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MONEY IN A BANK vs MONEY IN THE MARKET



With the current fixed term interest rate hovering around 3% less tax of 1/3 it is no wonder that more people are considering the yields generated by rental properties. Improving areas are delivering both cash flow and capital gain. "The time to create positively geared property investments delivering 6-8% per annum is today" says Graham McIntyre, principal of LJ Hooker Kumeu. "We are seeing the last of the good buys evaporate in areas like Riverhead and Waitakere however we have a few in Helensville".

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SCARECROW FESTIVAL AND GALA'S GALORE

Kumeu Arts Centre Inc with support from Auckland Council is proud to present the new and improved 'Scarecrow Festival 2012'. This event will run from Wednesday April 4 through to Saturday April 21 2012. There will be a Scarecrow Festival Competition and Exhibition. Any individual or group may enter. Entry cost per scarecrow is \$10. The judges will award prizes for the strangest, silliest, smallest, scariest, and most stupendous. A people's choice vote will also be awarded a prize. Additionally locals can create a Community Popup Scarecrow for their front gate or curb. We will all be looking out for these and prizes for Pop-up Scarecrows will also be awarded. For further information and entry forms please contact Kumeu Arts Centre Inc, PO Box 342 Kumeu 0841. Alternatively phone Sarah on (09) 412 9480 or email: thetinshed@clear.net.nz.

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BRING ON THE BIGGEST KUMEU A & P SHOW



What a mile stone! The Kumeu Show is celebrating 90 years on Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 March. There is no better way to celebrate than with the Topp Twins who will be featuring live on stage both days, at 11.30am and again at 2.00pm.

The Kumeu Show has a wonderful reputation as a Premier A & P Show within New Zealand. This year it will be hosting Royal Events in the Equestrian, Alpaca, and Indoor Sections of the Show. Grab your family and make a day or a weekend of this event.

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Stephen Sparnon, DCFO, Kumeu Fire Rescue. For an emergency call dial 111

LEGITIMATE SCRAP METAL TRADER OR NOT?

Kumeu currently has a number of scrap metal traders travelling door to door and Police are fielding numerous calls from residents concerned about the safety of themselves and their property. This is due to the operating procedures adopted by some of these traders who will only continue to operate as long as there is a current market for them within our community. While it is up to you should you wish to deal with them, Police advice is that if you have scrap metal to dispose of you should find a reputable dealer from the Yellow Pages who will arrange a suitable time to uplift from your location. Should you be visited by any scrap traders who appear suspicious or intimidating obtain as many details as you can, i.e. Registration plate, business name, phone numbers etc. As a rule of thumb if they do not wish to give them to you then we recommend you ask them to leave, then promptly call the Police who can then investigate their legitimacy. Mike Collins, Kumeu Police (09) 412 7756

SOME TIPS THAT WILL HELP US TO HELP YOU

While we have had some recent rain to keep everything green, remember that the fire ban is still in place. You must call the council to procure a fire permit if you need to have a burn-off. It is imperative that you have your fire in the right weather and in a clear controlled area. You must remain in attendance at all times, and keep an eye on the wind. Tell your neighbour when you are having a fire, avoid burning green vegetation, and have it burnt off before night fall. What do we go to every time our Pager and Siren goes off? Here is a break down of our 266 call outs from last year:

Structure Fires 13 Non Structure Fires 75 (e.g. burn-offs) Hazardous Incidents 24 Rescue- Medical Calls 45 Non Fire Calls 19 False Alarms 85 Other 5
Lets work together to reduce call outs for 2012. Start by installing smoke alarms and checking current ones work. Avoid overloading power points. Throw out dodgy electrical appliances. Do not leave cooking unattended, indoors or outdoors. Make sure you have fire extinguishers handy and operational. Drive safely, remembering to slow down and enjoy the drive. Where possible make plans in advance so you can get a lift home, or catch a taxi — it is always better to wake up with a hangover than heartache. Fence drains and ponds where stock graze. With these few steps you can help us to help you.



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REAL ESTATE MYTHS

How can I achieve the best price for my home? Firstly get an independent appraisal and a pre-sale checklist done on your home. This is standard from any professional in the real estate market. In addition, and most importantly, do not be tempted to go alone, do not DIY the sale of your home. So here is the thing, the first thing a buyer does when they see a private sale is discount the fees that you aren't paying, the second thing they do is consider the lowest possible price achieved on a similar property through QV and offer you less, much less. Our job in the real estate community today is to present a home in the very best possible way, we then promote it in the ways that attract buyers, and act as property endorsers highlighting the best parts that tickle the fancy of the buyer independently and persistently. We present independent options and solutions to issues and problems and we introduce them to like minded and helpful valuers, building inspectors, solicitors and mortgage advisors. In this way we facilitate the complete process. In addition at LJ Hooker we have a residential home sellers pack that we believe must be considered as it delivers the best value, service and exposure to the local community and the buying public.

Recent sales in the area: KUMEU			Motutara Rd Oaia Rd	2162 sqm + house 1800sqm + house	\$630,000 \$700,000
Access Rd	1000sqm + house	\$450,000	RIVERHEAD	100004.11 110000	4,00,000
Boord Cres	3903sqm + house	\$560,000	Duke St	1200sqm + house	\$655,000
Burns Lane	1 hectare + house	\$861,000	Elliot St	1200sqm + house	\$610,000
Merlot Heights	660 sqm + house	\$522,000	Maude St	1214sqm + house	\$481,500
Oraha Rd	1hectare	\$650,000	Sussex St	900sqm + house	\$630,000
Oraha Rd	1 hectare + house	\$895,000	WAIMAUKU		
Oraha Rd	2.2 hectares + house	\$1,210,000	Amber Plce	1518sqm + house	\$600,000
Pinetone Rd	1.4 hectares + house	\$965,000	Amber Plce	1500sqm + house	\$605,000
Rheingold Plce	632sqm + house	\$522,000	Gavinike Plce	1625sqm	\$250,000
Trigg Rd	1211sqm + house	\$530,000	Muriwai Rd	10 hectares + house	\$655,000
MURIWAI			Muriwai Rd	4.3 hectares + house	\$735,000
Domain Cres	812sqm + house	\$420,000	Peak Rd	1 hectare + house	\$928,000
Domain Cres	900sqm + house	\$530,000	School Rd	1 hectares + house	\$780,000
Domain Cres	867sqm + house	\$825,000	School Rd	1500sqm + house	\$770,000
Motutara Rd	1000sqm	\$312,000	Taylor Rd	4.4 hectares + house	\$745,000

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

LETS TALK MONEY - MY JOB IS TO HELP YOU GET SOME

The expected delays to the re-building process in Christchurch coupled with the on-going European financial woes have allowed the Reserve Bank to keep interest rates at the low levels of 2011. We expect these levels to remain until December this year at least. However we do believe that fixed rate options have bottomed out. Speaking of the Reserve Bank, with the Governor's decision to call it at day in September, this may allow the Government to alter the RBNZ role in NZ – watch this space! If you are looking to buy property please feel free to contact me. I can offer 6 months pre-approval, 5 free QV valuations and on a 5% deposit coupled with expert advice and very competitive pricing. Re-financing of existing home loans are also a specialty – special pricing if you have at least 20% equity/deposit!

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AS I SEE IT - EVENTS UNFOLDING

The Ratepayers Association have decided to use the meeting on 13 March as a brainstorming session for what Kumeu needs. Many times in the past we have been consulted by Council, Transit etc only to find solutions when they surface are not what we wanted, or worse still, traffic options looked at with no solutions planned for, or adopted.

This meeting is for the residents of Kumeu-Huapai and Districts to air their concerns.

The issues will be recorded and sorted by the association before the 'Unitary Plan' from the Council is proposed. The meeting gives the public opportunity to outline problems that are of concern to the association without the Councils planners being present. It also give the Association the opportunity to outline our ideas for the future. Please attend, if we don't know the problems we cannot address them on your behalf. Turning to Maddren's zoning - yes, meetings have been held with Maddren's and the Council Planners with little progress made. Council Planners advocated 400 metre sites at the hearing but were turned down by the Commissioners. We advocated the same. It is clear that Maddren's want to obtain final consent for the still unseen development and then sell the property. The community have still not seen anything in the form of a concept that will satisfy our appeal. The meetings are still continuing and whilst we are going through Court proc-

ess the door is open to Maddren's to come up with a solution. Watch this space. Pete Sinton - Chairman

Kumeu-Huapai Residents & Ratepayers Association Phone (09) 412 9886.



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Waimauku Village turns 4 years old on Saturday 14 April, To celebrate there will be a gala, starting at 9.00am and finishing around 4.00pm. There will also be a car boot sale, market stalls, face painting, pony rides, as well as live music on the stage, free balloons for the kiddies and heaps more! Come and enjoy the fun atmosphere in our safe and friendly village.

Waitakere Primary School in association with Waitakere Rural Fire Force presents the GRAND GALA for 2012. Entertainment includes:

- stalls for all car smashing
- café & cold drinks police laser
- LJ Hooker Fire Engine (ex Tarras Fire)
- petting zoo
- emergency services activities

Waitakere Primary School, Bethells Road, Waitakere Township, March 3 2012 from 11.00am till 3.00pm. The Greenhithe school fair is on Sunday March 25 from 11am to 3pm with a host of great stalls, delicious food, an auction and white elephant to name a few. Donations and support to Andrea Black on (09) 413 8341









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BEST OF THE WEST BY KUMEU COAST AND COUNTRY

Last year the KCC worked with Auckland Council to put together the Best of the West event at the Kumeu show grounds as part of the Rugby World Cup festivities. We got some great feedback from visitors who particularly enjoyed the family focus of the event. One of the most positive things we found was the high number of visitors from all over Auckland in attendance, some of whom had not been to Kumeu before and were subsequently impressed by what we had to offer. KCC believes that the Best of the West event has the potential to become an annual family event for the area, especially now the Kumeu Food and Wine festival has ceased to exist. If KCC gets enough local support we believe we could make this part of a district-wide event which would draw visitors from all over Auckland, and potentially New Zealand, to our area to showcase and enjoy all the great attractions our district has to offer.

If you went along to Best of the West and would be interested in being part of making this an annual event (commencing 2013), and working with us to ensure it benefits all businesses in the district, we'd like to hear from you. Please contact info@kumeuinfo.co.nz

KUMEU GYM BOOT CAMPS ARE FINALLY HERE

Innovative exercises, games, team competitions, adventures – our fitness boot camps go way beyond traditional push-ups and sit-ups into a whole new arena of fun. It's not that we don't include traditional exercises in our programme - we do - but we spice things up by incorporating exciting new elements you won't see elsewhere. Kumeu Gym Fitness Boot Camps are equally suitable for exercise novices looking to lose weight and serious athletes training for competition. We accomplish this by dividing recruits into groups based on their fitness level. Everyone works hard but no one gets hit with more than they can handle. Our Boot Camp Trainers are serious about helping you get fit, your first week is a no-obligation, risk-free trial, and we're sure that's all it will take for you to decide that joining a Kumeu Gym Boot Camp session is the ultimate choice for fun workouts and serious results. All sessions will be held locally with the majority held at Woodhill Mountain Bike Park, other venues will include Kumeu Rugby Club, Huapai Domain, Muriwai Beach and Kumeu Gym. Register at Kumeu Gym 4128932





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Well I hope your fruit has set and you have some mighty fine pumpkins. By now you should have chosen the pumpkin you want to keep so cut and bury the end of the vine approximately 1.5 metres from the pumpkin. That way all the energy and growth goes into this pumpkin and not the vine taking over the next door neighbour's fence. Gently and carefully try to place either straw or a tyre under the pumpkin to lift it off the ground and reduce the chances of it rotting out. Construct a shade cloth over the pumpkin using four poles and a small tarp, this will keep the skin soft and allow the pumpkin to grow without splitting.

Powdery white mould has arrived on my leaves and I have had very little luck keeping it at bay, so I just remove the rotten leaves and throw them out. Increase the watering day and night so the plant does not stress and protect your patch from

pests. One grower this season had some budding baseball players attempt batting practice on his leaves leaving just the vine and naked pumpkin on his plant! Happy growing - Fred the Fumpkin Parmer



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It is a mix of home and income and home and minor dwelling that seems to be delivering better cash flow options, while the capital gains seem to be in areas where subdivision is possible due to the implementation of waste water systems. This has decreased the section size permissible and therefore increased the yield. Areas that have been directly affected are Riverhead and Huapai however Graham believes that options may come out of some zoned industrial areas such as Access Lane, Wookey Lane, and Grivelle Street, as developers keen to satisfy some of the housing demands within the region throw around some creative ideas.

HARBOURVIEW SCULPTURE TRAIL FOR HOSPICE

The Harbourview Sculpture Trail is a feast of art, featuring 45 unique pieces of work from 35 artists. Each of the pieces on the trail has been selected for their connection to the rich history of the local area. There is a mix of different mediums including wood, ceramic, glass, metal and water-based art works. Each of the pieces will be set along the trail across the water, enhancing the outlook across the peninsula to the bright lights of the central city. Along-side these works will be small works and murals from local schools, providing the trail with a truly community feel. A special Hospice West Auckland sculpture created by patients and families will welcome visitors. As well as viewing the art, there will be opportunities to learn more about what is on display. The exhibition's curator, Sally Lush, will be giving tours featuring talks from selected artists who will talk more about the meaning behind their pieces. These tours will be held on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 11am, throughout the three weeks of the exhibition. As well as tours and talks for adults, kids are also encouraged to learn more about the pieces with fun activity sheets.

Tickets: Adults \$10, children (up to 12) \$5, under 5s are free. A family pass is available for \$30. All proceeds from the trail are being donated to Hospice West Auckland. For further information about the sculpture trail visit www.harbourviewsculpture.com .

To learn more about Hospice West Auckland, visit www.hwa.org.nz www.hwa.org.nz http://www.hwa.org.nz <a href="http://w

WELCOMING GLYN TAYLOR TO TEAM LJ HOOKER

Glyn has spend more than 30 years in the IT industry, nearly half of that in large corporate service management roles, ensuring that clients needs and expectations were met or exceeded. Glyn sees Real Estate as very much a service industry where an agent should build strong, lasting relationships with clients based on mutual trust, honesty and shared goals. He is very proud to call himself a Kumeu local, having moved to a lifestyle block more than 13 years ago.



During that time he has been actively involved with the Kumeu Small Landowners Association (a group offering knowledge and support for small block owners) filling many roles from committee member to President and remains the Editor of their monthly newsletter. His own transition from 'townie' to 'blockie' was a steep learning curve as he acquired many new skills from tractor safety to hand rearing orphan ducklings. He is sure to provide valuable guidance for others on a similar journey. Glyn is also a volunteer patroller with the Nor-west Community Patrol, a group of more than fifty volunteers help to provide additional 'eyes and ears' for the local police. He has been a motorsport competitor in both track and Targa rally events and retains an active interest in both motorsport and classic cars. Glyn is very excited about being able to work and live in a community that he loves. His approach to Real Estate is quite simple ... "to treat others how I like to be treated myself". This philosophy is frequently overlooked, particularly when contracts and money are involved, but it is a principle that has proved successful throughout his career and one that will remain as his guide. Glyn can be contacted on 021646941 or kumeu@vodafone.co.nz



2 BATHROOM



Seldom found, this beautiful painters paradise is bathed in sunshine while the flowers and bird-life deliver a surreal environment that is safe, secure, and very private. The home is a solid 1970's block and cedar construction with some refurbishment that sets it apart especially within the main bathroom and kitchen areas. 72 Matatea Road, Waimauku

BY NEGOTIATION 3 BEDROOM PH GRAHAM MCINTYRE 0276320421



This is a nature lovers hide away. A glade which is sheltered, northfacing with alfresco out to extensive decking. The home is predominantly brick with a tile roof and has a layout that will suit a family or semi-retired couple looking for a self sufficient lifestyle away from it all and not connected to the national grid. A sophisticated self sufficiency system operating on solar and wind. 917 Peak Road, Waimauku

AUCTION MARCH 4 AT 3PM 4 BEDROOM 2 BATHROOM PH GRAHAM MCINTYRE 0276320421



This outstanding rural dwelling within 10 minutes from Waimauku village is a family dream. With five bedrooms, two lounges, two bathrooms and garaging for 8 cars we would suggest this is one family retreat that must be seen to be appreciated. Included in the 6.8 hectares of land lies the opportunity to create a wetland area and apply to the council for an additional title. Opportunities! 101 Cable Road, Waimauku

\$1,229,000 NEG 4 BEDROOM 2 BATHROOM PH GRAHAM MCINTYRE 0276320421



This fabulous fully insulated period villa has all the hallmarks and yester-year of its ancestry. However this home has a 2000 code of compliance and great styling. This outstanding property has three bedrooms, plus a study/studio, and a formal lounge opening onto extensive decking. Full 1/4 acre site with olives and established plantings .

11 Denehurst Drive, Waimauku

\$729,000 NEG 3 BEDROOM + STUDY 2 BATHROOM PH GRAHAM MCINTYRE 0276320421



This immaculately presented home in the heart of Huapai offers 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, and 2 car garaging on a 859m2 block. Unbeatable alfresco onto north facing decking. Added features include a spa pool, wood burner, and an electric gate. Don't let this property pass you by, owner has made it very clear, this home is to be sold. 21 Tapu Road, Huapai

BY NEGOTIATION 3 BEDROOMS PH GRAHAM MCINTYRE 0276320421

1 BATHROOM

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9.9 HECTARES OF ROLLING HILL COUNTRY

The land is gentle sloping with ample house sites off a formed but un-metaled drive. Excellent boundary fencing with good pasture, good contour including a pond. Views and great potential available on this premium land. Kauri Crescent, Kumeu

BY NEGOTIATION LAND ONLY PH GLYN TAYLOR 021646941

SERVICES AT GATE



A 720 square meter blank canvas with great views to create your dream home. Situated in a very appealing part of Riverhead this section is flat, accessible, and is provided with services to the gate and a full geotech report. Don't miss this significant opportunity to secure your land at a very realistic rate.

Princes Street, Riverhead, Lot 1.

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BY NEGOTIATION 3 BEDROOM 1 BATHROOM PH DENISE GLOZIER 0272549999



This well positioned family home with expansive views, offers two levels on a larger than usual site. New reinforced driveway for heavy vehicles, double garage with workroom and fitted storage units. There is an abundance of room in all areas of this wonderful family home set in a semi-rural spot. 38 George Street, Riverhead

BY NEGOTIATION 4 BEDROOM 2 BATHROOM PH DENISE GLOZIER 0272549999



Section with an incredible outlook to the inner harbour. All services provided to the gate. Site area is 720 square meters. Flat site with GeoTech report available. Natural hedging boundaries. Princes Street, Riverhead. Lot 2.

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BY NEGOTIATION LAND ONLY SERVICES AT GATE PH DENISE GLOZIER 0272549999

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This outstanding Architectural inspired Maddren cedar home sits within a botanical setting over 1.4 hectares of low maintenance grounds and enjoys commanding views over the hills and valleys to the Tasman Ocean. North west facing the home has three bedrooms, four bathrooms and garaging for seven vehicles. Owners considering offers around \$900,000 429 Kiwitahi Road, Waimauku

BY NEGOTIATION 3 BEDROOM PH GRAHAM MCINTYRE 0276320421

4 BATHROOM



Elevated with 180 degree views over Cascade Falls Golf Club and reserve, this home blends seamlessly into its tranquil environment. Solid construction underlies a six bedroom homestead, sheds and stables on 4 hectares plus the added benefit of a minor dwelling with its own entrance.

12 Long Road, Taupaki

\$ 959,000 NEG 6 + 3 BEDROOM 2 + 1 BATHROOM PH GRAHAM MCINTYRE 0276320421



This fantastic property in Massey offers a tidy and modern home with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and open plan kitchen and dining. There is indoor/outdoor living spaces that allow you to entertain your guests, with extensive planting around the section to enjoy, plus a laundry/workshop. On a 661m2 block, this is an opportunity you don't want to miss out on!

17 Carling Avenue, Massey

\$439,000 NEG 3 BEDROOM PH GRAHAM MCINTYRE 0276320421 2 BATHROOM



This outstanding one level brick and tile home in Kumeu is a four bedroom, two bathroom, double garage family home. This sunbathed beauty has an open plan kitchen and dining, leading onto an excellent patio, great for entertaining. Planted are low maintenance gardens, delivering intimacy and privacy.

53 Merlot Heights, Kumeu

\$589,000 NEG 4 BEDROOM PH GLYN TAYLOR 021646941

2 BATHROOM



This renovated, modern decor home has options for the family, extended family or home and income. The home has four bedrooms, study, two lounges, three decks and three car garaging. Large kitchen integrates with dining and central lounge area. The home opens to north west decking and enjoys plenty of sunshine.

41C Waimauku Station Road

\$599,000 NEG 4 BEDROOM PH GRAHAM MCINTYRE 0276324021

2 BATHROOM

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SANGRIA QUINTESSENTIAL SUMMER

Summer afternoons are made infinitely better when accompanied by a chilled spiked beverage. Sangria is probably the most quintessentially summery drink I can think of. Light, fruity, and sweet enough for a long afternoon spent chatting with friends. The best part is the wine drenched fruit. Any combination of ripe strawberries, peaches, and thinly sliced oranges, is ideal, but play around with whatever you have on hand or in the garden; it is a drink that is most comfortable being adapted or improvised. I was first inspired to make a large jug after picking up 3 punnets of perfect raspberries and ripe golden peaches. Sangria is most commonly made with red wine in Spain and Portugal but try a batch with the lighter tasting (and currently very trendy) rosé for a more refreshing drink. The more subdued colour also makes it more aesthetically pleasing allowing the fruit to bob around like jewels. I prefer to spike sangria with some extra alcohol for a more intense flavour and to combat the sweetness. Traditionally brandy was used which is fine, and something that's often on hand, but I prefer triple sec or citrus vodka. Sangria is usually perceived as a girlie drink, askmen.com even went so far as to say "if your're looking for a drink to reinforce your masculinity, well, this isn't it", but even they converted after trying some, and decided to slosh in some spiced rum in order to "man up" their drink. Serve to a large group under a broad umbrella with a heavenly breeze blowing through as it is a little too much effort (and a little too tempting) to make

1 large valencia orange

2 ripe peaches, stoned and thinly sliced

lemon juice to taste

2 cups of strawberries, hulled and guartered

1 cup of raspberries

1/4 c sugar, or more to taste

3/4 cup triple sec

1/4 cup citrus vodka (or plain)

1 bottle rosé wine

1 1/2 c ginger ale or soda water

ice, orange slices, mint to garnish

Place all fruit in a large attractive punch bowl or jug. Add triple sec, vodka and sugar, bearing in mind you can add more later to taste. Use a wooden spoon to combine, muddling the fruit around until it is almost covered by the alcohol. Leave to soak for a minimum of 1 hour.

Add the ginger ale or soda water and the wine. Stir to combine. Taste for sugar and lemon juice and add a little more if desired. Chill before serving. To make the presentation a little more fancy serve in tall glasses with ice cubes, thinly sliced oranges, mint sprigs and extra raspberries.



KUMEU RELAY FOR LIFE ON SHOW - MARCH 24 - 25

The community has been getting right in behind the upcoming Relay For Life Kumeu event to be held at the Kumeu Showgrounds March 24-25 with family teams, local businesses and community groups all signing up for a fun local event. Relay For Life is a remarkable and moving overnight team event to raise funds while all joining together to celebrate survivors. Remember loved ones lost and Fight Back against a disease that takes so much. Teams camp together over night and enjoy a variety of fun, games (tug of war, balloon races, best themed, best dressed), and quality entertainment. There are over 6000 Relay For Life events across the world every year and Kumeu is one of the newest. Young, mature, school kids, families, fit, unfit – all taking strides against cancer and making a real difference in their community. Our cousins in Franklin end up with over 70 teams so come on Kumeu – we are sitting on 25 so far - lets show them! Teams are encouraged to sign up NOW! and support this wonderful local community event. The Cancer Society have also put out a special call to cancer survivors and their supporters who lead the Relay as our special VIP's – and will then enjoy a very special afternoon tea courtesy of the fantastic team from St Chad's who will also put in a team at Relay.

Come on Kumeu, make us proud!!!! – get together with your friends, family, and colleagues and sign up – www.relayforlife.org.nz

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UPDATED GOURMETGANNET WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

We have updated our workshop schedule through till April. There have been many requests for the Sausage, Camembert, Feta and Mozzarella Workshops so we have added these through the next few months and you can book them all online at http://www.gourmetgannet.co.nz/book-into-a-worksop. There are still places left on the Japanese Grilling Workshop next Thursday evening where we will introduce things like Garlic Soy Porterhouse, Miso Corn, Fish with Avo-Wasabi Paste and more. Join us for a hands on class then enjoy dinner together with the group. Feel free to bring a wine or beer along to enjoy with dinner. We have also added a new workshop The Modern Vegetarian for those interested in adding something new and flavoursome to their veggie repertoire; Beetroot Risotto with Lemon Oil, Feta and Walnuts, Spiced Kumara Rosti with Salad, Avocado, Feta & Minted Yoghurt, Potatoes & Capsicum in spicy tomato sauce with a baked egg. We have had a few requests for a novelty cake decorating class, if there are more people interested I will run a workshop so drop me an email if you are. Here is a link to a previous workshop to give you an idea of what everyone would make at the class.

http://peasepudding.wordpress.com/2011/02/28/baby-dinosaur-cake-a-workshop/

Once the weather cools down towards June we will also introduce some chocolate truffle workshops. Hope to catch up with you some time soon. Allison - The Gourmet Gannet - Cooking Workshops - 6 Edwin Mitchelson Road, Muriwai, Auckland, phone: 021620530 www.gourmetgannet.co.nz





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FLYSTRIKE, WORMS AND THE BARBERS POLE

The flies are out! Now is the time to ensure your animals – especially sheep are monitored for signs of **flystrike**. Blowflies lay their eggs in dirty wool, footrot sores and wounds. Within just three days maggots can hatch which eat into the skin causing painful sores. If left untreated these can lead to death of the animal. Monitor your animals for any early signs such as a change in behaviour, inappetance, sores on the skin, or stomping of the feet. If you notice eggs, maggots or sores be sure to address the problem quickly! Keeping wool short can be an effective prevention at this time of year, and there are various topical sprays or powders for treatment and prevention available. It is also the time of year when young sheep and goats are succumbing to **Barbers Pole worm**. This worm can cause severe anemia, bottle jaw and death. We recommend drenching your sheep and goats (especially those under 18 months of age) with an effective wormer once monthly until June. There is a lot of resistance to the so called 'white drenches' so it is important to select the right drench. We stock effective drenches in varying amounts to make it cost effective for you. We also offer in-house **faecal testing** for large animals which is a useful way of seeing if you need to drench or if your current drench is actually working. Feel free to call us for advice or pop in! Jacqueline Hickman, BVSc, Kumeu Veterinary Services



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Along with the Topp Twins other attractions include Animals – Competition, Pet & Exotic,
Dog Sport, Farm World, Giant Pumpkins, Kumeu Band, Amusement Rides, Pony & Wagon, Shearing, Sheep
Racing, Wood Chopping, and the Young Farmer of the Year Fencing Competition.

The queue will be busy waiting to ride the new Turbo Boost . At over 40 metres high with an extreme 3.5G and speed of 120k/ph only the brave will be taking this on! The Kumeu A & H Society can be very proud of its history and the facilities it now boasts. It can also be extremely proud of the volunteers who over the past 90 years have built up such a great Show and have preserved and developed the Kumeu Show Grounds on which they hold this amazing event. The Kumeu Show 2012 will be held at the Kumeu Show grounds both days from 8.30am-5.00pm.

Adults \$15, Kids (5-13) \$5, Pre School and Parking free. For more information visit www.kumeushow.co.nz

KUMEU SMALL LAND OWNERS AT A & P SHOW



An event that should be on your "must do" list is the Kumeu A & P Show, this year celebrating its 90th year. Agricultural and Pastoral (A and P) or Agricultural and Horticultural (A and H) Shows have been a fixture on New Zealand's rural calendars for well over 100 years. In the early days they bought farmers together to show off their animals and skills creating an opportunity to share knowledge, view and purchase new products, and enter themselves, their stock, or their produce, in the various competitions. As cities have spread and information via the web has given everyone access to seemingly infinite knowledge the content and appeal of these shows has changed. I doubt if one in ten attendees at the Royal Easter Show actually understand that they are at an A & P show as they wander around looking at the new kitchens and massive flat screen TVs. But the agricultural feel is still alive and well at the regional shows and the Kumeu Show brings this

as close to the city as you can get. As the city boundaries crept into the country, farmland has been cut and diced into the now familiar lifestyle blocks. This has added a further dimension to the A & P

scene as small block holders look for new and interesting ways to use their land. While some ex-city dwellers are content to just maintain a very big lawn, there are many who embrace the idea of raising a few sheep, cattle or more exotic breeds. Most accept that it will never make you rich, but may give you a healthier life and carry you a few rungs up the self sufficiency ladder. The Kumeu Small Landowners Association was formed in 1978 and provides a valuable support group for 'townies' taking the plunge into country living. The group is very strong and brings a wide range of people together who share a common bond with block ownership. Visitors to the Kumeu Show 15 years ago might have easily missed the small KSLOA stand, tucked away with the other stalls spreading the word on the club and offering membership to interested people. This has grown year on year and now the KSLOA is proud to work with The Kumeu A and H Society to provide the Kumeu Small Landowners area. There will be a large display area, showcasing many animals popular with lifestyle owners, and members on hand to explain what the club is all about and provide membership information. The KSLOA area, well set out with plenty of shade and places to sit for a breather, is also extremely popular with the many show visitors who normally don't get anywhere near the countryside. The kids enjoy looking at the animals and might just get to pat a few if they are lucky. Come and see us – to the left of the main entrance off Access Road. This is what A and H shows are all about. Contact Glyn Taylor, Kumeu Small Land Owners on 09 412 5214.



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6 April -Good Friday service at 9.15am

8 April - Easter Day service at 9.15am

Also this Month St Chad's sees the introduction of two new initiatives within the community.

A Selwyn Centre which offers friendship, help and support for the older person, is being set up to commence on Tuesday 13 March. The centre activities will take place in the church hall from 9.30am through to noon every Tuesday and the cost of each meeting will be \$3.00 per person, to include morning tea. For further details contact Barbara Hadfield (09) 416 7298 or Hilary Houghton (09) 411 8141. There are also three Tree of Life sessions beginning on Monday mornings and Wednesday and Thursday evenings. These are Pregnancy Yoga and Healing Yoga Classes.

Pregnancy Yoga Mondays starting on 26 March at 12.15pm. Pregnancy Yoga Wednesdays Starting on 21 March at 6pm. Pregnancy Yoga Thursdays starting on 22 March at 5.30pm. Healing Yoga Thursdays starting on 22 March at 6.35pm. For further information go to www.treeoflifeyoga.co.nz or call Maree on (09) 412 5897 mobile 021 022 93012.

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SOLJANS CROATIAN 'BERBA" FESTIVAL

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