



## Pink Breakfast raises \$1,000

Over \$1000.00 was raised and donated to Breast Cancer NZ at a 'Pink Breakfast' hosted by The Dentist Pukekohe Ltd to raise funds for Breast Cancer. The breakfast was held at Twin Oaks in Paerata, where guests were treated to a glass of bubbly upon arrival. After a delightful breakfast guest speaker Robyn Pearce spoke on her life, entitled 'from gumboots to the boardroom'. Lucky ticket numbers were drawn and also various raffles created from generous donations from Pukekohe businesses.

## Economic slide bites America

Franklin Real Estate Consultant Sandra Carson saw first hand the effects of the economic down turn on the American people during her recent trip to the US.

"Being in the real estate industry, I was shocked to see what is happening in America, where huge housing and shopping developments have been left abandoned because of a slump in real estate sales. These developments are massive, covering large areas – basically man made towns centred around giant shopping malls. Elsewhere, people are being evicted from their homes for defaulting on their mortgage repayments and are asking banks to let them rent their homes, which the banks can't sell. It's devastating for these home owners. We don't realise how insulated we are in our world here.

"Petrol prices have also hit the Americans very hard. We have had steady price rises over years, but in America, the price of gas went up suddenly in a matter of months. People are shocked - there are vehicles just left on the side of the road."



## Vigilant night eyes bust crime

You may be aware that there are three areas of Franklin that have Community Patrols whose focus is crime reduction and two other areas which are looking at starting patrols.

Already up and running are the Waiuku Night Owls (for more than 30 years), the Pukekohe Possums and Tuakau Ferrets. Port Waikato and Clarks Beach are considering joining in.

The existing patrols are affiliated to Community Patrols New Zealand (CPNZ) which runs a training seminar every year and provides a training programme in local areas. Patrolters act as extra eyes and ears for the Police during day and night patrols of potential trouble spots. They patrol in pairs and generally do not leave the vehicle but provide valuable information to Police about what is happening in their communities and are a deterrent to criminal behaviour by their mere presence.

For more information ring me at 09 237 1722

*Kind Regards,  
Constable Noel Surrey*

## Miss Pizzazz!

Miss Pizzazz is not about beauty, it's about YOU – a competition designed for girls and young women who have a positive attitude, a competitive spirit and a pleasant personality. Plus, it's a chance to win \$10,000!

The competition is being held in three categories for ages 10-12, 13-16 and 17-25 with the top five from each group going forward to a Grand Final to be held in December.

Miss Pizzazz Franklin is already underway, with the Counties/South Auckland contest taking place over October 3, 4, 5. For details about how you can enter, txt or phone your details to 027 447 1704 or email [pizzaz@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pizzaz@xtra.co.nz) stating your name, age and which area you're from.

Plans are underway to hold pageants to give every woman a chance to enter – Mrs/Ms, mother and Daughter and Glamorous Grandmother.

Watch out for eLocal magazine's October edition to see the top finalists in Miss Pizzazz Franklin.



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