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WHAT MAKES LIFESTYLE LIVING ATTRACTIVE



With the continued success of the Kumeu A & P Show and more city folk choosing a lifestyle property experience, it is worth considering what makes lifestyle living so attractive. "Many of our lifestyle property purchasers come from the city, looking for more space for the family, and a chance to live the dream of a lifestyle experience complete with a Cow, Sheep, Goat and of course a pig", says Graham McIntyre, Principal of LJ Hooker Kumeu.

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KUMEU-HUAPAI RATEPAYERS CONCERNED

The Ratepayers Association had a very positive first meeting on the 14th March. About 45 people turned out to look at aspects of Kumeu & Huapai District that they want to see protected or enhanced. The Unitary Plan (District Plan) review is underway by the Auckland Council with consultation and (I believe they will not have time to consult with the community) with the release as a legal document in November. I believe it is important to clarify our thoughts and our views now. We propose to hold at least another four meetings to finalize areas of development; lifestyle blocks, residential and commercial. Other areas need to be studied, like future parks and transport links which have to be provided as part of a growing district. We also have to decide what we want the Kumeu Centre to look like in the future. The transition from a rural, rail based country village to a centre that serves a growing residential and lifestyle block population is obvious to all. The dairy farms have gone and recreational living with horses and other animals is more the norm in this district.

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TICKETS SELLING FAST - KUMEU HOE DOWN



Yes folks our annual Kumeu Volunteer Fire Brigade Hoedown is on Saturday 14th April at the Kumeu Showgrounds. This is a great night out for locals and out of town visitors alike. One of the large sheds is transformed for the night with sawdust on the floors and hay bales for seats. So dust off those cowboy hats and dancing boots and come to experience for some foot stomping music from one of the greatest fiddler, Marion Burns and the Southern Cross Band.

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STOCK ATTACKS BY DOGS

Kumeu Police have recently dealt with a number of incidents involving the unauthorised destruction of domestic dogs following stock attacks. Although emotions run high and decisions can be clouded following an attack, Section 57 of the Dog Control Act 1996, clearly outlines when a dog can be destroyed and in these circumstances it is only for the purposes of 'stopping' an attack on persons or animals.

Put simply, this means if a dog is caught and controlled after the attack, whether immediately after or some time after, then the attack has stopped and it can no longer be destroyed. The appropriate action if the dog is caught is for the local Dog Control Officer to be called. Don't take matters into your own hands as this could result in the risk of prosecution. As the dog belongs to someone and has monetary value, a charge of Wilful Damage under the Summary Offences Act 1981. If a firearm is used then charges under the Arms Act 1983 of Unlawful Possession as the possession is not for a lawful, proper or sufficient purpose. Remember you need to be 'stopping' the attack. Other Arms Act offences or Firearms licensing issues can be raised if people act outside of the law. Should you require further assistance or clarification of these rules call into your local Police Station and discuss with the Firearms Officer or Constabulary staff.

KUMEU FIRE TAKES ON THE SKY TOWER

The Sky Tower Challenge this year is on Saturday 19th May at Auckland Sky Tower. 14 members of our brigade have entered with 10 from the Helensville Brigade. Kumeu members taking up the challenge are; Stephen Sparnon, Dene Jonkers, Gavin Rauner, Aimee Murray, Mark Barton, Eugene Sparnon, Mike Hutchins, Karl Canham, Damian Cunliffe, Mike Boston, Josh Wright, Graham McIntyre, Alana Morgan, and Eion Killeen. The physical test involves wearing full level 2 firefighting gear and breathing apparatus totalling 25kg. With gear on and breathing apparatus charged you enter the basement of the Sky Tower and every 10 seconds fire fighters start the climb up 51 floors, (1103 stairs) to come out at the public observation deck. The other side is the fundraising for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer NZ. Last year 120 brigades were involved in the event and raised \$171,000. We hope to improve that total this year.

So when you see us training at the Kumeu Gym or plodding the stairs out at Muriwai, please give us your support by going to www.firefightersclimb.org.nz go to 2012 fundraisers group fundraising, click on Kumeu and then 'click here to sponsor'. You do the easy bit and we will do the hard bit!



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Recent sales in the area over the last two months::

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Boord Cres	2 hectares	\$ 390,000
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Matua Road	800 sqm + house	\$ 560,000
Merlot Heights	660 sqm + house	\$ 569,000
Moontide Rd	3.9 hectares + house	\$1,200,000
Old North Rd	1 hectare	\$ 500,000
Puke Road	8090sqm + house	\$1,090,000
Rheingold Plce	637sqm + house	\$ 490,000

MURIWAI

Domain Cres	809sqm + house	\$ 445,000
Domain Cres	900sqm + house	\$ 530,000
Domain Cres	1459sqm + house	\$ 525,000
Edwin Mitchelson	7271sqm + house	\$1,725,000
Motutara Rd	2162 sqm + house	\$ 630,000
Oaia Rd	2.59hectares + house	\$ 595,000

RIVERHEAD

Albert St	810sqm + house	\$ 415,000
Alice St	809sqm + house	\$ 547,500
Kaipara Portage	1011sqm + house	\$ 550,000
Princess St	809sqm + house	\$ 680,000
Princes St	810sqm + house	\$ 482,000
Sussex St	900sqm + house	\$ 630,000

WAIMAUKU

Amber Plce	1815sqm + house	\$ 745,000
Buttercup Plce	2456sqm + house	\$ 852,500
Matatea Rd	1 hectare + house	\$ 780,000
Muriwai Rd	6195sqm + house	\$ 542,000
Wintour Rd	1.5 hectares + house	\$ 980,000

“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

Westpac expects the OCR will remain on hold until December but this is why we are suggesting that fixed rates are better value: Floating rates may not rise until December, but fixed rates may rise earlier. Some might point out that it's better to float until the last minute and then fix, which sounds good in theory, but in reality it's not possible for the majority of borrowers to all beat the market.

First of all, most people don't watch the economy closely enough to anticipate the time to move. Second, a rush of people attempting to fix their loans all at once would itself send fixed rates higher – if everyone rushes for the door at once, only a lucky few will squeeze through.

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SENIOR NET AT ST CHADS IN APRIL

Our request to the National Cyber Security Centre for a speaker has resulted in Lee Chisholm from NetSafe coming to talk to us on the 4th of April. NetSafe educates the public about online safety and security. They run a contact centre where people who have online issues or want to report online crime or incidents, can receive information and advice. The ORB www.theorb.org.nz is run in conjunction with government partners and NetSafe collects information on the sorts of issues which adversely affect Kiwis online. Lee will talk with us about current scams and crimes, and how to keep safer online. This is a subject very close to home and members are urged to take advantage of this visit. Don't forget, you are welcome to bring a friend. At \$3 for a hot drink, biscuits and all the relevant computer security advice, it's a great way to learn how to protect yourself from these people.

If you have rejoined and haven't received your Membership card which you can show at Noel Leeming to get discounts on any purchase. Bring a friend with you and come along to our next meeting Wednesday 4th April at St Chads.

APRIL CLASSES: I love to Google Tuesday 3rd April 1.00-3.00 p.m. \$10.00 Tutor Jacquie 3 vacancies. Trademe Tuesday 24th April 9.30-11.30 a.m. \$10.00 Tutor Jill 3 vacancies. Genealogy Special Tuesday 24th April 1.00-3.00 p.m. \$10.00 Tutor Jacqui. 5 vacancies (A 2 hour course on free genealogy websites. Skype Wednesday 11th April 9.30-11.30 a.m. \$10.00 Tutor Kerry 5 vacancies. Word in 2003 Thursday 5th/12th/19th/26th April 9.30-11.30 Tutor Ethel \$25.00 5 vacancies. Email Thursday 5th/12th/19th/26th April 1.00-3.00 p.m. \$25.00 Tutor Kay 5 vacancies. Please email admin@senionetnorwest.net or phone Jenny on 412-7645.



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The next planning meeting will be held in May after our meeting with the Watercare Services in April. Please make the effort to attend. The Maddren Appeal is at negotiation stage. The committee and Brian Keys, Architect, are due to meet with the Hobsonville Land company to look at the development undertaken there. The house sites are extremely small, down to 187m for house and section. The noticeable absence is outdoor living space, narrow street space and limited parking. The Maddren zoning rules have been borrowed from Hobsonville, even down to the Government driven policies for high density, which is of major concern to us in Kumeu. Feedback would be welcomed.

Pete Sinton - Chairman

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The Waitakere Primary School and Waitakere Rural Fire Force Gala held on 3 March 2012 was a huge success despite the stormy weather.

A good day was had by all which included bashing a car with a hammer, fire engine rides, 6 wheel buggy rides, fire fighting demonstrations including a car fire as well as all the gala rides, cake stall, candy floss, BBQs, cafe food, white elephant, and the list goes on.

This is our second gala and a fantastic community event.

A big thank you to the Kumeu, Waitemata, Te Atatu, Laingholm and Bethells Fire Brigades, USAR and St Johns for their support. For more information contact Chief Fire Officer, Denis Cooper, on 0275626942

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THE BEST OF THE BEST



Well the Kumeu A & P Show has been and gone, another year of hopes and expectations; may be this year - well maybe next year!

Congratulations to the growers who got their pumpkins to the show without all the dramas of rotting and splitting. The winner this year was Justin Franklin (148.5 kg) Best shape and colour went to Jeremy Burnett.

It hasn't been the easiest season for growing but Eve, Jason and Alan Barton have got it right and set a new NZ record at 721 kg at RD1 Whangarei weigh in.

Check out www.giantpumpkins.co.nz for further details.

If you wish to keep some of your seeds for next year scoop them out, clean them up and store them in a dark place in an airtight container.

Cheers Fred the Fumpkin Farmer

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The opportunities it affords for families to integrate caring for animals, and planting into family life". Graham believes that families are finding the central suburbs over-valued and over developed, leading people to view lifestyle blocks as extremely good value for money and good for family life. Lifestyle absolutely took off in 2003 as a result of over inflated inner city housing prices when lifestyle was still slow. The demand created through this period is about to be rekindled but with an emphasis on smaller more manageable blocks of land that deliver privacy not dependency. For more information phone Graham on 09 412 9602

WEST COAST RIDERS CLUB UPDATE

So what have we been up to at the Riverhead bike park I hear you say. Well we have installed new trail signs (2.4 x 1.2) inside of each gate (donated free to the club by "Broderick Signs" – thank you Jonny Broderick) so you can find your way around which is always good combined with new trail marker signs which indicate the beginning of each trail. We have also created a further 1 km of new trail which links one side of the park to the other. The new trail cuts across the top of the forest through to the Pinetone Road side of the bike park which is stage one of what will be a 12km loop around the park once the bottom section is linked and completed. This is the first of many trails that are planned for the Pinetone side of the park. Very special thanks to Andy from the "The Landscaping Company" in Huapai for lending us his digger for two very long day's but was made so much easier with the use of Andy's digger. The new link track which is aptly named "Heavy Metal" due to the herculean sized roading metal we encountered while clearing the track. So what's next on the plan for the bike park over the next couple of months?

- 2 new linking trails from Pinetone Road side of the park to the current trail network
- Car parking area's
- Linking Bridges for new tracks
- Ongoing maintenance of the current trial network

Once again the park is built by keen volunteers and donations of materials so if any local business would like to partner up with the WCRC Club and assist us with diggers, timber, weed spray, roading metal etc to enable us to progress the vision of a mountain bike park in Riverhead that is second to none and free-to-ride for all (both young and not so young), please do not hesitate to contact Ryan at Freeride'n' on 412 5280 or Ryan@Freeriden.co.nz.

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This is a nature lovers hide away. A glade which is sheltered, northfacing with alfresco out to extensive decking. Predominantly brick with a tile roof and has a layout that will suit someone looking for a self sufficient lifestyle, away from it all..A sophisticated self sufficiency system operating solar and wind with back-up generator, woodburner and gas. 917 Peak Road, Waimauku

BY NEGOTIATION 4 BEDROOM
PH GRAHAM MCINTYRE 0276320421

2 BATHROOM



This beautiful and large north facing home is perfect for the extended family! There are large entertaining decks and well kept gardens. The two level home has four bedrooms downstairs, two bathrooms, plus an en suite, and one bedroom upstairs with a toilet and kitchenette. plenty of parking with a double garage with internal access and a huge double carport. 6 Vintners Close, Huapai

\$629,000 NEG 5 BEDROOM
PH GRAHAM MCINTYRE 0276320421

2 BATHROOM



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

BY NEGOTIATION 4 BEDROOM
PH GRAHAM MCINTYRE 0276320421

2 BATHROOM



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
PH GRAHAM MCINTYRE 0276320421

2 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 , three bathroom homestead, sheds and stables plus the added benefit of a minor dwelling with its own entrance. This home with income and pasture, offers a balanced lifestyle to someone searching for that special rural hideaway 12 Long Road

\$959,000 8 BEDROOM
PH GRAHAM MCINTYRE 0276320421

4 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-metalled 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

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Princes Street, Riverhead. Lot 1.

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Princes Street, Riverhead

BY NEGOTIATION LAND ONLY SERVICES AT GATE
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
PH DENISE GLOZIER 0272549999

2 BATHROOM



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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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 4 BATHROOM
PH GRAHAM MCINTYRE 0276320421



Completed in 2010 it features open plan lounge, dining and family room with a huge entertainers kitchen and scullery/utility room. Plenty of room for family and guests with four double bedrooms, master with ensuite, plus study and double garage with internal entry. Situated on an elevated 1500sqm site at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac with beautiful semi rural valley views and bordering farmland. 19 Gavinike Place, Waimauku

BY NEGOTIATION 4 BEDROOM 1 BATHROOM
PH GLYN TAYLOR 021646941



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 2 BATHROOM
PH GRAHAM MCINTYRE 0276320421



Offering a generous 847m section, with a fully fenced rear yard, perfect for the kids or the pets to play. The home features a new kitchen, new carpets and new timber veneer floors. This home has a large entertainers lounge which steps onto easterly decking. Don't miss out on this wonderful family home situated in the heart of Kumeu! 26 Weza Lane, Kumeu

BY NEGOTIATION 4 BEDROOM 2 BATHROOM
PH GLYN TAYLOR 021646941



This renovated, modern decor home has options for the family, extended family or home with an 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

\$587,000 NEG 4 BEDROOM 2 BATHROOM
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Ingredients

225g unsalted butter 1 1/4 cup granulated sugar
 2 eggs 1/2 cup good quality dark cocoa powder (if buying supermarket brands, I prefer Nestle)
 2 1/4 cups all purpose flour 1/4 tsp salt
 1 tsp baking powder 2 blocks of dark chocolate (I prefer Cadbury)

Directions

- Preheat oven to 160 fan bake
- Cream together butter and sugar until well blended and fluffy. Add eggs and beat until well incorporated, then beat in cocoa powder.
- Mix in flour, salt and baking powder until just combined. Gently fold in remaining ingredients.
- Transfer dough to clean work surface and gently mix dough by hand to ensure even distribution of ingredients.
- Roll into balls and place on tray lined with baking paper. I use a small ice-cream scoop to measure equal amounts.
- Use the back of a fork to slightly flatten dough balls.
- Bake in preheated oven 16-20 minutes depending on how gooey you prefer the middles (I bake mine for only 16mins as I like them really gooey).

Let cool on a rack and then store in an airtight container.

My children love biting into these when they're fresh from the oven. There's nothing quite like warm melted chocolate!



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WAIMAUKU VILLAGE GALA - SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH

Would you believe that Waimauku Village will be 4 years old on Saturday, April 14th? So it's time for another birthday party. This free family event has been a real favorite in the past for locals and visitors and raises funds for the Waimauku Lions. This year we've got a rock climbing wall, free Zumba lessons and live music. Once again we've got market stalls, face painting, pony rides, animals to pet, lots of special offers in the stores and heaps more.

The day kicks off at 9am and finishes at 4pm. Come and enjoy the atmosphere on Saturday 14th April where everyone can have a great time in our safe and friendly village.

TO GIFT OR NOT TO GIFT - THIS IS YOUR DECISION

Gift duty is no longer payable for annual gifts to your trust in excess of \$27,000 after 1 October 2011. This means you may forgive all of the remaining debt between you and your trust without paying any gift duty. This is commonly called "super gifting" and provides some general comments in relation to gifting where you live in a trust owned house.

The main effect and implications of super gifting are as follows:

For super gifting

- You save money - because you only super gift once (although there is the potential need for further gifting in relation to future applications of funds by you to the trust).
- Accelerated protecting of your assets against creditors - your trust's assets increase to the extent of the super gift (and your personal assets decrease accordingly) although other statutes may provide for a reversal of any gifting made to defeat your then creditors.
- You no longer need to sign and file an IRD Gift Statement.

Against super gifting

- You may lose your income from interest and the right to demand repayment of debt which may be relevant if:
- You have, for example, sold a farm or a business to the trust and rely on the income stream or debt repayment for your retirement years; and
- You are no longer a controlling trustee (say where your children for instance are the controlling trustees).
- Your gift deed should reflect, for super gifting purposes, either:
 - The deed of acknowledgement of debt which records amount of money you have already advanced to your trust (less any gifting after that date); or
 - The debt in your trust balance sheet for the last financial year (which takes into account any adjustments such as the extent to which your trust has repaid money to you).

For more details please phone Luke directly on 09 412 6000

Do you need to get a message out ?

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Under such tragic circumstances, it just doesn't seem enough to say thank you, but my heartfelt thanks and gratitude goes out to the Orewa, Henderson and Kumeu Police, Kumeu Fire Brigade, Paramedics and Waimauku Community.

Lara Francis (Harrison's Mum)
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BE PREPARED FOR THE UNEXPECTED

We always hope our animals will lead a healthy and accident free life, but unfortunately this is not always the case. Animals get sick and accidents happen. The key is being prepared. Putting money aside on a regular basis – a bit like a college fund for your child – can be a great way of preparing for the unexpected. This way, when your pet becomes sick you can make decisions based on what's in the animals' best interests rather than how far you can stretch this month's pay check. Another option to help with vet bills and allow specialist treatment is to take out pet insurance. There are a few companies offering it now for dogs, cats and horses so you can shop around for the best cover. Lifetime cover gives the best protection. This means that if your pet is diagnosed with a disease such as diabetes or arthritis, the insurance will pay for the condition for your pets' lifetime or up to a certain amount. For more details contact Jacqui Hickman on 412 9016

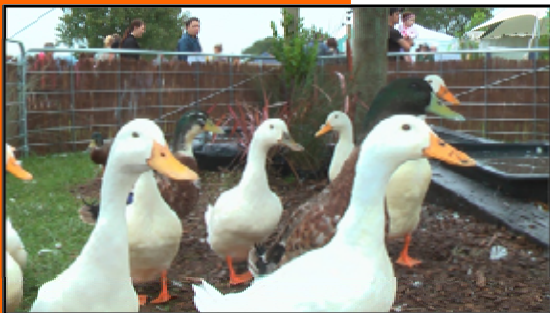
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A spit roast supper is included in the ticket price, with a cash bar onsite. So round up some friends and book the 14th April. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased from Kumeu Cellars in the Kumeu Shops. Don't be disappointed - get your tickets now and make a night of it. See ya all there !

PLAYSCHOOL OPENS JEMIMA ROOM FOR YEARS 2 - 3

Playschool Early Education Centre, conveniently located on 7 Wookey Lane, just off the main road in Kumeu, is proud to announce the opening of the 'Jemima' room, an aesthetically designed room for 2-3 year olds. "We believe this age group is unique, no longer babies but not quite independent preschoolers" say the teaching team. The room is set up to support 2 year olds emerging self-help skills and developing autonomy with a wide variety of play experiences, as well as a separate sleep room. The needs of 'Big Teds' 3+ year olds are focused learning activities linked to children's interests as well as teacher led literacy and numeracy times integrated throughout the day. Big Teds offer 3 programmes; morning or afternoon FREE kindy sessions, school days(only \$10/day) and full days from 7am-6pm (\$24/day). With a great local reputation see the Localist for parent referrals or visit www.playschool.co.nz. Pop in and see the centre for yourself. All enrolments receive 20% discount for 2 months.

KUMEU SMALL LAND OWNERS AT A & P SHOW



The Kumeu Show is not only one of the biggest annual events for the local community, it is also THE biggest single event on the calendar for the Kumeu Small Landowners. We now work very closely with the Kumeu A and H Society to provide a farm experience area, giving members of the public the chance to get close to a variety of 'lifestyle' animals and talk to members about their experiences on lifestyle blocks. The area to the left of the main gate becomes a mass of marquees and yards to provide a safe and shaded environment for our diverse menagerie. As a volunteer, non profit group, setting up for the show is a huge exercise involving many hours of work and support from a number of local businesses. I was asked after the show ... "why do we do it" and "how do we measure our success". The show is treated as our annual membership drive, but the real measure of success is seeing the smiles on children's and adults faces as they hand feed ducks or pat a piglet or a goat. Engaging with members of the public provides many

memorable moments. One of the first visitors to the site was a young couple with their two daughters. When I commented to the Dad that they were off to an early start he just looked at the girls and smiled. He said to them the Kumeu Show was a higher priority than Christmas, we watched as they scurried from the hens, to the donkeys, to the pigs ... their smiles growing with each step. It also makes you realise that something might be lacking in the education system when you overhear a child asking "Is that a pony or a cow?" or a mother telling her daughter that you must have a duck and a goose to get ducklings! We were also extremely proud of our members who competed in many of the indoor and animal competitions bringing back first place laurels for anything ranging from spring onions to highland cattle. The alpaca ring was extremely competitive with KSLOA entries bringing home more than 20 ribbons including reserve champion. Surely a testament to the wealth of knowledge and experience that exists within the club. For more information about the club or to join, please contact Glyn Taylor on 412 5214 or email Kumeu@vodafone.co.nz



WELCOME TO ALL RACQUETEURS

Kumeu Squash Club are known for running tournaments that are well organized and for their exclusive country hospitality. The next tournament is the "B grade wine and food tournament" from 11 - 14 April, which is open to all squash players from around New Zealand. Entries close 6 April (Good Friday). The club runs three tournaments a year and often gets 80-90 entries each time. Players of all abilities are welcome to enter, but need to be affiliated members of a squash club. Kumeu is known for it's prize-giving hospitality, where family members join with competitors to enjoy a meal and drinks. If locals wished to view some of the games they would be most welcome to attend any of the matches mid week from 6pm. Finals of each division will be around 3pm on Saturday. Entries can be made to 021 02204548 or email clubcaptain.squash@kumeuracquetsclub.org. Tournament fees are (adults) \$40 and \$20(juniors) . This includes the family meal at prize-giving.

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NEW PARAKAI SPRINGS SWIM SCHOOL

The Parakai Springs Aquababyz classes started in 2006 with two lessons, two days a week. The first class was designed for babies with parents in the water, and the second class was for preschoolers. In 2008, Marina Jones took over the classes and found a demand for more lessons increasing the days and hours of the classes. With the increase came a need for another permanent team member to join Marina. Nikki Roud started in 2009 and with thirty years experience between the two of them, have created a hugely popular and successful Aquababyz programme for the community.

Now we have the opportunity to introduce the "Parakai Springs Swim School". Incorporating the already existing 'Aquababyz', our preschoolers will now be 'Aquatotz', and our school age children will become 'Aquakids'.

Nikki and Marina explain "There are so many benefits! We teach in shallow and deep water, we have years of experience teaching and because of the temperature of the water, we can teach year round. Our emphasis right from the start is all about water confidence, once children are happy to be in the water they learn so much faster. We've decided to start with an Intensive Holiday Programme in the second week of the holidays. There are a lot of changes going on down here at Parakai Springs and the team are excited to be part of it all. We'll teach ANYBODY who wants to learn or update their swimming skills, you'd be surprised who walks in the door here and asks for lessons!"

PARAKAI SPRINGS SWIM SCHOOL

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NECK PAIN - HEADACHE - SLEEP DISTURBANCE ?

The importance of your pillow is often overlooked. We spend 1/3 of our lives in bed and the position in which our necks are supported by our pillow can determine the nature of that sleep.

As a manipulative physiotherapist I see many people suffering from neck pain/stiffness aggravated by sleep position and poor pillow support. Common faults are:

1. Pillow too high - The pillow should support the neck and maintain the natural curve if lying on your back or maintain a neutral neck if lying on your side.
2. Pillow too low - This can be equally aggravating as the joints and tissues are placed under stress.
3. Recoil in the pillow - Some foam and rubber chip pillows have a recoil factor which causes the neck to maintain muscle activity through the night causing pain.

It is a matter of finding a pillow that is comfortable and supportive for your neck. You may need to trial several.

Test your pillow:

1. Do you wake with neck discomfort?
2. Is your sleep interrupted with neck discomfort?
3. Lie on your back and ask someone to observe your head and neck position. Your head should not be sitting forward of your chest.
4. When lying on your side the gap between the mattress and your ear should be filled and your neck should be in alignment with your spine.

If you answered "yes" to Question 1 or 2, and "no" to Question 3 or 4, there is a good chance that you may need to change your pillow. If you are unable to find a comfortable pillow, the fault may be in your neck. We are able to assess and advise you on your neck and pillow requirements. We have a great adjustable memory foam pillow that suits most people available to purchase. Call and make an appointment to discuss your requirements. Kumeu physiotherapy, 325 State Highway, Huapai. 4129063 www.kumeuphysio.co.nz





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