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New Spin on An Old Craze?

If “fidget spinner” means nothing to you, you clearly haven’t visited your local dairy, petrol station or shopping mall recently; and you certainly don’t have children.

With three paddle-shaped blades attached to a central core, children (and adults) everywhere have mastered the art of the flick and spin. The quirky objects are the latest trend taking the country by storm; a retailer’s dream, a school teacher’s nightmare.

Every decade has its signature fads; remember stress balls in the '90s? Interestingly, fidget spinners are also touted to relieve stress and improve memory and concentration so perhaps, in actual fact, it’s just a new spin on an old craze.

Many peculiar and quickly passing phases are found to be simply a new twist on an old gadget or past-time so it got me wondering, what could be next? Flaggpoling, perhaps?

During the 1920s, a Hollywood man responding to a dare sat on top a flag-pole for 13 hours and 13 minutes. His lofty pursuits led to hundreds of people perching on poles for hours on end; one man sat for 21 days straight! Let’s hope it’s not too windy if it’s ever revived here!



Fidget spinners—another “flash in the pan” craze. What’s next?

Fancy swallowing a live goldfish? In the 1930s a Harvard freshman was encouraged to down a live goldfish as a publicity stunt in his bid for class captain. This led to students around America challenging each other to a weird goldfish gulp off!

The '50s saw an equally strange phenomenon: telephone booth stuffing. Grown men would push themselves into a phone booth to see just how many people could fit. The record? 25! Needless to say, when the phone rang no one could answer it.

We could reminisce about pet rocks, leg warmers, Rubik’s Cubes, marbles, all manner of collectibles; and ruminate about how fads start, why some catch on and others don’t, and speculate about what’s coming next...but my brain is in overload already. I think I need to fidget. I’m off to the dairy.



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Unlike peanut butter and electrical appliances, houses don’t come with a recommended retail price.

The final sale price is not based on what you think it’s worth, what you paid for it, council valuation or the indicative price suggested by any “value my house” website. Surprisingly, it’s not even related to the cost of a new build.

Your home is worth what a buyer is prepared to pay for the lifestyle it offers.

Therefore the only way to discover what your house is really worth, is to actually sell it.

So, if there is no 100% accurate method to predict price, why do we always offer, “Call us for a free appraisal”?

There are three reasons.

Firstly, if you’re thinking of selling, finding out approximately what your home is worth is a vital first step. With that information you can decide where to from here. *Continued...*



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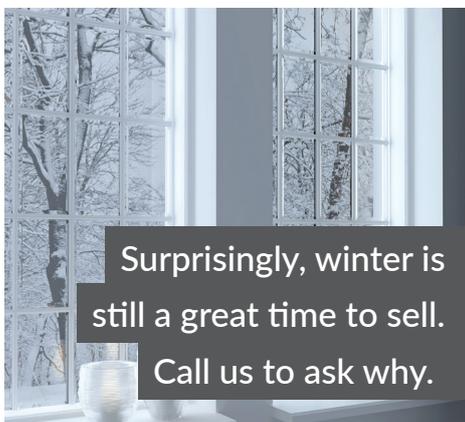
As experienced real estate professionals we're trained to "read" the market, to understand the statistics and interpret them in light of our knowledge of the local area, the types of properties in demand and by what type of buyer. It's also our job to know the features and benefits that have a major impact on sale price.

So although we can never guarantee any figure, we can give an indicative range derived from specialist knowledge and local information. This is far more accurate than the "one size fits all" computer-generated algorithms from other sources.

Secondly, an appraisal gives you the chance to meet us. Under absolutely no pressure you can see if we're the kind of professional you feel you can trust to handle the sale of your biggest asset; call it a covert job interview, if you like.

Finally, it's all part of the service. We'd like you to think of us as your local "go-to" agents when you have any question at all about real estate. Whether that's the value of your home, improvement advice, how much the house down the road sold for or the name of a reputable plumber, it would be our pleasure to share our knowledge, resources and skills. So...

...if you want to know how much your home is worth, for whatever reason, call us TODAY for a friendly chat and a free appraisal.



Real Estate Market Trends

	Jun-16	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17
West Auckland				
Median \$	787,000	758,000	755,000	775,000
No. sales	341	229	277	242
Median days	31	34	37	38
Interest	5.34%	5.80%	5.80%	5.80%

Source: REINZ

Just for a Laugh (or Groan)

What's the best thing about Switzerland? *I don't know, but the flag is a big plus.*

Did you hear about the mathematician who's afraid of negative numbers? *He'll stop at nothing to avoid them.*

Hear about the new restaurant called Karma? *There's no menu: You get what you deserve.*

Enter the Draw to WIN an Et Tu Bistro Voucher

(value \$60.00)

Q. What is the latest craze?

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

Closes 16 August

Congratulations to our previous winner: Barbara Nash



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Congratulations - SOLD!

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