because it is a low maintenance way to make a statement with hair colour. This can be achieved as a full head cover or through foiling for partial colour.

Brighten Up; Reds are hot again this spring but should be free of the heavy reds of winter. Try using bold, copper varieties as these will produce a lighter warmer feel. If you are extra daring silvery blues, rose, cotton candy pinks can also be placed in temporarily for a look that is bright and bold.

Keep It Light; the most important trend for spring is a move away from traditional highlighting. Exchange it for multi-dimensional colour that doesn't feel heavy. Soft honey and bronze tones are fab for brunettes with warm golds and creamy sandy shades for blondes. Phone for your appointment today Carla at Zash Hair phone: 021814663



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riverhead hall working bee

The Riverhead Hall is turning 100 and in preparation for its centennial in 2013, a working bee has been planned from 9am until 12pm on Saturday 24th November 2012 to wash the exterior of the building in preparation for painting at a later date and to tidy up the gardens. If you have skills that could help contribute please register your interest with committee member Gary Regtien on (09) 412 6431 and turn up on the day with your tools, brushes and spades to be part of our wonderful Riverhead Community. Any help is always appreciated so maybe you are better at baking? Of course we would love your scones for morning tea! See you on the 24th November.




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Organisers of this event Eugene and Dene, members of Kumeu Fire Brigade are very encouraged by the uptake in tables and in the items donated for the auction. If you would like to attend or have an item that would be suitable for the auction please contact Dene directly on 021 606 619.

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ladies night for waimauku kindergarten

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hallertau chilli and hop festival 2012

Chilli's and Hops make natural bedfellows appealing as they do to people who like extreme taste sensations. It is for this reason that we have decided to hold New Zealand's first joint celebration of the Chilli and the Hop. For one day only we will have a tap take over featuring some of New Zealand's hoppiest craft beers with brews from Epic, Garage Project of course Hallertau. We will have a special collaboration brew from Fire Dragon Chillies and Liberty Brewing Co, Dragon's Whaia, a 7% Golden Chilli Ale. There will also be a selection of bottled local and international Chilli beers. The menu will be themed with spicy food specials courtesy of Food Truck's Michael Van de Elzen. Clint Meyer from Fire Dragon Chillies will have a market stall featuring his Northland produced Chilli sauces and he will also be running a Chilli Eating Contest. Designated drivers can get involved with Hakanoa's Lime & Chilli Ginger Beer. Fittingly House band for the day will be Club Manouche with their brand of Gypsy Jazz influenced by 'Hot Club de France' originator Django Reinhardt. It kicks off at 2pm on Sat 10th of November in the Hallertau Brewbar.



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angels of kumeu is now jojos childcare

After opening as Angels Childcare 17months ago we are excited to announce a change, but only in name and logo. We are now Jojo's Childcare and that's where the big changes end. Manager Jo Bagley who has been with the centre since its opening and her husband are now Owner/Managers, and are very excited to carry on the great things that happen throughout the centre. So over the next few months although we may start to look a bit different we still have the same amazing teachers and environment. We have been working hard looking at the benefits of play as a teaching team and we truly believe that there is nothing better than investigating and experimenting through play in every aspect of a child's day. So at Jojo's our emergent curriculum centres on finding the children's interests in their play and extending on those and providing more opportunities for play each day giving the children the motivation and provocation to play and learn. Come in and see us any time, nursery classrooms are nearly full and our preschool and kindy are getting busier. Phone 09 412 5325

celebrations at devine clothing

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soljans enjoying 75 years of quality and service

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thai beef skewers with kumara dip

Serves 4. Prep 15 minutes. Cook 10 minutes
 500g beef rump steak, trimmed, cut into 2cm pieces
 2 tbsp olive oil
 2 tbsp Thai seasoning paste
 600g kumara, peeled, cut into 2cm pieces
 ½ cup sour cream
 2 tbsp finely chopped flat leaf parsley

Combine beef, oil and seasoning in a shallow dish. Thread onto skewers. Pre-heat BBQ or grill to a moderate heat. Cook while turning, for 3-5 minutes. Cover and rest for 5 minutes.

Place kumara in microwave; add 2 tbs of water, cover. Turn on high for 3 minutes or until cooked. Cover and stand for 5 minutes. Add sour cream and half of parsley to kumara mash. Sprinkle remaining parsley over skewers and serve with mash and side salad. Enjoy!

A special thanks to Huapai Butchery, 310 Main Road, Huapai, Phone 09 412 8837



local restaurant wins national best dish award

The taste buds of 3,500 diners proved to be right on the money when The Riverhead Hotel won a top award in the prestigious Hospitality New Zealand Awards for Excellence for "Best Lamb Bar Meal". Espresso Lamb Salad is a staple menu item for The Riverhead, with more than 3,500 dishes sold since it was added to the fare late last year. It features lamb rubbed with espresso and cooked medium rare, sliced on a bed of beetroot, feta, apple and walnuts with a blue cheese dressing on toasted sourdough bread. The dish combines a variety of sweet and sour flavours with a textural taste delight. The chef's special espresso rub subtly marries with the lamb and pulls all the flavours together. In 2011, The Riverhead won an the Hospitality New Zealand Award for Excellence for The Best New/Redeveloped Bar/Restaurant, just eighteen months after the property was bought by Stephen and Paula Pepperell. "When we took over the property, it was run down and neglected. We took on the huge challenge of restoring this lovely lady to her former glory, with a modern twist, and we are absolutely delighted to win national awards for excellence each year following the renovation," said Paula Pepperell. "We are incredibly proud of The Riverhead and also of having restored an important part of local history," Stephen Pepperell said. "We have

steadily increased our patronage and these awards tell us that we're doing something right with our hospitality for the local Riverhead community, and the wider Auckland area." Built in 1857, The Riverhead is New Zealand's oldest riverside tavern and holds New Zealand's second oldest liquor licence. The venue can easily be reached by road or via a harbour cruise that brings diners from the centre of Auckland, across the harbour and up the Rangitopuni Creek to dock directly at the establishment's own jetty. The Riverhead was also a finalist in the Best Music/Entertainment Venue for its regular Sunday entertainment, "Blues in the Boat House". For further information please contact: Paula and Stephen Pepperell, The Riverhead, Ph (09) 412 9002, Website: www.riverhead.co.nz

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This affordable and private home situated in one of Huapai's favourite cul-de-sac streets will not last long! Offering three bedrooms, including an ensuite and walk in wardrobe in the master, two bathrooms, plus a separate toilet, two separate living rooms, an additional office and spacious kitchen, perfect for the family cook! 31 Merlot Heights, Huapai.

BY NEGOTIATION **3 BEDROOM** **2 BATHROOM**
COURTNEY WOOD **0276880818** **LICENSED REAA 2008**
www.ljhooker.co.nz/14NH14



Set on 1 hectare this extremely well presented home in Kumeu ticks the boxes. A North facing, well insulated three bedroom home, with one bedroom minor dwelling, double garage, boat house overlooking the pond and a big 300 square meter barn for all those toys and collectables. This is a property that seeing is believing. 154 Trigg Road, Huapai.

BY NEGOTIATION **3 BEDROOM** **2 BATHROOM**
GRAHAM MCINTYRE **0276320421** **LICENSED REAA 2008**
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Build your dream home on this 800m2 site. It offers sun and established gardens and hedging. Surrounded by beautiful homes, minutes from the local school, shop and Riverhead's Kauri Gum Store. Available for inspection. Subject to title. 7 Gumdiggers Lane, Riverhead.

BY NEGOTIATION **LAND ONLY** **SERVICES AT THE GATE**
DENISE GLOZIER **0272549999** **LICENSED REAA 2008**
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The modern kitchen has been tastefully renovated and flows, through Bifold doors, to the very private, fully fenced back yard where you will find an abundance of mature fruit trees just ripe for the picking. The ample lounge opens onto the north facing front deck for more indoor/outdoor flow. This property also has the bonus of a self-contained 1 bedroom unit. 11 Tapu Road, Huapai.

BY NEGOTIATION **3 BEDROOM** **2 BATHROOM**
AARON LAWLER **0211643031** **LICENSED REAA 2008**
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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.

\$679,000 **4 BEDROOM** **2 BATHROOM**
AARON LAWLER **0211643031** **LICENSED REAA 2008**
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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. The hilltop positions delivers a great point of difference. 6 McEntee Road, Waitakere.

BY NEGOTIATION **4 BEDROOM** **1 BATHROOM**
GRAHAM MCINTYRE **0276320421** **LICENSED REAA 2008**
www.ljhooker.co.nz/13JH14



This unique property needs to be on the top of your list! Set on a peaceful 2.5 acres of grass and large mature trees make this stunning property your next family home. Recently renovated and solidly built, this lovely north facing warm home consists of 3 bedrooms plus an office, 2 bathrooms, plus a separate toilet/shower and utility room. 73 Taha Road, Waimauku.

\$799,000 **4 BEDROOM** **2 BATHROOM**
COURTNEY WOOD **0276880818** **LICENSED REAA 2008**
www.ljhooker.co.nz/14BH14



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
\$549,000 **3 BEDROOM** **1 BATHROOM**
AARON LAWLER **0211643031** **LICENSED REAA 2008**
www.ljhooker.co.nz/ZGH14



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 north facing alfresco to wrap around decking, and also a double solar hot water system. 429 Kiwitahi Road, Waimauku.

BY NEGOTIATION **3 BEDROOM** **4 BATHROOM**
GRAHAM MCINTYRE **0276320421** **LICENSED REAA 2008**
www.ljhooker.co.nz/Z0H14



If you have been searching for an affordable solid home on a flat section, close to school, shops, local transport, and the beach, here it is! This property is a wonderful opportunity to get onto the property ladder in a highly desirable location. This property offers a bonus large garage, currently set up with two rooms inside, offering loads of options! 34 Muriwai Road, Waimauku

BY NEGOTIATION **4 BEDROOM** **1 BATHROOM**
COURTNEY WOOD **0276880818** **LICENSED REAA 2008**
www.ljhooker.co.nz/149H14



Make this charming bungalow yours! This gorgeous home offers three bedrooms, one bathroom, a generous family living room, separate dining area, study, and laundry. In addition the kitchen area opens out onto an outdoor undercover BBQ/entertaining living space. The fully fenced backyard offers total privacy and sits in a peaceful setting. Don't let this fantastic opportunity pass you by. 20 Alexandra Street, Riverhead.

\$629,000

COURTNEY WOOD

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3 BEDROOM

0276880818

1 BATHROOM

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This outstanding award winning home includes a designer kitchen, entertainer's dining room and family lounge, 4 double bedrooms + office + formal lounge/media room, with 3 car garaging + work space + storage room. The home is north facing with fully fenced and landscaped pool area. Also on the property is second dwelling, a 3 bedroom cottage with an iron roof, and separate carport! 1 Nobilo Road, Kumeu.

\$1,550,000

GRAHAM MCINTYRE

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4 BEDROOM

0276320421

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 car-park for 4, and a wood burner. 6 Cambridge Road, Riverhead.

BY NEGOTIATION

DENISE GLOZIER

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6 BEDROOM

0272549999

2 BATHROOM

LICENSED REAA 2008



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

COURTNEY WOOD

www.ljhooker.co.nz/12DH14

3 BEDROOM

0276880818

2 BATHROOM

LICENSED REAA 2008



Sitting on 5 grazable, peaceful, private 5 acres in a desirable country location awaits the home you have been looking for! Close to schools, shops, and Muriwai Beach. This property is full of potential, ready to make your own! Drenched in sun, the family living areas are huge and offer expansive rural views. 178 Valley Road, Waimauku.

BY NEGOTIATION

COURTNEY WOOD

www.ljhooker.co.nz/147H14

5 BEDROOM

0276880818

2 BATHROOM

LICENSED REAA 2008

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a focus on muriwai - land of sand and sea



Muriwai Regional Park rangers are getting ready for another busy summer in the north-west's busiest regional park. With around one million visitors every year, Muriwai competes with Long Bay Regional Park to be the most visited of Auckland Council's regional parks. Auckland Council senior ranger for Muriwai Scott De Silva says there's plenty to do at Muriwai this summer and lots of activity to watch out for.

"With the help of community groups, volunteers and our local schools, we've had another successful planting season. The beach plantings, put in place to help stabilize our dunes, are doing really well and it's important that visitors keep to formed trails and access ways to ensure the plants' survival.

"The beach is starting to get busy again with all kinds of visitors. Weekend surf lifesaving patrols have started and the flags are out for swimming.

"Also remember that vehicles can only travel south of the beach access way if they have a boat and trailer," he says.

People driving vehicles on the beach should be aware that there is a speed limit on the beach (30 kph between the Coast Road access and Okiritoto Stream and 60 kph north of Okiritoto Stream) but are reminded that they will need to travel at a speed often slower than the speed limit to ensure the safety and enjoyment of others using the beach particularly horse riders and fishers. Dogs are not permitted at Maukatia (Māori Bay) and regular dog ranger patrols are carried out. This is to protect the little blue penguins that often make their homes in the bay. Up on the cliff top the gannets are building their nests and sitting on eggs – chicks hatch in November. "And if you spot anything going on out on the park that you think we should know about, give the council a call on 09 301 0101," says Scott.

submissions on maui's dolphins



The Government is once again calling for submissions on protection for Maui's dolphins. Many people from Muriwai and surrounding West Coast areas share a special bond with these local little dolphins found close to our shores. Earlier this year the Government applied temporary fishing limits in Taranaki, after ongoing deaths of Maui's/Hector's dolphins in the wider area. Scientists and conservationists say the interim measures didn't go far enough to save the dolphins, but it's not too late. There's a chance to get it right in permanent protection discussed in the Government's current review of the dolphin's Threat Management Plan. To give the dolphins a chance, they need protection within their whole habitat – out to 100m deep, including harbours, and in dolphin corridors between the North & South Islands. Submissions are due by November 12 and can be forwarded to MauiTMP@MPI.govt.nz and MauiTMP@doc.govt.nz

sand dunz restaurant and café is a big hit

Situated close to Muriwai Beach within the Auckland Regional Park Sand Dunz Beach Café has been a very popular fixture for many years offering a relaxing café environment as well as great takeaways. With summer approaching Wayne, Dushi and the team are well prepared for the seasonal influx of visitors wishing to experience the stunning West Coast environment, enjoy the fine café fare, scrumptious takeaways and friendly service that Sand Dunz Beach Café is renowned for. Sand Dunz Beach Café offers a great variety of menu and serve-over items, complimented by a cup of premium coffee, tea or a selection from a wide range of alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages. With the days getting longer and the weather warmer let's not forget the ice creams, milkshakes, fish & chips and other tasty delights from the takeaways at the beach! Sand Dunz is open everyday except Christmas Day.



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rapid progress with community centre at muriwai

The community at Muriwai is now 6 weeks away from receiving the keys to the new Community centre. The builders Naylor Love have pulled out the stops to complete the building 2 months ahead of schedule. The Muriwai Lifeguard Amenities Trust is around 130k short of the target to fully fund the occupation stage of the building necessitating to deferment of several nice to have features in the new community centre and Surf club.

The community has dug deep to help with the Muriwai Play group raising over 4k in a family beach day last month.

Senior members and local families are being asked to help by signing up to the final push by becoming Alumni members at \$1k all will be recognised on the wall of names "the friend of Muriwai". This is likely to be an award winning building, something that the whole community can be proud of.

The community group that will manage the building on behalf of the trust is made up of the leaders from the many groups from the Muriwai community all have a stake in the building. They are taking bookings for the New Year and have lined up a diverse range of local and international interests looking hold events at Muriwai. An official opening will be held in February when the community can celebrate the culmination of this 15 year project.



If you would like to help please go to <http://www.thesurfclubatmuriwai.org/>
Press the donate button. If you would like to know more call Trustee Neil Reid on 4118441

encouraging environmental action ?

The Muriwai Environmental Action Community Trust (MEACT) has been established by a group of environmental and community conscious locals. Our aim is to encourage anyone who is interested in environmental preservation to join us in developing and implementing a wide variety of exciting projects to enhance our community's environment for future generations to enjoy. We are currently focusing on a range of different environmental projects in and around Muriwai.

- Gannet Monitoring
- Okiritoto Stream Re-vegetation
- Community Weed Programme
- Pest Control Program
- Kids Conservation Club
- Marine Mammal Rescue
- Native Plant Nursery

If you're interested in participating in any of these projects, please check out the project briefs and contact the project co-ordinator directly. We need volunteers to assist with everything from plan development to hands on help to make these projects a success so welcome any kind of advice, assistance or suggestions. If there's a project you think we should be looking at please contact one of the trustees or come along to our monthly meeting or Action Days. Contact Marty Taylor on mardtaylor@gmail.com or Christine Rose on Christine@muriwai-environment.org

one of the best entertainment options

A feature attraction in Muriwai is the Muriwai Golf Course, a leading almost all weather course with outstanding scenery and a clubhouse that offers a wonderful après-golf experience. Whatever your competency level the club welcomes you to book a round. This can be done via the web site at www.muriwaigolfclub.co.nz.



The web site includes information on the course, history of the club, location, course map, membership and more. For further information contact Ray Barnett, General Manager on 09 411 8454.



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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

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 lalande-pip@yahoo.com

UKEFEST 2012 - We have registered a group and have the music if anyone with the inclination to teach themselves (and a Ukulele) wish to come and join us on December 1st at the festival. Check it out at <http://www.nzukulelefestival.org.nz/nzukulelefestival/Welcome.html> \$15 to cover copying and a CD.

The Saddlery Warehouse celebrates their 1st birthday in Kumeu with a Sale commencing on Friday 26 October and running until Saturday 3 November. Tracey Roff, Manager, The Saddlery Warehouse Kumeu

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

Welcome Auckland Equestrian to 63 Main Road, Kumeu, Phone 09 412 2266, Email info@canterburyequestrian.co.nz, Open Mon to Sat

COMMUNITY NOTICES ARE FREE OF COST AND CAN BE EMAILED TO glms@xtra.co.nz OR FAX 09 4129603

all new fitness and café at kumeu gym

The first week of August Kumeu Gym moved from its original premises that it occupied for the past 26 years to a new location previously known as Kumeu Indoor Sports Centre. Along with the change of location it has taken on the new name of KUMEU GYM & INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE. Now located at 250c Main Road, Kumeu, (down behind The Bakehouse on John McDonald Lane), it has loads of space which has been reformed into a wonderful Cafe/Bistro area, Crèche, Indoor Sports Court area and of course a spacious and open Gym training area. The Cafe operates Monday to Friday 7.00am till 3.00pm offering freshly made Salads, wraps, bagels, and homemade slices, we have plenty of gluten free options and great coffee. While the Bistro is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5.30pm we have put a healthy spin on Homemade Gourmet Burgers and Pizzas to Thai Chicken & Salt & Pepper Squid Salads. Both the cafe and the bistro are open to the public. The Indoor Sports area offers a number of Sports Leagues such as Ladies 6 aside Netball on a Monday night, Mixed Soccer on a Tuesday night and Mixed 6 aside Netball on a Thursday night, we will also be starting a kids ball handling class on Friday afternoons – so many options to cater for all fitness types. Please view details on our website www.kumeugym.co.nz or call 412 8938.

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play session for pre-schoolers in riverhead

Nina Bates is a Registered Teacher, and is volunteering her time in her local community to run a one hour fun learning and play session for pre-schoolers, with their caregivers present. There will be music, play dough, colouring in and other playing activities, to suit the child's age. It is also an opportunity for caregivers and children from the wider community to get together in a relaxed environment over morning tea at the end. Nina has taught new entrant children for many years, and knows the value of children learning the basics before school. As a mother of three she also knows how important and rare relaxed community get together can be, so there will be a morning tea at the end. The venue is the Riverhead Family Church, cnr Arthur St and Great North Rd, Riverhead, and a gold coin donation is suggested. Nina can be contacted at nina.bates@yahoo.co.nz or on phone 027 7247222 for questions and to register.

watercare services update - waste and mains water

The Kumeu, Huapai, Riverhead scheme is completed and fully operational. There is still some minor restoration work on the grass berms etc to be completed as the weather improves. The trucks used for transporting wastewater from Riverhead are related to a separate project, which is the Whenuapai pump station. This project is expected to be complete within the next month, after which time the trucks will no longer be required. Connections to the new pressurised wastewater scheme are now open to those properties within the 'area of benefit'. Information on connections and those properties eligible to connect is available on the Watercare website, under the Kumeu, Huapai, and Riverhead (KHR) project page. Included on this page is a link to a questions and answers page that gives the Watercare charges to connect, and an estimate of what the private installation of a PWC kit may cost. The local reticulated water supply pipes were put in at the same time as the wastewater network. The final stage of bringing the water online is to run the water main into the area. This is scheduled for completion at the end of 2013. Daniel Wrigley, Communications Advisor, Watercare Services Limited, 2 Nuffield Street, Newmarket, Auckland Phone 09 539 7324 or 0212207324.

riverhead tennis club update

Tennis Lessons are starting back up for Term 4 and the Tennis Club are looking for any donation of old rackets that they could use for the kids that don't have any of their own. So please dig through your old sports piles and see what you can come up with, anything will be considered. Contact Gillian 0212328286, email gplinton@gmail.com or post / message here and we will organise getting them picked up. I believe there are still a few spots left for lessons as well so contact Gillian asap to reserve your space.



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it is pet diabetes month

Could your dog or cat be living with diabetes? November is Pet Diabetes Month and we are joining the campaign to increase awareness of this disease. The earlier the signs are recognized, the easier the management and the better the prognosis for your pet. Three of the most common signs of pet diabetes are increased thirst, appetite and urination. Uncontrolled diabetes leads to weight loss, anorexia, blindness, weakness, increased chance of infections and internal organ damage. Diabetes in pets is normally managed with diet or insulin injections as it is in people, ensuring they live a longer and healthier life. There is a quick and easy urine test which tests the level of sugar in your pet's urine – if it is positive your pet is likely to be diabetic. We have free test strips available at the clinic, pick one up if your pet is showing the signs above or if you would like reassurance that your pet is not in the early stages. Kumeu Veterinary Services (09) 412 9016

waimauku lions club update

The Lions Club of Waimauku will be producing another Community Directory in 2013. Any businesses that do not advertise in our current one and wish to do so Contact Grahame Edmonds: Fax (09) 280 4333 or leave a message (09) 973 4987 e-mail lionsbook@mlxvi.org If you have not received a 2012 copy of our Directory contact one of the above numbers. Lions Xmas cakes also available for order on the above numbers.



learning is forever - gold coin donation

The recently established U3A Hobsonville club will hold its inaugural meeting on Thursday 15th November at the Whenuapai Village Hall, 41 Waimarie Road, Whenuapai. The meeting will commence at 10am with a guest speaker, followed by morning tea and an introduction to U3A. Entry is by gold coin donation. U3A stands for University of The Third Age, a self help organisation for people no longer in full time employment, providing educational, creative and leisure opportunities in a friendly environment. U3A's are learning co-operatives which draw upon the knowledge, experience and skills of their own membership to organise and provide interest groups in accordance with the wishes of the membership. The teachers learn and the learner's teach. U3A taps the great reservoir of knowledge, skills and experience of older people. Learning topics are selected and planned by members. The atmosphere for learning is informal and friendly. There are no compulsory activities, no examinations and meetings are held during

kumeu parade and workout day



Kumeu Trotting Club is holding their first 2 year old parade and workout day. Trials will start at 11am on Saturday 3rd November at our local trotting track in Boord Crescent. Woodland Stud and The NZ Trotting Hall of Fame are our main sponsors. We are hoping to have some great West Coast white bait fritter available. The local Coffee Guy, sausage sizzle and steak sammies will be available with quick fire raffles and spot prizes. Glen Eden Landscapes & Supplies have put up some stakes and have offered a 10% discount if you mention you have been to the parade, call Jill on 0800 333648. Auckland Roof Maintenance, Pak'N'Save Lincoln Road, Kumeu Saddlery Warehouse, Feed Direct & Kumeu Tyres are some of our many other sponsors. We will be running heats for amateur drivers & Kidz Kartz ponies, a saddle pace and our normal pacing & trotting heats that will accommodate our trainers. Local trainers Frank Cooney, Ken Seafont, Bruce Lloyd, Brett Marshall, Rod Bowker, Doug Gale & Ray Green have advised they may have some runners ready on the day. The Club and committee invites everyone along to "the best little racing club in the land" to see what all our trainers from around the north get up early for every morning, allowing us to all enjoy the great sport of harness racing. We may even have a couple of dual sulky rides up for auction, so you can experience the thrill of being behind one of these magnificent creatures. Look forward to seeing you all there. For more information email Linda kumeutrotting@clear.net.nz and also check out the websites <http://www.kidzkartz.co.nz/> & <http://www.nzamateurdriers.com/>

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crystallized ginger biscotti with almonds

It's that time of year, Christmas is fast approaching! Now is a good time to get underway with Christmas baking that will last to be given as gifts. Biscotti is perfect for this, this is one of my favorite flavor combinations. You'll find that this biscuit is lighter than most. Here at Oh Sugar it's like a Christmas cake factory!

Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour, un-sifted
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2/3 cup crystallized ginger, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup blanched almond, sliced, lightly toasted
- 1/2 cup white chocolate chips

Directions:

- Pre-heat oven to 325 degrees.
- Grease and flour a large baking sheet.
- In a small bowl combine the flour, baking powder, ground ginger and salt. Set aside.
- In a large mixing bowl beat the butter and sugar until fluffy.
- Beat in the eggs and vanilla and then slowly mix in the flour and other dry ingredients.
- With a spoon stir in the crystallized ginger, almonds and white chocolate chips until well combined.
- Divide dough in half and roll each portion into logs about 12 inches long.
- Place on prepared baking sheet and flatten each log slightly with your hand and then round off the edges a bit.
- Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, until lightly browned.
- Remove from oven and cool 5 minutes on the baking sheet.
- Carefully lift onto a cutting surface and slice with a serrated bread knife, using a gentle sawing motion, almost an inch thick.
- Transfer slices back onto the baking sheet, standing them up. Bake for an additional 10 to 12 minutes to dry them out, not letting them get too brown. Cool completely on a wire rack and then store in an airtight container. Phone 09 411 9078 or email karlene@ohsugar.co.nz www.oh-sugar.co.nz or visit <http://www.facebook.com/OhSugarBoutiqueCakes>



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If you're looking for a relaxing way to spend a Saturday afternoon with friends and family, why not visit the weekly boutique markets at idyllic Matua Wines estate? Matua Market Days are back by popular demand, with the first market in the Spring/Summer series starting on Saturday, 17th November (10am to 2pm).

This high quality market proudly offers a unique array of stalls selling delicious gourmet/artisan foods, exquisite local arts and crafts, handcrafted jewellery, designer clothing and scrumptious hot food. In addition to the market, you can enjoy wine tastings and sales, live music and kids' entertainment, making this a wonderfully enjoyable day out with family and friends alike. Matua Market Days will take place every Saturday (starting 17th November 2012) at Matua Wines, 311 Waikoukou Valley Road, Waimauku. For more information, please visit www.eventfinder.co.nz. For stallholder enquiries, please call Courtney Wood on 027 688 0818 or email events@cwevents.co.nz.

olympic treasure up for auction at fight-night

The United States have ended New Zealand's Olympic women's football campaign with a 2-0 victory in their quarterfinal at St James' Park. It was a gutsy showing by the 23rd-ranked Football Ferns but they can have few complaints with the result, on the balance of play. They might well have a complaint with the referee, though, who waved away a late penalty plea when the score was still 1-0. Substitute striker Rosie White was through on goal and ready to unleash a shot but she was clipped from behind and Jessica di Iorio of Argentina refused to blow her whistle. Only seven minutes remained and a penalty would have changed the complexion of the match, but moments later Sydney Leroux doubled the Americans' lead and the match was gone. The Ferns competed well and the look of disappointment on their faces as the final whistle was blown proves they have come a long way in the past five years. "We're happy with the way we played and the fact we left everything on the pitch today, but we've lost to the world No 1 and we're out of the Olympics. We're disappointed that we lost, regardless of who the opposition is." Up for auction is a framed commemorative shirt signed by all the players who did such an amazing job making it as far as they did. We are very proud of our girls and hope to see them beat USA the next time they play. Pre auction bids, telephone bids and bidding on fight-night being November 15, contact the Auctioneer Graham McIntyre 0276 320421



Ria Percival of the Football Ferns battles during the women's Olympic Football quarterfinal.



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STOP PRESS....

As we go to print with this edition of Kumeu Courier, Auckland Council are advising the district that the newly recognized site and information center in Kumeu will most likely close. I would urge all of you that do value the work that this great team does to voice your opinion directly to brett.oriley@aucklandnz.com or contact him directly on phone 09 3010101. In our opinion this review is a short sighted publicity stunt that will not add value to tourism in Auckland nor the economic wellbeing of the businesses they serve. It may have been pertinent for Mr O'Riley to recognise ATEEDS overspending in events in Auckland before turning the sword on the troops at the coal face.

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new executive chef at "The Riverhead"

There's a new Chef at helm in The Riverhead's kitchen who brings with him years of international experience. Originally from South Africa, Brendon worked in London, Australia and at 'Tank' in Cape Town, listed one of the world's top restaurants by Conde Naste Magazine 2004. Brendon was one of eight chefs chosen to cook for President Nelson Mandela's inaugural celebration on Robbin Island. His passion for cosmopolitan, flavoursome, healthy, well presented food made him a logical choice for The Riverhead. He joins our vastly experienced and recently appointed Food and Beverage Manager, Simon Darrock to bring you the best hospitality experience in Auckland.

Live music is now going to be a feature of The Portage Bar every Saturday night... so make it a date, put on your dancing shoes, it's time to party! Check out our Facebook page or our website for details: www.theriverhead.co.nz

parkinson awareness week

Nov 05th - 09th is Parkinson's Awareness Week and the theme this year is Exercise Awareness. Sir Peter Snell says: "Exercise is extremely important for people with Parkinson's. If you have Parkinson's ask for a copy of Keep Moving. If you know someone with Parkinson's, you can help them by joining them when they exercise." If you or someone in your family has Parkinson's and would like some more information, please visit www.parkinsons.org.nz or contact Sandi Gamon Email: SandiG@parkinsonsauckland.org.nz Phone: 09 412 8960



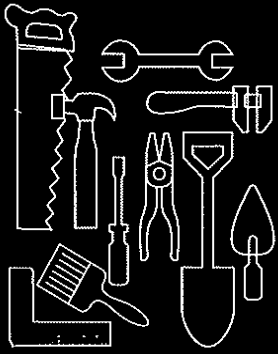
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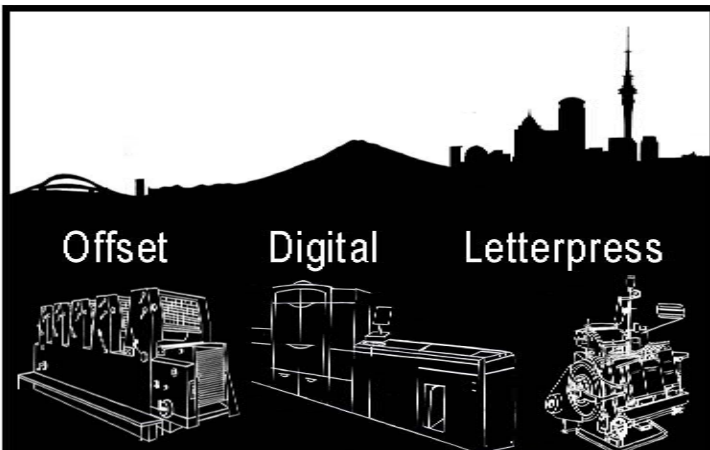
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