



WEST AUCKLAND Homeowner

With Diane Stevenson & Team

UnBEElievable Essential Workers

During a lockdown we're incredibly grateful to our essential workers who ensure we are fed, housed and in good health. (If you are one – thank you!)

But there's another essential worker we also need to thank – the humble bumblebee.

Oblivious to a super-spreading virus, these super-pollinators are an important contributor to our food chain.

Up to 50 times more productive than a honeybee, in a glasshouse they can pollinate 450 tomato flowers an hour as they dive in, bite the stamen and shake vigorously to extract the nectar, all the while being showered in precious, fruit-setting pollen.

As well as in glasshouses, orchards and market gardens all over the country, bumblebees are essential to our dairy industry to pollinate foraging crops of red clover. In fact, this was the reason they were first introduced to New Zealand in the late 1800s.



Unlike honeybees, bumblebees only store a few days' food in their underground hives so speedy gathering of nectar is key to their own survival too.

Flying at speeds of up to 54 km/hour, bumblebees become subject matter experts. Each bee specialises in a select few flower types enabling these professional pollinators to learn the fastest and most effective way to gain entry and extract nectar.



Fascinatingly, a bumblebee's footprints leave a scent on the petals to let their mates know that someone else has already swung by. "No point knocking on that door, buddy."

As pollen is replenished, the smell wears off so bees know the flower is open for business once again.

Occasionally, hungry bees who can't find their favourite floret shortcut the process, head straight for the jugular and chomp through the base of the flower, forcing their way to the nectar. This frustrates gardeners as it leaves a gaping hole for other pests to loot the leftovers, preventing seed-set.

Want to thank these year-round, dedicated essential workers?

Plant their favourite lavender, borage, foxglove, geraniums and herbs in your home garden this spring. The bumblebees will love you for it.



For Sale

RENOVATE OR REMOVE
63 Waipani Road, Te Atatu Peninsula
Auction 28 Sept at 12:00pm (unless sold prior). Property ID: TET30010. Call TODAY to organise viewing!

Want to know how much your house is worth?

Call us today for a **FREE appraisal.***

*Either virtually or in person, depending on current restrictions and/or your preference.

High Demand Expected on Back of Lockdown

Level 4 lockdown was tough for businesses everywhere. In real estate demand temporarily dialed down but modern technology made it possible to sign and seal deals, run online auctions and conduct virtual viewings and appraisals.

In fact, hundreds of houses were sold during Level 4 lockdown; some sight unseen.

If you're considering a move, don't let uncertainty stop you. Whatever the Covid alert level, you can still buy and sell a house. ▶



LIST NOW, LAUNCH LATER.

Take the first step to being ONE STEP AHEAD! What are you waiting for?

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After last year's lockdowns there was almost unprecedented demand from buyers which drove prices skyward, country-wide. Anyone selling their home was delighted with the price achieved, and the speed of the sale.

This time, the circumstances are similar. If you're thinking of selling, get ready for action. We expect a burst of energy from buyers fed up with lockdown and chomping at the bit to move before another round of alert level changes.

Thinking About Selling?

In Level 3, mask wearing, systems and processes to ensure physical distancing, collect contact details and/or use of the Covid tracer app are all compulsory. We can:

Host private viewings, but a maximum of two per day. Open homes are not permitted.

Take professional photographs, conduct valuations and building inspections.

Conduct pre-settlement inspections.

So if you're thinking of buying or selling, don't let Covid stop you.

Selling starts with a conversation. Give us a call to check on the latest advice and to discuss finer details. Once we understand your circumstances we can guide you through the process and advise the best course of action based on the current alert level. If the levels change, be assured we can work through that too.

As always, we're here anytime and happy to give advice. There are no stupid questions, and none too small.

Let's talk soon.



Yes! You can still buy & sell a house.

Call us for advice on current restrictions.

Real Estate Market Trends

	Aug-20	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21
Waitakere City				
Median \$	885,000	1,065,000	1,100,000	1,120,000
# Sales	426	424	441	391
Median Days	32	30	21	28

Source: REINZ

QUOTE: "Don't be afraid to start over. It's a chance to build something better this time." - Anon



ENTER THE DRAW TO WIN!

Want to wine and dine at **Et Tu Bistro?** (value \$60.00)

Question: Name a famous movie made in New Zealand.

Phone, text or email your answer to 021 960 309 or win@buywest.co.nz. Include your name, email, address and best contact number.

Best of luck!

Closes 11 October 2021

Just for a Laugh

During lockdown I saw my neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious the poor lady thought the cat understood her.

I came inside and told my dog. We both laughed.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM



Welcome **Navneet Sharma** to the Ray White Te Atatu Sales Team.

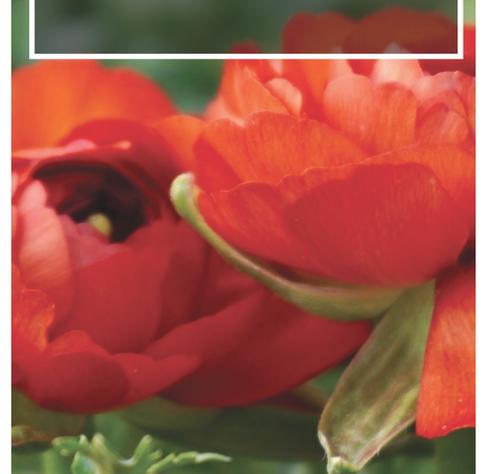
Although the process has changed, getting great results remains the same.



Understanding your home's value is as important as ever.

Contact us today for an online or virtual appraisal.

Hot Selling Tip:
Add colour to your garden to increase street appeal.



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