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Introduction

Welcome to the September issue of **theMillwatermag** – because you responded so favourably to the first issue, we have made this one even bigger and better. The expanded portfolio of articles now covers local contributions on gardening, hairdressing, Rotary service clubs, dieting for pets, finance and much more.

As Editor, I have had the opportunity and pleasure to meet local businesses and this issue also features an interview with one of the smaller home developers, Nikau Projects Limited. Recently, with the magazine owners, I enjoyed meeting and sharing a glass of wine with many of the contributors and advertisers in the August issue. In the October issue, there will be something different, including a profile on a special, local Millwater resident – but more of that in the next issue.

Following the interest shown in **theMillwatermag** by people from outside the area, who are planning to move to Millwater, we have decided to produce also a PDF edition of the magazine. If you have friends or relatives who are interested in moving to Millwater, please ask them to email the Editor in order to receive a copy.

Our success will improve further if we receive input from you, the reader, so please write to us with suggestions on subjects you would like to see covered in future issues. Better still; why not write an article on your favourite hobby or even a short story. We will welcome and will publish your letters in our planned letters page.

The editorial team all live in this great community of Millwater and will continue to focus on matters of interest and importance to you. It is said that, within each one of us, there is a book that is just waiting to come out. Whilst we do not have space to print your nascent book, we do have space for a short story, poem, recipe or home improvement tip.

Articles, preferably in MS Word, will be considered for free publication and should reach the Editor by the 15th of each month. Photographs should be of a sufficiently high resolution for publication (one megapixel or more, please). If you would like to place an advertisement, artwork and bookings must be with us at themillwatermag@gmail.com by the same date.

You can also call Grayson or Sarah on 021 665 423 or 0274 440 044.

Happy reading!

Brian Mullan
Editor
September 2014



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If you are looking locally for an exclusively men-only, proper barbershop that offers a drop-in, no-appointment service, then The Man Cave at 29D Silverdale Street in Old Silverdale is the place for you. The Oxford English Dictionary defines the word barber as “a person who cuts and dresses men’s hair and shaves or trims beards”. All of the staff in The Man Cave are qualified barbers who, in the true OED sense, offer barbering and men’s grooming in premises that have car parks right outside the door.



Owner Jo Olsen has been a hair stylist and qualified barber for around 30 years, including 10 years at Platinum Hair in Manly Village. She also owns Alternatives, next door to The Man Cave, which offers styling for both women and men but she recognised that many men prefer a male-only hair salon. She and husband Dean opened The Man Cave about six months ago, after careful planning that has resulted in a space that offers comfortable, designer barber chairs, TV for sports and music, plus good quality lifestyle magazines.

Since PAK’nSAVE opened, many people choose to drive back via Old Silverdale and find that The Man Cave is a really convenient stop-off for a haircut or shave – or both!

The rejuvenated village also has a lot to offer in quality, neighbourhood shops that are within easy walking distance.

Jo says that the male clients who come in really appreciate the quality cutting service that is provided only by her senior stylists. “We take time to listen to the boys and men who come in, to ensure that they get exactly what they want and are 100% happy with the end-result”, Jo says. “The feedback is that we consistently deliver high-quality work, but at reasonable prices”.

Men’s hairstyles mean that stylists need to be skilful and aware of the latest fashion, so Jo’s staff attend hair expos, cutting seminars and fashion shows to ensure they are always up to date with the latest trends. “This means that we understand how best to integrate the sharp shorter lengths of clipper work and fading with the clearly defined, more textural longer ones”, she says.

There is a definite trend for facial hair and Jo’s stylists have undergone the relevant NZQA training. Jo added, “Our male clients really enjoy the luxury of having a wet shave with a blade and having the associated facial grooming”. The stylists at the Man Cave also show clients how to keep their hair looking good, using premium hair care products from the Joico’s and Mitch ranges.



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- * someone is badly injured or in danger;
- * there's a serious risk to life or property;
- * a crime is being committed and offenders are still there or have just left;
- * you come across a major public inconvenience, such as trees blocking a highway.

If you can't decide if it's a real emergency and you're still worried, call 111 and ask. We'll help you work out what to do.

Non-emergency: contact your nearest police station (Orewa)

Phone 09 426 4555 or visit Orewa Police Station, to:

- * report incidents or crimes that have already happened some time ago and a rapid police response is unlikely to affect the outcome; or
- * for general enquiries.

Reporting crime by phone

The phone may be answered by a Police Officer or by an employee at the front desk. In either case they will be able to tell you what to do next.

You may be put through to the Crime Reporting Line. Staff will collect as much information as possible about the incident. You will receive email confirmation that details of your call have been recorded.

As with any report made to Police, it will be analysed to see if there is sufficient information to pursue. Police will contact you to let you know what action has been taken.

Reporting crime in person

You don't need to make an appointment. Talk to the person on the front desk and they will advise what you need to do next. Depending on the details, you may be able to speak to an Officer straight away or you may need to make an appointment to come back.



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money matters

Is There a Better Way to Get Rid of my Mortgage?

Many homeowners would like nothing better than to have little or no mortgage debt and many believe that banks are essentially all the same. These beliefs play into the hands of the banks that have provided the means of achieving the goal of property ownership, without meaningful, pragmatic advice as to how to then get rid of the debt quicker than you otherwise might.

If you think about it, the longer the debt remains the more interest the bank earns. What is good for the bank isn't good for the borrower (and vice-versa).

All too often I encounter bank customers who have loan structures that have been given little or no consideration, often due to a lack of understanding and/or advice around the options available to them – and the potential risks associated with inappropriate loan structures.

When I refer to loan structures, I mean the way in which the finance has been set-up and apportioned. Options to consider include:

- (1) the term the finance is to be repaid over;
- (2) whether the finance should be on principal and interest terms, or interest-only terms (or a mix of both);
- (3) whether the finance should be split into different fixed and variable rate portions (and, if so, how those separate portions are structured);
- (4) whether a revolving credit facility should be included in the mix; and
- (5) a range of other options.

Some loan structures place undue risk upon the borrower; others result in lost opportunity. Remember, it is not the interest rate that you pay, but the amount of interest that you end up paying that really matters.

I encourage borrowers to make informed choices, specific to their goals and circumstances. A free mortgage view, with an experienced mortgage broker can be a good place to start.

Wayne Lawrie is a Registered Financial Adviser with over 30 years' experience. He can be contacted at 027 470 9990 or 428 2223.

TheMillwaterdatabank

This easy-reference section will be useful in the event that you need to contact Auckland Council to report an issue but are unsure how best to go about it. Experience has shown that Auckland Council do respond promptly to reports that are submitted online.

To report on any of the following:

Graffiti and tagging;
Illegal dumping;
Park or Council Berm maintenance;
Faulty building work; or
Street Lights, footpaths or potholes

<http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/online services/Pages/home.aspx#reportit>

From the above link, it is really simple to submit a report online on any specific issue. However, if your problem is urgent or

there is danger to the public, then call Auckland Council immediately on 09 355 3553. You can also use this number if you do not have access to the Internet.

When you have submitted your report, Auckland Council will send you confirmation and give you a separate reference number for each item if there is more than one.

It does not matter that several people submit independently an issue with, for example, a defective streetlight. In fact, the more reports submitted on the same issue, the better.

The Council website is user-friendly, easy to navigate and very effective, so don't be afraid to use it. If you encounter any problems, let us know at [theMillwatermag](#). This section of the magazine will continue to appear from time to time, providing useful contact information for other organisations.

Diets: can you pinch an inch?

THE WINTER months are often a time of lower activity and weight gain for many pets. If you suspect that your pet is becoming a little too "cuddly", the first thing to do is to arrange for us to weigh him or her. We will be able to establish whether your pet is overweight and advise you on an ideal weight. We will also perform a thorough physical examination, to check for any medical conditions that also can result in weight gain (such as an under-active thyroid gland in middle-aged and older dogs, leading to a lowered metabolic rate).

Being overweight is as much of a problem for our pets as it is for us. Obesity is known to cause or worsen a range of condi-

tions including: joint disease (arthritis), heart disease, diabetes mellitus and heat intolerance – to name just a few!

However, it's not all bad news; if your pet needs to lose weight, we are happy to advise you on the most suitable diet and exercise programme, to give you the best chance of success. Please contact us for further details, or to arrange an appointment for your pet.

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Matt O'Dea, who is an experienced Brazilian Jiu Jitsu brown belt and Oliver Mixed Martial Art (MMA) instructor, recently relocated with his family to Red Beach. Matt also brought with him his passion for Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, or "BJJ" as it is often called. BJJ is a martial art that is based around giving a smaller and weaker opponent the leverage and technique to overcome a larger and stronger opponent. This makes the sport extremely effective as a self-defence art for people of all ages, sizes and walks of life.

The sport is growing rapidly in New Zealand and across the world, because it has been proven time and time again to be the most effective martial art. It is also one of the principal components of mixed martial arts competitions.

There are physical benefits in participating in any sport: things like weight loss, improved fitness levels and better muscle tone. But BJJ goes far beyond just the physical aspect. This sport truly does change people's lives. The gym and gym members end up becoming part of the wider BJJ family and community. It teaches self-discipline, humility, respect for yourself and other people – and it breeds self-confidence.



Matt says "I have literally seen shy, bullied kids come out of their shell and become new people. All of the older children who have been doing the sport for a while are polite and respectful, focussed and driven to succeed – not only in the sport, but in life itself".

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the Millwater insider

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Millwater Central

Work continues apace on the site, with the vast majority of external walls now in place and roofing activity beginning. The structure is taking on shape and form and starting to resemble the initial artist's impressions. It seems that the construction phase is now on schedule for handover to tenants mid-November, with official opening set for January. The property is now almost all leased, with Peak Pilates confirming recently and rounding off a nice medical/physical theme for the upper level, with more of a focus on the everyday needs of locals on the lower level. Insider has heard that there is some talk circulating the rumour mills about other commercial-type developments in the vicinity. If you hear anything, please let us know. Insider will bring you the facts as they become available.



Northern Union

Many thanks to Glenn and the team at Northern Union. The Millwater Magazine team recently hosted a small event there for our advertisers and contributors. The management and staff of NU were simply superb in assisting us with the evening. As with all new bars, there have been ongoing developments and improvements made over the last month, with more to come. The live band playing on Friday nights is highly entertaining and definitely worth going to see. The locals that have talked with Insider have all agreed that this bar is a great addition to the area and will become even more popular. It is great to see a management team that genuinely wants to improve their offering and become a real part of the local fabric. Good work!

Millwater (WFH)

Developers WFH have recently released another new stage, Ridgedale 3B. Details can be found at <http://www.millwater.co.nz> – look under Property for Ridgedale 3B. It appears that all sections are now under options with the building com-

panies, although Insider is informed that some of them may be released directly to the public if the options are not taken up.

As always, get in contact with Nick Hornby on 0800 MILLWATER for more information or to register your interest.

At the time of writing work, continues on the Wainui Road interchange. The wet weather of late July and early August has definitely set the timeline back and Insider has learned that the completion date is now likely to be sometime in October. Hope for good weather soon.

Metro Park East

You will note work has commenced on a shiny new toilet block at the Northern end of the park, close to the pumping station. It is anticipated that this will be open for public use by the end of September.

The planting of the new fields laid prior to winter will be completed in the coming months, with the intention that they will be available for use later in the summer. Other small changes will see the orientation of the fields being altered to run parallel with Millwater Parkway and a total of five fields becoming available. An additional three playing fields could be developed on the land behind the pumping station.

There are negotiations underway for an artificial hockey turf to be constructed down at the Southern end of the park. Insider is also led to believe the Council favours moving Silverdale Rugby Club to the ground, but with no provision as yet being made for soccer. There is space allocated for a number of cricket pitches; however there is no budget for their completion. It also appears that the skate park concept has been abandoned.

Silverdale School PTA

The Silverdale School PTA raffle will be drawn on 01 September, with first prize for the lucky recipient a Hot Laps experience with NZ's supertourer superstar Greg Murphy. This prize was donated generously by Mike Pero Real Estate, who are opening an office in Millwater Central.

The PTA is also flat out working on the next Country Show day, on 01 November. If you are interested in helping, providing sponsorship or prizes for auctions, please contact Dani Boyd, daniboyd@silverdaleprimary.school.nz. This promises to be bigger and better than before and should be marked on everyone's calendar as a not-to-be-missed day.

The street where you live

Included in this magazine is a copy of the latest map of Millwater. There will some explanations in future issues on the history and reasons behind some of the names allocated to various streets.



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Terms of trade should clarify when payment is required and the consequences of non-payment. Terms should also state that you charge interest on late payments and may pass on debt collection costs. If selling online, have your terms displayed prominently on your website.

Know your customer

Know your customer before you start work. Sole trader or Limited Liability Company? How long in business? Perhaps carry out a credit check or ask for trade references. Maybe request a deposit as a prepayment? Deposits should be sufficient to pay trade creditors if your customer defaults.

Provide estimates

Estimates ensure there are no surprises and can significantly increase the likelihood of getting paid on time.

Invoice promptly

Send out invoices immediately work is completed – while the value is fresh in your customer's mind. Make invoices easy to settle by offering online payment and including bank details on your invoice. Credit card payments may incur fees, but the benefit of prompt payment could make this an attractive option.

Establish a collections policy

Collections policies may comprise a number of options but don't just rely on sending letters. Try phoning and talking with your customer; personal requests for payment are difficult to ignore.

Stick to your policy. The longer you delay following up, the less likely you'll be paid. If you must, get tough. If you've said you'll hand the debt to your lawyer after a certain date, then follow through. Those who shout loudest usually get paid!

Sarah Martin is a Partner at Simpson Western. Information in this article should not be a substitute for legal advice.

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area property stats

Every month Mike Pero Real Estate Silverdale assembles a comprehensive spreadsheet of all the recent sales in the Silverdale area that reviews the full range of residential transactions that have occurred. If you would like to receive this full summary please email the word "full statistics" to grayson.furniss@mikepero.com. This service is free from cost.

	July 2013	June 2014	July 2014
Number of Sales	13	6	9
Median Sales Price	\$723,949	\$837,500	\$825,000
Highest Sale Price	\$899,000	\$1,125,000	\$900,000
Lowest Sale Price	\$645,000	\$795,000	\$765,000
Average % price to GV	21.99%	22.70%	18.99%
Average Floor Area (sqm)	214	244	230
Weighted Value Index	1000	992	996

Disclaimer: These sales figures have been provided by a third party and although all care is taken to ensure the information is accurate some figures could have been mis-interpreted on compilation. Furthermore these figures are recent sales from all agents in the area.

We also provide statistical data, free from cost to purchasers and sellers wanting more information to make an informed decision. Phone me today for a free summary of a property and surrounding sales, at no cost.

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Millwater property talk with Grayson

In Rodney, the median house price was up to \$624,500, with volumes up on June but down against last July. Results are slightly different in Millwater; with the median house price falling to \$825,000 against last month's \$837,500. However, this is still well up on the July 2013 figure of \$724,000. The Weighted Value Index shows a slight increase to 996, which, along with a slightly lower average house size sold for the month, reflects the concept that there is a fairly high minimum entry point into the Millwater market. Adding additional size sees diminishing marginal costs. Simply expressed, larger houses are comparatively less expensive than smaller ones and at the moment we are seeing a larger proportion of bigger homes being sold.

At street level there is an increasing awareness of Millwater as a desirable destination, with a range of buyer profiles being seen. Established areas within the subdivision are being seen as generating a premium, with many buyers indicating the proximity of building activity as a factor in their purchasing decision.

The other factor in the Millwater market right now is the lack of quality "second hand" property. We have high interest from buyers wanting the finished article; they don't want the hassle of building or dealing with the teething issues of a new home. From the people we have been talking to, there appears to be a large number of owners considering a sale but most seem to be waiting for Spring. This could be a mistake – the buyers are present now! In Spring, there will be a much larger number of competing properties and we may see some negative

pressure on prices in the short term.

We are seeing some common factors that buyers indicate as desirable when looking at property and we will be running a series of articles in coming months, to help owners maximise the value of their property in an ever-evolving market where a lot of similar fundamentals exist.

As always, if you want more information on sales, to get a better idea of where your property sits in the current market, or to get help with maximising the value in your property, please give me a call.

Advice is free, mistakes can be costly! Call Grayson on (09) 426 6122 or 021 665 423.



Gay's Savoury Swirls

Millwater resident Gay Morgan produced these savoury delicacies for a recent get-together of her good friends and neighbours, who were so impressed that they persuaded her to share with [theMillwatermag](mailto:themillwatermag@gmail.com) the so-simple recipe, which produces delicious savouries that will impress and delight.

Ingredients (These can be varied to taste – most fillers will work well)

Frozen puff pastry

Pesto or fine pickle or chutney

Finely-chopped prosciutto or bacon or sausage

Finely-chopped onion, parsley, tomato – plus whatever takes your fancy. Don't be afraid to experiment with different ingredients.

Grated, hard cheese (any will do; e.g. Parmesan, Edam, Cheddar, etc)



Method:

Preheat your oven to 200c.

Partly thaw a sheet of frozen puff pastry and spread with pesto or a pickle.

Layer, but very sparingly, with chopped-up prosciutto or cooked bacon. Alternatively, you can use finely-chopped cooked sausages of various types.

Add the finely-chopped onion, de-seeded tomato, parsley, etc – just whatever you have available – and finish off with a little finely-grated hard cheese.

Roll up and cut into slices (approximately 2 to 3 cm wide) and place on a greased oven tray, with the cut side up.

Bake for 15-20 minutes, turning half way through, and cook until golden and crisp.

Serve while still warm and enjoy!

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You have moved to Millwater and met some great new neighbours – so, what next? A number of residents have said that they want to be more involved in the community, by taking part in activities that provide the opportunity to give something back.

This month, theMillwatermag focuses on the two local Rotary Clubs of Rotary International, within easy reach in Orewa and Whangaparaoa. Both Rotary Clubs are open to men and women of any age who want to join in the fun and friendship that has always been Rotary's focus. You will be warmly welcomed as a visitor at both Clubs, so you can see yourself without any commitment to joining.

As a member of a Rotary Club, you will meet like-minded people who definitely enjoy the fun and friendship that community activities bring. Many of you will know about the Trolley Derby, run by Whangaparaoa Rotary each year at Stanmore Bay – this year's event raised \$8000 for St John and \$2000 for the Air Cadets and is just one example of Rotarians having fun while supporting the local community. A giant book fair by the Rotary Club of Orewa raised significant funds also.

If you want to have fun, meet some fantastic people and give something back to your local community, why not arrange to drop in and enjoy the warm friendship, have a meal and listen to a great speaker.

The Rotary Club of Orewa meets on Tuesdays, 5.15 pm for a 5.45 pm start, at Rotary House, 4 Hibiscus Coast Highway, Silverdale. Contact information can be found at <http://www.rotary.org.nz/club.cfm?ID=79>

The Rotary Club of Whangaparaoa meets on Thursdays, 6.15 pm for a 6.45 pm start, at the RSA, 43a Vipond Road, Stanmore Bay. Contact information can be found at <http://www.rotary.org.nz/club.cfm?ID=89> and on their Facebook page.

Pictured at Akron, Ohio, USA, home of the International Soap Box Derby:

Andrew Jantke of Remuera, winner of the NZ National Soap Box Derby Finals, run by the Rotary Club of Whangaparaoa at Stanmore Bay.



Before & After School Care Options

All of us at some stage need support from our local schools to care for our children before or after school. Below is some information on what our local schools can offer busy Millwater families:

Silverdale Primary School

Before School 07:30-08:30; \$10, includes breakfast
08:00-08:30; \$5, no breakfast

After School 15:00-17:30; \$15

If your child attends both before and after school care, the cost is \$23 per day. Sibling discounts are available.

SKIDS at Stella Maris (fees are based on your attendance requirements)

Before School 07:00-08:30

Children are dropped off by their parents, get something to eat for breakfast and play a few games before going to school. At 08:20, children that have to be at Silverdale School and Kingsway School are escorted by the staff to the bus stop in front of Stella Maris School. They board the bus (it is a free service) and the bus takes them around the corner, down Millwater Parkway and they get off in the drop-off zone at school.

After School 14:45-18:00

Children from Stella Maris arrive at the school hall and are met by a member of staff. Children from Silverdale Primary School and Kingsway School are met by SKIDS staff in the pick-up zone of each school. All join in the walking-bus back to Stella Maris. It takes about 15 minutes to walk approximately 1 kilometre to Stella Maris school hall for the After School Care Programme. All kids are given afternoon tea.

Kelly Club at Orewa Primary School

Before School 07:00-08:30; \$8

After School 14:55-18:00; \$9 if picked up by 16:30, \$19 if picked up after 16:30

trendyterrariums

The recent popularity of terrariums on the tables of local cafes may have made you like the idea of creating an ecosystem that could fit onto your table, desk or shelf. Creating and maintaining these ecosystems can be quite easy: while well-made terrariums are normally easy to maintain, poorly made ones can be almost impossible.

So, here are some tips from a professional: Billy Aiken of Kings Plant Barn-St Luke's.

Selecting the Right Plants

You need to consider the size and shape of the plants and make sure that they like similar conditions (i.e. don't plant succulents or cacti with damp, shade loving plants), and will they fit better as the plants grow bigger. Considering what conditions the plants like is particularly important, as it affects what type of terrarium is most suitable and how you will maintain it.

Plants like Cacti and succulents prefer to be grown in an open glass container and can generally get by with only a mist of water from a spray gun once a week.

Damp, shade-loving plants often do better in a closed system (a glass container with some sort of lid). These require a little more maintenance, as they need to be dried out on a regular basis and then re-watered (otherwise you run the risk of having a fancy glass container full of ornamental stones and algae).

Making up your Terrarium

When putting your terrarium together, use the following layers:

1. Sand;
2. Activated charcoal – helps keep the terrarium fresh;
3. Sphagnum moss (only needed in terrariums that are kept wetter);
4. Potting mix (minimal amounts for growing succulents or cacti); and
5. Ornamental pebbles.

Be creative! Add small bits of driftwood, interesting stones (or moss in terrariums with damp, shade loving plants) – all can make a huge difference.

Billy, Kings Plant Barn



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theMillwaterinterview

theMillwatermag aims to showcase local businesses and/or people on a regular basis. This month, the Editor takes a closer look at one of the smaller, specialist housing developers, Nikau Projects Limited, jointly owned and operated by experienced builders John Mackintosh and Darren Louie. Both are passionate about build quality and formed their successful partnership in 2006.



Ed: With your focus on building a quality home, how many houses do you aim to complete and hand over each year – and is Millwater your main area of focus?

Nikau: We average three to four houses each year and our current development on the corner of Bartlett Drive and Botanical Drive is our seventh in Millwater. We also have a number of new sections at Riverhead.

Ed: We have seen some issues elsewhere in Millwater, where run-off in particular, has been reported. How does Nikau approach the development of a new section?

Nikau: We treat each individual section differently. We install the best available surface drainage solutions and always aim for minimal disruption to surrounding properties; before, during and after construction. We pay particular attention to the style of property that we erect on each section, so that styles are complementary to others in the immediate area.

Ed: Although building two-level in the past also, you now specialise in single-level properties; why is this?

Nikau: Single-level best suits the sections that we prefer to develop. Although there is demand also for the much larger properties, that is not our target market. We design and build each property with the sole aim of completing a home that we ourselves would be happy to live in and the high level of fit and finish that we achieve delivers exactly that.

Ed: What have you found to be the best way of marketing your completed homes?

Nikau: We were contacted by a very proactive and effective real estate agent when we started building in Millwater and we have used him successfully ever since.

Ed: What is your approach to providing warranties and maximising customer satisfaction?

Nikau: We are registered Master Builders, adding the ten-year MB warranty to the warranties given by our regular specialist contractors, most of whom have been with us for years. Today, we also give customers a full six-month maintenance warranty for any minor issues that may arise. New legislation coming into effect later this year will require builders to provide a 12-month warranty.

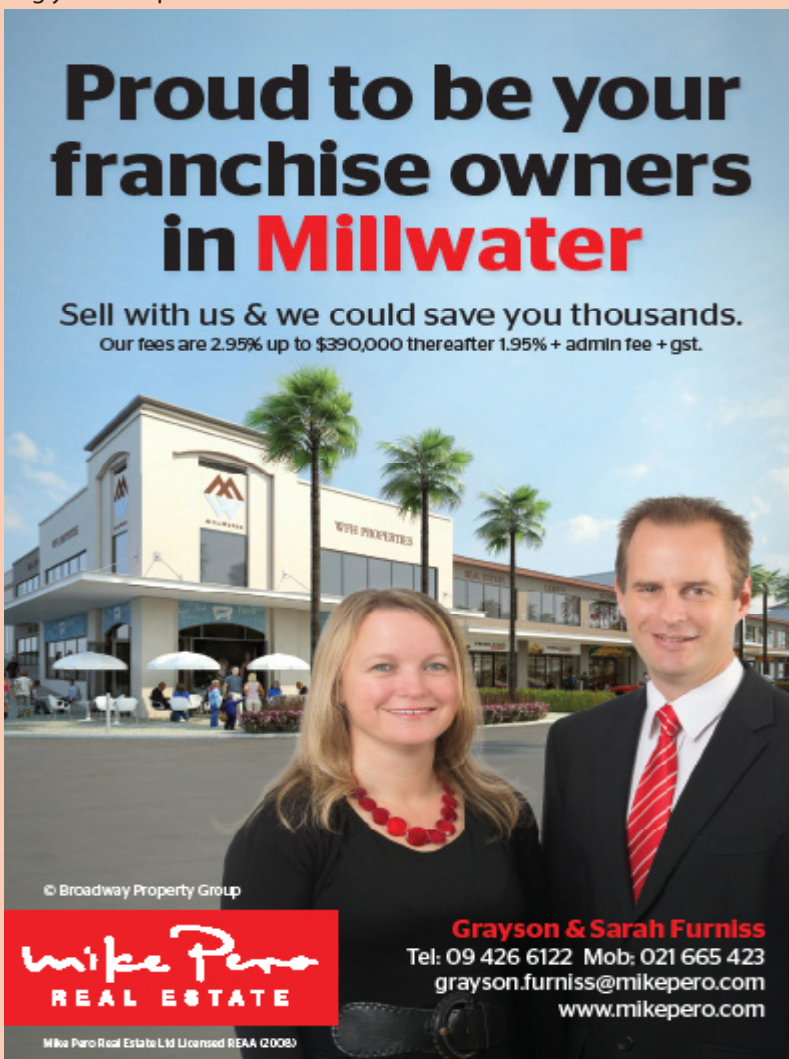
Ed: And finally; what changes would you like to see in the next few years?

Nikau: We know that Councils are very busy, particularly at times of rapid growth. However, if it could become possible, we would prefer to see an improved, more streamlined consent/approval process that would benefit everyone. We would also prefer to see the covenanting process modified, with the aim of having the flexibility to build slightly smaller and more affordable properties within a subdivision, but always to the same high design and build quality as the rest.

Ed: Thank you.

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Introducing Rudi Stander

Local Millwater resident and founder of Rand Reunite, Rudi Stander, has more than 25 years' experience in the banking and foreign exchange industry. He prides himself in offering practical, swift and cost effective solutions to South Africans wanting to be reunited with their South African Rand (ZAR). Rudi has been based in Auckland for over 6 years and has been living in Millwater for the past two years. Apart from the Rand Reunite, Rudi has elected to add CVTube to his business portfolio.

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Dates for your diary

Every Saturday Silverdale Village Market, 8am-1pm, Silverdale St, Silverdale

7 September Father's Day

20 September Millwater parkrun event

20 September 2014 General Election, 9am-7pm

26 September Term 3 ends for all local primary schools

28 September Daylight Savings begins

15 October Opening of the Hibiscus Coast Athletics Club at Metro Park, Millwater. Please see page 8 for more details.

1 Nov Silverdale School Country Show Day

18 Jan 2015 Millwater Community Day

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