

# Kumeu Courier

free monthly community newsletter for Kumeu & districts

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We live in a beautiful part of the country with the best of wine and fresh fruit. In this issue we celebrate local Strawberries.  
Sarah

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## Strawberries are a Kumeu winner



As urban sprawl forces traditional strawberry growing areas away, it is comforting to find the Kumeu and surrounding districts embracing strawberry growing operations which typically have a mix of high value export and national grocery chain cropping mixed with local services which include gate sales, real fruit ice creams and later in the year the famous Kiwi 'pick your own' season. Strawberry growing operations in the area pull in thousands of migrant workers for picking and packing along

with Tourism demand that registers a direct growth in visitor numbers in the area. New retailers are taking advantage of this growth, opening new retail stores on State Highway 16.

## Huapai north zoning – all go

Finally the zoning for the Huapai North area has been decided upon by the Environment Court on the 5th November. The original zoning and rules were subject to three appeals by developers and one land owner. The Judge criticised the over prescription rules created by the old Rodney District Council. The areas for section being decided on for the medium density provisions were min 600m, max 900m with an averaging provision of 700m. This meets what the Association proposed at the Council hearings. The next effect will be approximately 1200 additional sections being created in the area over the next 5 years. I would expect the bulldozers will start work this summer, to ensure a final build will be available before the end of April 2014. This increase in zoning will have a flow on effect on Kumeu-Huapai Township with local shops hopefully benefiting with the growth. An interesting consequence of the zoning will be the increase in numbers of school children attending Huapai School. At present the school is at capacity with just under 480 children attending. With the new zoning a consequential growth in numbers of about 350 will occur. The school has limited space for additional classrooms and may have to consider 'building up'.  
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## Fight night is a hit with locals



Over 400 people packed the Showgrounds in Kumeu for the inaugural Showdown at the Showgrounds. Billed as a fight night spectacular the night represented a mix of entertainment including a charity auction, ten amateur fighting bouts and live band. This event was a credit to organizers Dene Jonkers and Eugene Sparron of K-Zero Productions and a host of supporters who played an important part in raising over \$7000 to Multiple Sclerosis, the charity for the event. "On all levels the event delivered" says Dene  
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**BBQ fires** can be caused by too much fat collected in the fat tray - so replace with new absorbent (kitty litter does the trick). Turn your bottle on and run soapy water over the hoses and fittings; this will expose any leaks in worn 'o' rings at the bottle end or leaks in the hoses. Also check that your garden hose works and is able to reach to your BBQ, if in doubt call the fire brigade before things get out of control.

**Sensored Outdoor Security** just a quick check that they are not staying on for long periods or are left on 24/7 as they do generate a lot of heat sheltered under eaves. Save the hassle of those old Christmas lights not all working and sparkle up your house with some new safer LED lights. Be careful not to overload your multipoint power boxes though.

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## Computer support in Huapai

Finally, it-iQ has moved to local premises to enable professional computer support for the community. After working in the IT industry for over 23 years, Bodo Bosch and his team have setup a new workshop in Huapai. We provide local on-premises technical support and sales as well as off-site service. The offering ranges from repairing your PC to installing new networks and servers for your business. We can also install Wi-Fi and fast internet solutions when you cannot get an ADSL connection. It-iQ is the only IT support company in the West that can offer a complete solution for your home and office needs. After having supplied, installed and supporting 100's of servers, desktops and internet solutions, we are sure to be able to support your computing needs. For more please come to the Huapai Service Centre on 422 Main Road in Huapai. Phone 09 412-9227 or Email [Huapai@itiq.co.nz](mailto:Huapai@itiq.co.nz)



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We recently launched a guide to buyers of property called buying on your terms. The point of this guide is to better inform and communicate with owners of properties that would like to start looking for suitable property but do not want to waste hundreds of hours of time and thousands of dollars in the process of doing so. It highlights a range of services that LJ Hooker Kumeu offers to all buyers to ensure that they are fully informed and up to date with recent sales and current market information. To get your copy simply email [gms@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gms@xtra.co.nz) or phone Graham on 0276320421. RECENT SALES INCLUDE:

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Boord Crescent	2 ha	\$ 1,000,000
Main Road	2000sqm	\$ 730,000
Riverland Road	5.6ha	\$ 2,228,000
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Raising funds for property purchases appears to be getting easier. Most banks are publicly promoting 5% deposit lending and one bank has even stated they would lend on less deposit for the right customer. We were able to source 100% funding for a first home-buyer last week all of this is great news for those of you wanting to get onto the property ladder but haven't managed to save the deposit.

Another good result for us recently was for a customer who was in financial difficulties and they approached their bank for assistance. The bank said no but we were able to raise a secured loan against his property and he's now back on track. All of this highlights that there are options available if you know who to speak to – that's why we are here so call us for a no obligation and confidential chat.



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## Is the poo getting through ?

Last month we gave Watercare services the opportunity to come clean regarding whispers that came forward about the lack of a complete and a cohesive solution to Kumeu and Riverheads town poo solution. Comments made from Watercare indicated that the waste collection being done from Riverhead was a separate issue and that within the next month or two trucks would not be required. We understand that this is a complete load of cr\_p and that Watercare services is in serious doo doos. The pump station that links with the Kumeu Riverhead scheme is behind by as much as eight months according to some insiders within Watercare Services and that the system could potentially suffer a constipation should the night-cart trucks fail to upload the system. Allegations that the system was not project managed properly, was behind schedule and is insufficient to cope with the future growth in population in Kumeu and Riverhead seems to be falling on deaf ears. Furthermore it is suggested that you don't discard your septic tank just yet, in case you need a plan B. We would welcome Watercare to deliver a more balanced view of the project in future rather than a lip gloss.



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The Education Board have no money for growth but acknowledge children numbers won't stay static as they have over the last few years, but grow over the next 1-4 years. A simple solution would be to acquire or designate rural land adjoining the school to plan for the schools growth. I hope common sense prevails and some prudent planning is done early. The 'I Site' in Kumeu is to close in December after Ateed (Auckland Tourism & Events) have managed it for just over 12 months. The site earns little revenue and under Ateed's management the voluntary workers were replaced by paid staff. The nett result is an 'I Site' which is uneconomic in their eyes, hence the closure. What wasn't factored in the decision was the lost benefits to the Wineries, Restaurants, Cafes and special interest groups in our district. There isn't a solution yet but Tony Soljan and I are working on a new proposal with Atteed. Certainly the District will have to step up to help solve the problem, otherwise a valuable community service will be lost. Our Christmas function will be at 'Soljans Restaurant' on Wednesday the 5th December. We will have Westgate Development proposals presented to us so we can all see the extent of what is now at earthwork stage. Westgate being 5 minutes drive from Kumeu will have an impact on how we develop our commercial & industrial area in the future. If you want to attend please advise by email or phone for catering numbers or speak to one of our committee members. All the best for the festive season.

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## Hair tips for Xmas from your local - Zash hair

As our spring clothes make their way back into our wardrobes, it's time to soak up the sun and make merry for Christmas once again! But summer also translates into dry, greasy and lifeless hair. Sometimes hair that appears healthy from the outside might be damaged from the inside, so here are some summer care tips that will keep your hair looking stylish, soft and healthy as you step out into the sun.

**CLEAN UP;** Hair during summer tends to get greasy due to excessive sweating and grime. Therefore it is so important to wash the hair with a shampoo that protects the strands.

**MIRACLE WORKER;** Suffering dry and dull hair? Add a dose of Wella Enrich Treatment which promises to restore hair's health overnight. It makes up for protein and moisture loss, giving you stronger and beautiful hair

**HEALTHY INSIDE;** Eating right is crucial to great hair. Keep hydrated by drinking plenty of water. Stock up on fresh fruit and vegetables to ensure your hair is getting all its vital nutrients it needs.

**WHILE YOU ARE OUT;** Why not protect your hair from the harmful rays of the sun too? Cover up with hats, scarves or bandanas. Or cover up the hair with leave in spray conditioners or serums for that extra protection.

**A SPARK OF LIFE;** summer tends to make hair dry, frizzy and look lustless. The excessive use of heat styling tools such as curling tongs, hairdryers and straighteners will only make matters worse. Try Wella's Enrich leave in straight cr me or Flowing Form to help achieve that smoother sleek hair without the added heat.

So take some time out this summer and try these tips. I hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and summer holiday and enjoy spending quality time with your loved ones. Carla at Zash Hair 021814663



## Riverhead historic courts building project fund

The historical Riverhead courts building located on the Northern boundary of the Kumeu Rugby fields on Coatesville Riverhead Highway is in desperate need of paint and decoration to meet the needs of members and the community. The historic building was donated to Riverhead Ratepayers and this project provides a service to the community to get the building presented to a high standard. Graham McIntyre of LJ Hooker is heading this project to raise money to facilitate this restoration project. The paint is heavily subsidized by Wattyl Paints and now is the time for locals and local business to chip in. We are seeking signage square donations of \$ 200 (inclusive of GST) to facilitate this work. Supporters will receive acknowledgement in this publication and on a large plaque on the building itself. To make a pledge please contact glms@xtra.co.nz or phone Graham on 0276 320 421.

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## Your blood could save a life



Ask Madie King when her life changed forever and she will quickly rattle off September 8, 2010. That was the day the 11-year-old found out she had precursor b-cell lymphoblastic lymphoma - a complicated-sounding cancer diagnosis which started as a lump in her neck. She had just finished a netball tournament when she told her mother, Mary-Lee Rolleston-King, "I've got a lump". What followed were numerous trips to the doctor, biopsies and surgeries. "We found out she had cancer, but they were not too sure what sort," Mrs Rolleston-King said. She was soon in Christchurch, with her family, for seven and a-half weeks of chemotherapy and the years of treatment began. Madie regularly receives intramuscular and intrathecal (spinal) chemotherapy injections, blood and platelet transfusions and a "huge amount" of other drugs via a port in her side. She has more than 400 beads of courage and several years of treatment. One of the most memorable of them so far was an emergency blood transfusion on Christmas Eve. "As soon as she had it, her wee cheeks just went lovely and rosy and red. For us, that gave Madie some cheer and joy to get through Christmas," Mrs Rolleston-King said.

The New Zealand Blood Service will be holding a blood drive in Kumeu on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012, from 12.00pm – 6pm at the Community Centre on Access Road. If you would like to help save a life, please call 0800 448 325 for an appointment, or just walk in on the day.

## How is performance rated?

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# Hospice lights up for Christmas

Hospice West Auckland is holding a fun, free, family Christmas event on Sunday December 2 from 7.30 – 9.30pm. 'Light Up Hospice' is an annual celebration and remembrance evening held outside Hospice House at 52 Beach Road, Te Atatu Peninsula, Auckland. The event celebrates Christmas, brings the community together and remembers those we have lost throughout the year. It also helps people understand Hospice and the work it does in the West Auckland area. The event has been running for several years, and over a thousand people join together each year to watch the beautiful fairy lights get turned on over Hospice House as the sun sets. This year the line-up features some exceptional West Auckland talent including everyone's favourite westie, comedian Ewen Gilmour. Popular award-winning R&B duo Adeaze will woo the crowd with their soulful tunes, and Waitakere Voices will sing traditional Christmas carols. The Trusts Waitakere Auckland Brass Band, a Swiss style carnival band, singer Lisa Crawley, Chinese dancers, a Kapa Haka group, a Chinese Dragon and Belly Dancers will also perform. There will be face-painting and a bouncy castle for the children, and Father Christmas himself is rumoured to be making an appearance. A festival atmosphere will be created with the food vendors and the entertainment that will weave through the crowd. For those people who are missing someone special at Christmas there are opportunities to remember those who are no longer with us. 'Dove Blessings' provide a special opportunity to release a dove into the sky, remembrance candles will glow in the night sky, and people can tie meaningful fabric onto a musical staff in a special installation called 'musical notes'. Hospice West Auckland will also be launching their annual fundraising drive 'Christmas Stars' at the event. When donating to Hospice, people can write a special message to an absent loved one and hang it on a Christmas tree. Food, remembrance candles and raffle tickets will be able to be purchased at the event. For further information please call: Kathryn van Beek, Funding Coordinator: Events at Hospice West Auckland, 834 9752, kathryn@hwa.org.nz



# Top local award for The Tasting Shed

The Tasting Shed has been awarded top honours at the recent Westpac Business Awards by taking out the Best Emerging Business title for 2012. Judge Peter Smith said "The Tasting Shed has been judged the best because it has expertly deployed a customer oriented business plan in a very short time and has already achieved leadership in a very competitive environment." Owners Jo & Ganesh Raj were on hand to collect their award with Head Chef Sara Simpson at the awards ceremony held at The Trusts Stadium in Waitakere last Thursday night. "Being acknowledged by the wider business community and the people at Westpac has given us a huge amount of confidence moving forward," says Ganesh. "The judging process gave us the opportunity to put our business under a microscope, examine it with different eyes, and come out with a clearer picture of where we are headed in the future. This alone was a massive undertaking, but to have our business practices given the kudos of being the best means so much to us as owners and tells us we are on the right track." For more information contact The Tasting Shed on 09 412 6454 or view online at [www.thetastingshed.co.nz](http://www.thetastingshed.co.nz)



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wealth and freedom. This land is bigger than most at 9.9 hectares it is a beautiful rolling block with extensive fencing, ponds and three great house sites. The land has a gentle contour with a sandy loam mix of soil and some clay.



Welcome to 288 Old North Road, a property that is a blend of old and new and set upon over two acres of lawn. Views from this property are truly expansive overlooking the harbour and Skytower. A large eight car garage, office and double garage ensures that there is storage for most hobbies and business concerns. A pool and tennis court adds the finishing touches to this top class Kumeu destination home, which represents a time and a place that was about the right thing to do. For details look up <http://kumeu.ljhooker.co.nz/14WH14>

## Land is the gold of tomorrow

It is often said that the true gold is the dirt and the earth that rests beneath the feet and that can create homes and

A range of pines pepper the land which was in its day planted in pine trees before being milled and worked back into its present day presentation. A north facing block void of covenants it is well worth a walk over <http://kumeu.ljhooker.co.nz/Y1H14>

## Affordable lifestyle living

Waimauku offers so much living and so much land for so little. Over 2 acres of grazing land that is overlooked by this fine cedar home with large bi-folds. The



home opens gloriously to the north while large glassed areas let in abundant light. The home is big on value delivering four spacious rooms, two bathrooms, double garage and spa room. An abundance of fruit trees and plantings delivers an atmosphere of peace and serenity. Life is about finding special places and making an environment at peace, this is indeed such a spot which you need to enjoy. See more at <http://kumeu.ljhooker.co.nz/156H14>

## Home plus income options

So let's dwell on the shopping list that we must satisfy. 350square meter barn – tick. Single bedroom income generator of \$250 per week—tick. Three bedroom two bathroom home all modern and well appointed with a northerly aspect—tick. Double garage—tick. Set on 2.5 acres of flat land which gently sweeps



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## Kumeu Trotting club parade day a success

Our local track was a hive of activity back on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November, having a great turn out for our first ever 2 year old parade & workout day. A few heavy rain showers didn't dampen the enthusiasm as we got through a full card. Four heats of Kidz Kartz ponies, two heats of Amateurs, a saddle pace/trot that attracted four riders, a trotting heat & the parade of 2 year olds for both the trotting & pacing gait. There was plenty of food, hot and cold drinks and many spot prizes and raffles, plus generous prizes and ribbons for the successful entrants. Our Judges representing our main sponsors, Kevin Foley from Woodlands Stud, Caroline Walker for Kevin Walker Construction & John Ross on behalf of the NZ Trotting Hall of Fame had their work cut out for them. Trainers Frank Cooney, Ken Sefonte, Brett Marshall, Bruce Lloyd, Jay Abernathy & their staff had gone to great efforts with the well presented 2 year olds. Our Supreme Champion went to trainer Bruce Lloyd with his trotting colt "Bad Habbott". Our day would not have been complete without our sponsors and supporters, a big thank you to Kumeu Saddlery Warehouse, Feed Direct, Glen Eden Landscapes, Dis Plant World, Auckland Roof Maintenance, Glyn Taylor - LJ Hooker Hobsonville, All in One Buildings & Maintenance, Alpha Lodge Miniatures, Kumeu Tyres, Kumeu Produce Market, Smashing Gifts, Snak It, Justine Russell - Tupperware, Chelsey Thom & Analique and Kumeu River Winery. All those that helped on the day we couldn't have done it without you all



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## A weekend like no other - join the hunt

Waitemata Hunt is organising a fantastic weekend for people to ride across one of the largest and most spectacular properties in the Rodney district next month (January). Otakanini Topu Inc has generously offered its 2750ha property, stretching across South Head from Muriwai to Kaipara Harbour, for the hunt's weekend trek on January 26 and 27. WH hunted over the property for the first time this year but this is the hunt's first trek there. The huge swathe of country came from the amalgamation of local family farms in 1958 and the return of government-administered land. The Otakanini management was a finalist in last year's BNZ Maori Excellence in Farming Award. While the biggest strength of the farm is the Otakanini people there is an emphasis on environmental care alongside sheep, beef and forestry operations. There are also many historical landmarks including pa sites and urupa, with virtually every ridge of the land having cultural significance. For the low cost of \$75 a non-member (\$65 a hunt member) rider and mount can enjoy walking treks on Saturday and Sunday, and camp overnight with grazing provided for horses. An evening of entertainment is assured with Adam Stevenson's band Whistlejacket playing into the night. The leisurely pace for the treks allows time for taking in the spectacular views of farmland, wetlands, forest, sea and beach, about 15 minutes' drive from Helensville. With budget trek prices on offer people need to register early to ensure a place. Book online at [waitematahunt.co.nz](http://waitematahunt.co.nz) or contact Yvonne on 0274 599423



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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](http://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**  
[www.ljhooker.co.nz/14HH14](http://www.ljhooker.co.nz/14HH14)



Situated in one of Waimauku's most prestigious streets be the second owner to purchase this magnificent Mediterranean style home, with sheltered mature gardens and total privacy. Sitting at the end of a long driveway with plenty of parking, the home features 4 spacious bedrooms, with an ensuite including spa bath and walk in wardrobe in the master. 32 Amber Place, Waimauku.

**BY NEGOTIATION**                      **4 BEDROOM**              **2 BATHROOM**  
**COURTNEY WOOD**                      **0276880818**              **LICENSED REAA 2008**  
[www.ljhooker.co.nz/154H14](http://www.ljhooker.co.nz/154H14)



This solidly constructed brick and tile home offers 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, two living areas, internal access into the double garage. Very low maintenance section! This is only walk to local shops, school, bus stop, café, etc. 5 Maple Lane, Huapai.

**BY NEGOTIATION**                      **4 BEDROOM**              **2 BATHROOM**  
**COURTNEY WOOD**                      **0276880818**              **LICENSED REAA 2008**  
[www.kumeu.ljhooker.co.nz](http://www.kumeu.ljhooker.co.nz)



Offering 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, plus a separate toilet. The spacious family living area has a very warm & relaxed feel that leads into the country style kitchen with great alfresco flavour. There are lovely decking areas for outdoor summer entertaining. With plenty of space for all the family, sitting on 1264m2 of park like grounds and mature trees. 29 Kaipara Portage Road, Riverhead.

**BY NEGOTIATION**                      **3 BEDROOM**              **1 BATHROOM**  
**COURTNEY WOOD - 0276880818**              **WARREN MARSHALL - 0212224255**  
**LICENSED REAA 2008**                      [www.ljhooker.co.nz](http://www.ljhooker.co.nz)



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**

**LICENSED REAA 2008**



Down the end of a quiet country street sits multiple quality sites that are now for sale! Take up this opportunity to purchase your dream piece of land in one of the most desired and upcoming areas. 43 Terry Smyth Drive, Kumeu.

LOT 1 - 1.9HA - \$499,000

LOT 2 - 1.0HA - SOLD

LOT 3 - 1.2HA - \$415,000

LOT 4 - 1.2HA - \$390,000

**BY NEGOTIATION**

**COURTNEY WOOD**

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Elevated and north facing with stunning water views, make this gorgeous home yours! With a sun soaked wrap around entertaining deck, there is great indoor/outdoor flow from the open plan living/kitchen area. Extremely well presented throughout, this property has many options and added features.

5 Duncan Rise, Herald Island.

**BY NEGOTIATION**

**COURTNEY WOOD**

[www.ljhooker.co.nz/14UH14](http://www.ljhooker.co.nz/14UH14)

**2 BEDROOM**

**02726880818**

**1 BATHROOM**

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This is the perfect blank canvas on which to craft your stunning grand design without the typical restraints of urban living. The very generous 4.0700HA consists of land, power, and phone to site. Enjoy your own beautiful and tranquil native bush with mature Kauri, Rimu and Nikau as a backdrop. The bush views are absolutely stunning. Old North Road, Kumeu.

**BY NEGOTIATION**

**AARON LAWLER**

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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](http://www.ljhooker.co.nz/147H14)

**5 BEDROOM**

**0276880818**

**2 BATHROOM**

**LICENSED REAA 2008**



Lifestyle property offering a superb living environment and north facing perspective. The home is big brig offering four bedrooms, office two bathrooms, workshop garaging and shedding on a hectare of gentle flowing land. Acces of a central ROW the home delivers an entertainers dream. Oraha Road, Kumeu.

**BY NEGOTIATION**                      **5 BEDROOM**                      **2 BATHROOM**  
**GRAHAM MCINTYRE**                      **0276320421**                      **LICENSED REAA 2008**  
[www.ljhooker.co.nz/kumeu](http://www.ljhooker.co.nz/kumeu)



Delightful home in semi rural location and within minutes drive of Waitakere Township train station, dairy, and school. This sturdy three bedroom home has a separate two room downstairs suitable for office or retreat. Five rooms in total plus two bathrooms and set on a generous 847 square meter semi fenced site. Very nicely presented and great sunny position this home is fresh to market and is bound to find favor. 110 McEntee Road, Waitakere.

**BY NEGOTIATION**                      **4 BEDROOM**                      **2 BATHROOM**  
**GRAHAM MCINTYRE**                      **0276320421**                      **LICENSED REAA 2008**  
[www.ljhooker.co.nz/15OH14](http://www.ljhooker.co.nz/15OH14)



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 generous site of 1295m2 is crying out for some TLC. 126 Domain Crescent, Muriwai.

**BY NEGOTIATION**                      **3 BEDROOM**                      **1 BATHROOM**  
**AARON LAWLER**                      **0211643031**                      **LICENSED REAA 2008**  
[www.ljhooker.co.nz/ZGH14](http://www.ljhooker.co.nz/ZGH14)



With an eye for quality and a passion for history, this elegant 1920's Kumeu weatherboard farm homestead is in its own league. North-facing with pool, tennis court and panoramic views, significant 100 square meter shed, double garage and office/workshop. Featuring four plus bedrooms, two lounges, beautiful cottage kitchen and almost a hectare of intimate and private space to relax and unwind. 288 Old North Road, Kumeu.

**BY NEGOTIATION**                      **4 BEDROOM**                      **2 BATHROOM**  
**GRAHAM MCINTYRE**                      **0276320421**                      **LICENSED REAA 2008**  
[www.ljhooker.co.nz/14WH14](http://www.ljhooker.co.nz/14WH14)



Outstanding two story tudor style home in the heart of Huapai. Set on a generous, flat and fenced section the home is big in all respects with 4 bedrooms, formal lounge, formal dining, laundry, two bathrooms, double garage. Big on value this home represents an excellent opportunity to purchase in a highly desirable area. 6 Oraha Road, Huapai.

**BY NEGOTIATION**                      **4 BEDROOM**                      **1 BATHROOM**  
**GRAHAM MCINTYRE**                      **0276320421**                      **LICENSED REAA 2008**  
[www.ljhooker.co.nz/14YH14](http://www.ljhooker.co.nz/14YH14)



Beautifully presented this 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom cedar home, overlooking more than 1 hectare of gentle sloping, north facing land is at the top of the list. The home opens out to the land through large bi-folds while the central hallway provides easy access to the four bedrooms, spa room and double garage. 1475 State Highway 16, Woodhill.

**BY NEGOTIATION**                      **4 BEDROOM**                      **2 BATHROOM**  
**GRAHAM MCINTYRE**                      **0276320421**                      **LICENSED REAA 2008**  
[www.ljhooker.co.nz/156H14](http://www.ljhooker.co.nz/156H14)



Deserve the best? Be in before the rest! Privately nestled down a long driveway sitting on a stunning large 2364m2 section with possible sub-dividable potential subject to wastewater connection and council approval. This immaculately presented home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, spacious warm lounge area with indoor/outdoor flow. Separate dining that opens out onto an entertainers deck area overlooking the gardens. 30 Trigg Road, Huapai.

**BY NEGOTIATION**                      **3 BEDROOM**                      **2 BATHROOM**  
**COURTNEY WOOD**                      **0276880818**                      **LICENSED REAA 2008**  
[www.ljhooker.co.nz/14DH14](http://www.ljhooker.co.nz/14DH14)



This special north facing piece of land is a must see! Your privacy is assured. Situated at the end of a long driveway, sitting on 5 gentle sloping acres. Stunning north facing rural views with post and rail fencing, also very well sheltered. What are you waiting for? Ready to build your dream home? This is the place! 246A Blackbridge Road, Dairy Flat.

**BY NEGOTIATION**                      **LAND ONLY**                      **SERVICES AT THE GATE**  
**COURTNEY WOOD**                      **0276880818**                      **LICENSED REAA 2008**  
[www.ljhooker.co.nz/12SH14](http://www.ljhooker.co.nz/12SH14)



Kumeu is one of Auckland's most upcoming developing areas. If you are looking to invest in a fantastic location at a bargain price, you have found it! Purchase either one or both lots. Let's negotiate!

**BY NEGOTIATION**                      **LAND ONLY**                      **SERVICES AT THE GATE**  
**COURTNEY WOOD**                      **0276880818**                      **LICENSED REAA 2008**  
[www.ljhooker.co.nz/13XH14](http://www.ljhooker.co.nz/13XH14)



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](http://www.ljhooker.co.nz/14BH14)

## Kumeu medium makes a difference

Kumeu Spiritual Medium Carin Anderson has a special talent, she shares with people in New Zealand and around the World. Carin had the opportunity to travel to Hollywood and work with some interesting people. She says: Hollywood has an amazing energy that is old and unique. Many old celebrities still haunt many of the old Hotels there. Carin has connected with people in Germany, through photos, she has never personally met, and reunited families that have been separated for over 30 years, as well as pick up health complaints of people she does not even know. Her work with the spirit world now has a huge interest and people want to know more. Guidance for people's lives, brings them peace and comfort, knowing they are watched over every day. Carin's work has been presented through the media, including being featured on TVNZ 20/20, Campbell Live, and The Edge Radio Station with JayJay Mike and Dom as well as many other publications. For more information Contact Carin [www.nzmedium.co.nz](http://www.nzmedium.co.nz) Phone 021740331.



## Supporting Rugby in the local community



The Kumeu region has a champion rugby team - The Western Pioneers (joint rugby team of Kumeu and Helensville Rugby Clubs) won the North Harbour 15-a-side Premier title in August and then just a few weeks ago won the North Harbour 7-a-side title as well. This is a huge achievement. Kumeu Rugby Club has big long term plans to grow the club and the game in the local community. A large new deck is in the final stages of approval with support from the ASB Trust and Lions Foundation. Local support from individuals, families and business is always welcome - a new supporters initiative is the Kumeu Rugby 100 Club whereby one off annual donations of \$100 will go towards supporting the Rugby Club and the Pioneers. As an appreciation each donation will have a plaque in the clubrooms and will be invited to all 100 club events. If you are interested in making a donation to help grow the club and provide the best possible community and rugby environment for all please contact Glenn Wheeler (Chairman Kumeu RFC) Phone 09 4125526 or 0274945666 Email [glenn\\_wheeler@hotmail.com](mailto:glenn_wheeler@hotmail.com) Western Pioneers - North Harbour Premier Club 15-a-side Champions

## Kumeu Courier again makes a difference



Kumeu Courier ran a front cover article earlier this year highlighting some of the issues facing our beloved Kumeu Village. The article tackled some of the issues that posed an eye-sore and also an occupational safety and health issue to the public. It is pleasing to see that the Kumeu Village has had an investment in paving, asphalt, planting and presentation. It is looking good and we want to express a big thank you to the tenants and shop owners that have taken the time to invest in the area.

In addition a big thank you to Jim Drummond, Jono Hutson and Graham McIntyre that contributed so much time to the Cherry tree planting program.

During this planting, three Cherry trees were stolen from opposite Trigg Road from some low-life pest and we

want to say a big thanks to Treescape's team and to Joan at Awa Nurseries for helping us out with suitable replacement trees. This and other projects really do make a valuable contribution to the beauty in this area, well done all of you that contributed in your own way to make this happen.



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## New faces but old hands at The Riverhead

Our New Food & Beverage Manager – Simon Darroch

Local lad comes back to his roots. Simon was brought up in Kumeu and was often found pumping petrol at his Dads local service station. After Huapai primary and Massey high school, he went into the trades, but soon has a calling for hospitality.

He started at the top with The Regent of Auckland, Australasia's leading 5 star hotel chain, (now the Stamford Plaza) followed by a short stint in Los Angeles with the same group. Simon returned to New Zealand, and became a supervisor for the opening of the new Wellington Park Royal, and quickly became Restaurant Manager. After opening another 5 star hotel in London, he decided to have a summer working in Italy, where he lived for the next 22 years. He worked for a family for 10 years, helping them run a small luxury hotel, a big pub with live entertainment and a sought after night club on the Adriatic coast. His passion for skiing drove him to the north of Italy to a small winter resort where he opened his own pub 'osteria dei vagabondi', (venue for vagabonds) and then followed with his wine bar restaurant 'il Lampione' (the big street light). He says although he misses the Italian culture and life style, but the fact is that he thinks and dreams more in Italian than English. However he's glad he got out when he did given the economic situation. He can often be heard mumbling under his breath strange words, generally swearing in Italian! He came back as the opening manager for the north wharfs Marvel Grill, before joining the team at The Riverhead.

And a new Executive Chef – Brendon Petersen

Brendon has settled in well at The Riverhead and is enjoying revitalising the menu with a variety of steaks & seafood directly from the grill. Brendon, also a world traveller, has brought with him a love of fresh flavours that he has picked up and made his own...come on down and taste for yourself. For more information go to [www.theriverhead.co.nz](http://www.theriverhead.co.nz) or phone 09 412 8902

## A time of song, gathering and joy



We are a fresh and new church having only been planted in 2010. We have a committed congregation who are diverse in age, giving us a broad experience of life and a complete family environment. Our desire is to be a vibrant church based on a deep foundation in Jesus reaching out to those who don't know Him both in loving care and practical support. We'd love you to come along, we meet at 10 am, Sundays, in the Waimauku School Hall, Cnr SH16 and Muriwai Road or we encourage you to explore our website at [www.abundantlifenz.org](http://www.abundantlifenz.org)

Kumeu Blend Choir Presents

*"A Midnight Clear in Bethlehem"*

7.30pm St Chad's  
- Orahua Rd  
9th Dec 2012

supper provided  
\$10 Donation appreciated

## community notice board

### Carols on the Court.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, from 5pm till 8pm. Do you need to unwind before the big day of Christmas? Come along to a fun time of carol singing on the Waimauku School court. The event will begin from 5pm with free activities for the kids like face painting, bouncy castle etc. Bring along a picnic dinner, spread out on the court with others in your community and from 7pm enjoy singing along to carols lead by Lou Lou ([www.listentoloulou.com](http://www.listentoloulou.com)). There will be espresso coffee, sausage sizzle and other treats to purchase for your convenience along with giveaways and spot prizes. This event is sponsored by Abundant Life Church – for more details visit [www.abundantlifenz.org](http://www.abundantlifenz.org). If weather is lousy, this event will be held in the Waimauku School Hall.

### Western United Netball Registrations.

Western United Netball Club had a great 2012 Winter Season with 5 out of 13 teams coming either Winners or Runners Up in their respective grades, two of our members were also selected for the Netball Waitakere Rep Teams. Preparations are now under way for the 2013 winter season. Registrations for Open College and Senior Women will begin in the last few weeks in January 2013, and registrations for Years 1-8 will be during February with Registrations Nights to be advised. As at the 2012 season - Years 7 & 8 play on Wednesday afternoons; Years 1-3 on Thursday afternoons; and Years 4-6, Open College and Senior Women play on Saturdays - all games are played at the Te Pai Courts in Henderson. Practices are on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons at the Netball Courts at the Huapai Reserve. Keep checking our website <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/westernunitednetball> for information about registrations.

### Christmas Parade.

This year the annual Christmas parade will be held on Friday 7th December starting at 6.45pm.

### Kumeu Blend Choir Presents

"A Midnight clear in Bethlehem" at St Chad's Church in Oraha Road.

7.30pm, Sunday December 9th, all welcome, tasty supper to share.

A \$10 donation is appreciated. Contact Carroll du Chateau on 09 4127228 or 021 612632 for more info

COMMUNITY NOTICES ARE FREE OF COST AND CAN BE EMAILED TO [glms@xtra.co.nz](mailto:glms@xtra.co.nz) OR FAX 09 4129603



Join the Chior at  
St Chads Church  
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## At a time of giving spare a thought

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A special thank you to all the contenders and their families for their dedication, The team at Kumeu Courier, Lollo Hiamulli & the boys from Balmoral Lee gar, Sven Naumann and his team from Oceania, The staff & members of the Kumeu Showgrounds A&H Society, Therese Russel from MS Auckland, Kumeu Fire Brigade, Te Atatu Fire Brigade, Donna & the team from Kumeu Cellars, Graham McIntyre of LJ Hooker Kumeu, Len Bagnall MD, Best Berries, NZ Boxer, NZ Pro Boxing Federation Inc, and the valued team of the K-Zero Krew. Without all of you, your support and your dedication this event would not have happened. For more information on the event email [dene@kzero.co.nz](mailto:dene@kzero.co.nz)



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## Celebrate a year of doing your best

Here we are close to Christmas and another new and expectant year is not far away. This time tends to be about reflection on all that has occurred, both good and bad, and how we have learnt and grown from these experiences. Some things we could possibly have done better, others couldn't have worked out more perfectly. Either way, we must be grateful for those experiences and look forward to putting together another year of doing your best, contributing where and when you can, and mixing it all with a healthy dose of ... having some fun along the way. This all comes together best when we are at our healthiest and happiest. Often times the happy bit is totally determined by the healthy bit, so we at Kumeu Chiropractic would like to think we've had a part to play in the health and happy quotient in the Nor-West part of Auckland. We'd like to thank everyone in the area who have been so supportive of our first year back in practice out west, and very much look forward to helping as many local families reach their happy, healthy goals for 2013 and many years to come. Chris and Nolene McMaster. Kumeu Chiropractic, 8 Shamrock Drive, Kumeu Ph. 4125536

## It's not too late for the Kumeu parade

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Whip the cream with the vanilla until soft peaks form.  
Put the cream in a piping bag fitted with a star tip.  
Wash and dry the strawberries then cut the hulls off so that they stand up.  
Slice them in half and pipe some cream on top.  
Put the 'hat' back on and pipe a little more cream on the top.

Add poppy or toasted sesame seeds for eyes and serve straight away!



## Fabulous strawberry growers at Kindy

At Nature's Explorers kindergarten our children are keen gardeners. Today was no exception the children were keen to get their trowels out to help prepare the soil and dig holes to plant our strawberry plants. We had divided these up from last season's strawberry plants. With guidance from their teacher the children dug a hold big enough to hold their strawberry plant. Next they carefully placed their plant into the prepared hole and pushed the soil firmly around it. Once the planting process was finished we asked the children. "What do we need to do now we have finished planting our strawberries?" "Water them!" They quickly replied back. And quick as a flash, the children sourced some watering cans and began watering all the plants in the garden. For more information contact Natures Explorers on 09 412 8800

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This is an old family favourite. I have been baking these for many years and they always go down a treat. The recipe actually calls for dark chocolate to be spread on the bottom of each cluster when cool but I prefer to top with white chocolate and a glace cherry, they taste great and look much more festive!

It's not too late to order your Christmas cakes. They come beautifully packaged, ready for gifting – check them out on my facebook page; I had a table of them at the Waimauku Kindy Ladies Night.

3/4 cup sultanas                      1 c cornflakes                      1/2 c flaked almonds  
3/4 c shredded coconut              1/4 c glace cherries halved  
1/2 c Dark Choc Bits (I prefer milk choc and I increase the amount to 3/4 c)  
3/4 c Highlander Sweetened Condensed Milk

White choc melts – to drizzle on top

Preheat the oven to 160 degrees Celsius. Line an oven tray with baking paper. Place all the ingredients except the white choc melts in a large bowl. Mix well. Place teaspoonful of the mixture onto the tray (make sure that the mixture is compact and not spread out as it will spread a little while baking). Bake in a pre-heated oven for 12-15 minutes or until golden brown (in my oven it usually takes 10 minutes, so watch them!). Leave on the tray until cool, then place on a rack. When cold, melt the white choc melts and pour over the top of each cluster and then top with half a glace cherry – they'll now resemble miniature Christmas puddings – cute! email [karlene@ohsugar.co.nz](mailto:karlene@ohsugar.co.nz) [www.oh-sugar.co.nz](http://www.oh-sugar.co.nz) or visit <http://www.facebook.com/OhSugarBoutiqueCakes>



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My name is Annette Dunning for those of you that don't know me I'm a born and bred Kumeu local, living here with my husband and 3 kids. In 2007 after years in travel I decided to make the switch and become a home based travel broker. With the kids growing fast and business continuing to grow each year I've decided to get the builders in (much to my husband's horror) and I'm well down the track of completing my own purpose built office space within our home. I can help design any travel itinerary, offering a full travel service that includes domestic and international holiday packages, visa advisory, and travel insurance. Working in a relaxed environment allows me to focus on my loyal and new clients, giving personal, friendly and professional service. With 32 years of experience in this industry, I know all the pitfalls which can occur while travelling and can give practical advice on what not to do as well. Latest destinations for family were Thailand at Easter and The Cook Islands in on the agenda for November. Vietnam I love and have a real passion for. Planning and booking for 2013 has started with a great range of Early bird deals, so feel free to give me a call on 4129161 or email – [annetted@travelmanagers.co.nz](mailto:annetted@travelmanagers.co.nz)



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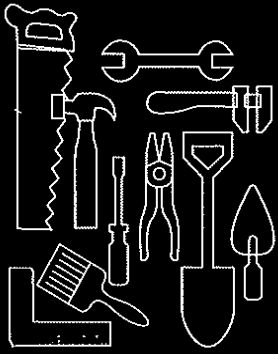


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**Moro Reflex**

over-reactive and over-sensitive (common in ADHD).

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