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MEMBERSHIP DEFINITELY HAS ITS REWARDS



A number of fire brigades within our area are suffering from a drought of volunteers. Deputy Chief Phelan Pirrie of Muriwai Fire and Deputy Chief Graham McIntyre from Waitakere Fire made comment that they are about to embark on a recruitment drive to lift numbers. Highlighting the modern families struggle with work, time and sport commitments volunteer groups are having to reinvent themselves to the communities they serve and engage with potential members that can make a long term commitment.

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BRUISING CEMETERY BATTLE ALL SET

The Cemetery problem simply will not go away. Earlier this month Selwyn Houghton of Muriwai, having been involved in the Kumeu Cemetery as Chairman of administrating Parish, pointed out that there is only 100 burial plots left. The Kumeu Cemetery is owned by the General Trust Board of the Auckland Anglican Diocese. That ownership shouldn't debar provision being made to enlarge the Cemetery for the future. A Council owned multi denomination Cemetery adjacent to the existing site is what is needed. The Rodney District before their demise promoted the ill fated 'new Cemetery site' in Old Railway Road. That scheme change was abandoned and the land transferred into the new Auckland Council. The Association has been a strong advocate to ensuring an expanded community Cemetery was established adjacent to the Kumeu Cemetery. In October last year the Association was approached by John Garelja to help them buy Council land in Old Railway Road. At the same time David Savery on behalf of the Association approached the Casey family to see if they would sell their land. An agreement to sell the land was signed by the Casey's to sell to the Council.

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RIVERHEAD RATEPAYERS EXCITED



Riverhead Residents and Ratepayers have always been a progressive and well organised community organisation and tends to be the baton holder and barometer of wellbeing for the area. In latest discussions the temporary skateboard half pipe will be behind the courts club near the rugby fields. An upgrade of Edward Street towards the end of the year continues to add value in the area. Plans are afoot to add accommodation to The Riverhead which would be a great asset to the greater community which has suffered a lack of quality overnight lodging.

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WHAT'S NEW AT KUMEU FIRE BRIGADE

Well, you have all seen the Drill Tech teams around digging up the footpaths and verges. Now it is all reinstated one thing you will notice is the yellow painted triangles on the road and the blue cat eyes.

This is great news for us in the Fire Brigade as we will have reticulated water in the area and this means we can use the hydrants for a reliable water source. The system is to be up and running by the end of 2013. So until then we will still use water for incidents from creeks, ponds, tanks or water tankers.

You will soon see us in our new appliance which will be replacing the appliance in the left hand side bay of our station. Appliance number 867 is a 2005 Iveco, this is for fire fighting and motor vehicle rescues. The new appliance is the same make, newer model and fire service paint scheme and will fulfill the same tasks as previous. Before the end of the year the NZ Fire Service will be replacing our appliance in the right hand side of the station, 861. This is an older Mitsubishi which will be replaced with a newer model Iveco also. We have just had a new kitchen fitted at the station, assisted by funding from Pub Charity, Lion Foundation, The Lions Clubs of Waimauku and Kumeu and The Rotary Club of Kumeu, along with a huge amount of time and effort from our tradesmen within our brigade. The result is a fantastic kitchen ready for any occasion. We hope to see you at the next public event and be able to show off our new appliances.

PLUG-INS THAT COULD SPARK UP

It may come as no surprise to you that a good number of house fires are caused by electrical faults including, overloading, perished wiring, overheating and vermin eating wiring insulation. One area that gets very little attention is the range of plug in devices including night lights, air fresheners and mosquito pads that are all popular consumer products. Unfortunately these products often become a plug in and forget product which is not the intended lifecycle of most products and if left plugged in, and left on, can become superheated and combustible. If you are running plug ins within your home or business please read the products directions carefully, monitor regularly and if you are not using the product unplug it and store in a dry place or safely discard the product. Another point is overloaded multi-plugs can become a hazard when using high watt devices like oil-fin heaters where the wattage overheats the wiring and connectors and creates smoldering then combustion. Lastly be careful of replacing florescent tubes which are all rated for the igniters and fittings. Recently we have had a number of serious melt-downs of the igniters and fittings due to replacing tubes that are thin-line and require more amperage to start the igniter. Over time this creates smoldering and combustion. Stay safe and be vigilant. Graham McIntyre Deputy Chief Fire Officer Waitakere Volunteer Fire.



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Matua Rd	800sqm + House	\$565,000
Merlot Hts	600sqm + House	\$560,000
Pomona Rd	3ha + House	\$1,333,000
Riverhead Rd	1ha + House	\$680,000
Tapu Rd	1000sqm + House	\$655,000
Tawa Rd	1ha + House	\$1,030,000

RIVERHEAD

Robinson Rd	4.1ha + House	\$1,040,000
George St	1553sqm + House	\$440,000
School Rd	3600sqm + House	\$775,000

WAIMAUKU

Cable Rd	3200sqm + House	\$490,000
Freshfields Rd	1500sqm + House	\$675,000
Gavinike Pl	1500sqm + House	\$562,000
Muriwai Rd	4.1 ha + House	\$550,000
Sarah Todd Lne	1500sqm + House	\$797,500
State Highway 16	not disclosed	\$8,000,000
State Highway 16	4.3ha + House	\$1,100,000

MURIWAI

Domain Cres	832sqm + House	\$385,000
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MONEY MATTERS

Most lenders have increased some of their fixed rates over the past week confirming a long held opinion that interest rates have "bottomed-out". Commentators agree that only a complete meltdown in Europe will see the OCR decrease from its present levels. The NZ Herald reports that Banks have been under huge pressure responding to customers wanting to fix their loans and that most customers are taking this opportunity to shop around as banks are still discounting their publicly quoted rates to win more market share. TIP – Don't ever accept their first offer! Call me for a no obligation chat about your individual lending requirements.

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The Depression advertisements fronted by John Kirwan have aimed to create awareness about depression and encourage those suffering from it to seek help. One in six New Zealanders will experience depression at some point in their lives, and it may be even more prevalent due to the economic climate. Depression is an illness which can affect your whole life as well as your mood. You may feel overly emotional, stressed, experience trouble sleeping and getting out of bed in the morning. You may have trouble performing normal daily activities, have relationship problems and trouble at work. All this in addition to feeling low in mood may be a sign that it is time to seek help. Your family doctor is not only a great source of information but also support and can provide access to funded 1 on 1 cognitive behavioural therapy, used in the treatment of depression. For more information about seeking help you can visit these websites www.depression.org.nz and www.thelowdown.co.nz or contact Waimauku Doctors. Phone 09 411 8094.

BRIDAL WALKING PATH WILL ADD VALUE TO KUMEU

Local resident, Carroll du Chateau, is convinced that providing walking and riding tracks connecting rural Kumeu/Huapai with our cafes, vineyards and the village itself will transform our lifestyle – and improve the desirability of the area. "I talked to Mayor Len Brown about it when he came out last month for his Mayor in The Chair session," she says, and he agreed it was a great idea". Mayor Brown and his council want Kumeu/Huapai to be one of the "playgrounds" of Auckland: A place where people can relax, enjoy the green fields and stroll through the orchards and vineyards, much as they do in Britain and France. But, while locals agree that this is already an idyllic place to live, once you step out of your front gate, you take your life in your hands. People are greeted by open roads with no footpaths and cars and trucks travelling at 80kph plus. It is actually dangerous to ride even a quiet horse down Waitakere or Access roads. While the grand plan is to thread the local countryside with walking and bridle paths, that will act as a magnet for visitors, walkers, ponies and "keep fit" fanatics, we have to start somewhere. Altogether the proposed loop will provide a 45 minute walk. The path will be built from low-cost, crushed and impacted rock, topped with bark and woodchip suitable for ponies, people, baby buggies and children's bicycles. A map and proposed costs will be outlined in the next issue of Kumeu Courier. Keep watching this space.



Pete Sinton
Chairman
Kumeu Huapai Residents and
Ratepayers Association
Ph 09 412 2016

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Both agreements were presented to the Rodney Board in October 2011 and still stand today, but the Auckland Council are still considering these options some 10 months later. The review of the Council Cemeteries' across the Auckland region doesn't take that long to do. The Council bureaucracy will strangle any community lead initiative, that is if we let it. My late Father George had a delightful saying, 'that bureaucrats, if you let them would be late for their own funerals!' Seems to fit! Turning to the other hot issue of the Worrall Road clean fill site, the Association has agreed to have a separate account to administer funds collected from those opposed to the proposal. The Association accounts are audited so if the public want to subscribe the account number is ANZ 115200 0032 771 11. Also ensure that advice is sent to my email or office address so that the contributions can match the donors.

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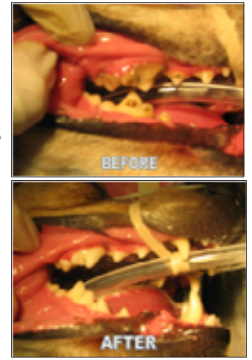


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For most of us, caring for our teeth and gums has been a part of our daily routine for as long as we can remember. What many of us don't realise is that we should be doing the same for our pets. Once your pet displays the warning signs like bad breath, change in chewing or eating habits or abnormal drooling, serious dental disease may already be present. Not only are dental infections painful but they lead to tooth loss and a taxed immune system. What can you do? Firstly, get your pet's teeth checked by a professional. You could start oral care at home – brushing the teeth or using specially formulated foods that help reduce tartar accumulation. If your pet has advanced dental disease the teeth can be cleaned and polished – see the before and after pictures below. Don't wait for the signs to appear – book a free dental check with us today. For more information contact Kumeu vets on 09 412 9016



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On Thursday 9th August join Michael Van de Elzen (Ex Molten / TVNZ Food Truck) at Hallertau Brewery for a 6 course, beer and wine matched degustation meal. Beer mad boutique brewer Steve Plowman will select the brews from his own Hallertau range. He'll be going head to head with local winemaker Corey Hall whose selection will be drawn from his Harwood Hall & Gem Wine labels. Diners get to vote on which beverage matches best with each course. Corey Hall is the defending champion from their 2010 encounter. Competition will be fierce and fun. This will be a celebration of New Zealand's finest food, craft beer & wine. Hallertau Brewbar & Restaurant. For more information see our web site www.hallertau.co.nz and diary Fri August 9 at 7pm, Tickets \$120 from www.eventfinder.co.nz.

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"There's a 6 to 12 month commitment to train to become a Fire Fighter plus some weekend and Monday night training. Fire Brigades provide a vital fire and emergency service to the community, and without volunteers the emergency response could be compromised, "we aim to get the truck out the door within four minutes, but if we cannot get a crew together the nearest 24 hour paid staff crew is Henderson. Fortunately the brigade seldom fail to respond, but going into summer there is concern that there will not be enough trained volunteers for the busy fire season. Some of the benefits of being a volunteer Fire Fighter include gaining practical skills, you will earn recognised training qualifications, plus there's the sense of pride that comes from helping the community. "We all get involved for different reasons but we all stay in it for the same reason" says Graham " It is for your son, your daughter, your partner, uncle, neighbour and your friends. It is because it makes you a better person, and allows you to help the people that you love and cherish. Because someday you will save a life".

For more information visit:

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1 BATHROOM

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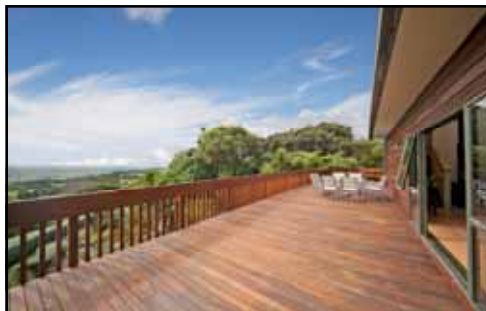
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3 BEDROOM

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4 BATHROOM

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This character filled 3 bedroom plus one bedroom studio home sits on a private 3 acres of gentle contoured land. There are a multiple number of out buildings including a large 9x18m barn with extra living accommodation. This unique property offers endless opportunity. 5 Karaka Road, Whenuapai

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Aston Park

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Located on the western boundary of the Riverhead Township bordering the Rangitopuni River, this development includes a selection of 21 lots offering a range of gentle contoured residential properties with tidal water views, open space and an embracing community. Welcome to Aston Park, naturally overlooking the harbour. Riverhead is a historical village located a short drive from the end of the North-Western motorway some 20kms from central Auckland, approximately 15kms from the new Albany City. Riverhead has been identified as a key growth area in the Auckland North-West region.



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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Kumeu Gym is moving to a new premises, and are taking over the old Kumeu Indoor Sports Centre.

Kumeu Rotary is a volunteer organization of business people that meet every Tuesday at 6.30pm at The Riverhead. New members are welcome. For more information please email les.barber@xtra.co.nz

VETPRO - SPORTPRO has moved to 3 Loft Place, Off Wookey Lane, Kumeu. The move highlights the growth achieved in the companies supply of vet and sports products.

Community alert!

Someone has stolen my fairly new Husquavarna chainsaw and my Ryobi welder from Pomona road... can you please find the rat bags! Contact Kumeu Police on 09 412 7756

Riverhead Yoga Beginners/Intermediate Term 3 Six week course, Starts Tuesday 31st July, Cost \$90 6.30pm-7.30pm Limited spaces. For more info contact Fern: (09) 948 2720 021 202 7059 riverheadyoga@gmail.com

Diane Tate, Breathless Beauty, previously of Ashley Rose has relocated to new premises and can be contacted on phone 09 832 9408.

Riverhead Residents and Ratepayers AGM at the Riverhead Hall, 7.30pm on August 15, 2012

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ENJOYING WINTER AT NATURES EXPLORERS



At Nature's Explorers we value spontaneous play, and allowing children to choose and work with a variety of resources as they wish. Recently we had a torrential down pour of rain at kindy. Once it finally stopped, the children ventured outside in their gumboots and warm jumpers. They were off to explore their outdoor environment, discovering lots and lots of exciting puddles. Two of our boys found a huge puddle by the sand pit. Using their wonderful imaginations, they told their teacher excitedly, *"it is a big river"*, then asked *"can we get the boats out."* Small boats were quickly sourced from the shed for the boys. This proved to be an excellent idea! Eventually provoking all the children to join in and have a go with the boats in the puddles. This play promotes conversations and social interactions. In the next down pour the children re visited this play and requested the boats yet again. For more information contact Natures Explorers on 09 412 8800

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There has been much discussion and many signatures forwarded to the Hobsonville Point Secondary School Board for consideration on Riverheads inclusion in the zoning for the school. If successful this will be a significant asset to the Riverhead Community. Watercare continue to have discussions with ratepayers in the area and the advice is to review the comments made on the Riverhead Facebook site for updates. The AGM for Riverhead Residents and Ratepayers is 7.30 pm on Wednesday August 15, 2012 at the Riverhead Hall. All welcome. For more information please contact the Secretary Pat Pothan on 09 412 5696

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"Who knows what treasure is?" The kids thought of shiny things, fragile things and things that are precious or loved. One had dressed as treasure, in a golden polka-dot anorak. One had planned to be a pirate, but the easterly gale was a bit extreme for full costume. MEACT aims to support all aspects of the Muriwai environment. Our latest KidsClub event, on a blustery July Sunday, was billed as a beach treasure hunt. It had the wider focus of appreciating the taonga of our place. We discussed what is out there to treasure –the fish, the Maui dolphins, the wild ocean. Then scampered down the track to Maukatia (Maori Bay) to an extreme beach dig – finding soggy (but biodegradable) lorax tokens in the sand, with fingers and sticks (the non biodegradable spade broke) and getting all kids gloriously sandy and wet. As parents we were sobered by the infinite plastic granules sprinkled in our beach treasure chest – but reassured that we can make a difference at next weekend's Beach Clean Up. The kids were wet and sandy, hopefully a memory in their treasure chest that will encourage them to respect this wilderness where we make our home. For more information about MEACT (Muriwai Environmental Action Community Trust) please visit www.muriwai-environment.org

LIGHTS, CAMERAS, ACTION - DOORS OPEN AUGUST 1

After a winter hiatus during the month of July, The Tasting Shed will be reopening its doors from August the 1st for its second year. Having made the Metro Top 50 Restaurants list after being open for only 8 months, The Tasting Shed is back with more award-winning food and service. "You'll be seeing a brand new menu delivered with the same tried and true passion for high-end service and an international wine list that showcases our unique approach to food, delivering fresh seasonal produce by our award-winning chef Sara Simpson," says General Manager Jo Raj. "The whole team will be back refreshed and ready to tackle another great year at one of Auckland's most unique dining destinations." Contact The Tasting Shed on phone 09 412 6454



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LOADED CHOCOLATE SLICE

This slice is super easy to make, it doesn't require baking and measurements don't have to be too precise either! Great for kids to have fun with. I'm calling it the 'loaded' slice because basically it can be loaded with anything and it'll work. Many of the suggested ingredients can be substituted; raisins, marsh-mallows, cherries, cranberries, dates, crystallised ginger, pumpkin seeds, peanuts to name a few would all taste great.

Ingredients

100g dark chocolate
100ml condensed milk
3/4 cup diced prunes
1/2 cup toasted almonds or other toasted nuts

100g butter
250g digestive biscuits
1/4 cup diced apricots
1/3 cup white or dark chocolate bits

Method

Melt together chocolate, butter and condensed milk (in microwave or saucepan on the stove). Set aside to cool a little. Lightly crush biscuits in plastic bag, leaving a few bigger pieces and add to the cooled mix along with remaining ingredients. Press into a baking paper lined square tin (about 20-23cm). Chill for a few hours until firm then cut into squares as little or as BIG as you prefer. Store in a box in the fridge. Enjoy!

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CHOCOLATE ECLAIRS AND VANILLA CUSTARD PUFFS ?

For those of you who fancy a reprieve from the wet weather, come and join us this Thursday for the Choux Pastry class, making Italian Sfinci and Eclairs. There are still a few places left and it's a great way to indulge on these gloomy nights. Choux Pastry - Italian Sfinci with Ricotta and Glacé Orange & Chocolate Eclairs At this workshop we will demonstrate how and then you will make your own batch of choux pastry, turning it into delicious Chocolate Eclairs and Vanilla Custard Puffs. The Gourmet Gannet will be taking break at the end of Aug but we have some great workshops to prepare you for your BBQ season starting end of September with Japanese Grilling, Mexican Style Grilling and Summer Seafood BBQs. We are also running a few more of our ever popular Halloumi and Camembert workshops as well as Sausage Making workshops. You can find all the workshop details, schedule and online booking on our website at <https://sites.google.com/a/gourmetgannet.co.nz/cookingworkshops/book-into-a-workshop> For those looking for an easy fish pie recipe on these winter nights here's one of my recipes that's appearing on Stuff.co.nz Life & Style this week <http://www.stuff.co.nz/life-style/food-wine/recipes/7330218/Recipe-Fishermans-pie>. Allison phone: 021620530 www.gourmetgannet.co.nz

KUMEU ARTS CENTRES

Kumeu Arts Centre will be holding a 'Members on Show' Exhibition from Monday the 30th July to Saturday the 30th August. Exhibition will feature work from our fantastic painting tutor here at the Arts Centre, **Amber Emm** who teaches painting in all media; watercolour, oil and acrylic, alongside work from approximately twenty of her students. Also coming soon are a **Clay Workshops** 'Beginners and Beyond' Clay classes for different skill levels and techniques at Kumeu Arts Centre. Selected Saturdays 9.30 -12.30 from August to October. Pots, slab, sculpture and kick wheel work. \$10 per session or \$50 for all six sessions, materials included. Classes run on August 11th and 25th, September 22nd & 29th and October 6th and 13th. Phone 412-9480 or email thetinsed@clear.net.nz for bookings and more information.



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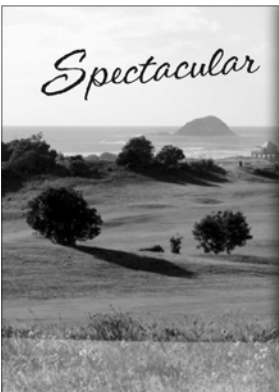
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We are constantly searching for venues of interest to club members. Field days such as these provide members with ideas, motivation and inspiration. For more information on the club or how to join, please contact Glyn Taylor (President) on 412 5214 email glyn.taylor@ihug.co.nz or visit the website www.ksloa.org.nz

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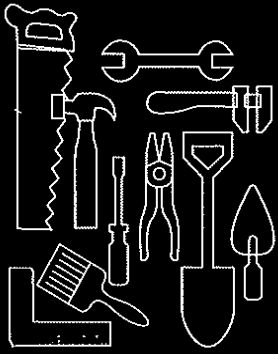


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