



Sustainability Report 2014/15

From the Chairman and the Chief Executive



We are pleased to present the seventh Hobsonville Land Company Sustainability Report.

The 2014/15 year achieved a number of significant milestones, the completion of the main spine road – Hobsonville Point Road and upgrade of Buckley Avenue, completion of the first apartment block at Brickworks, and the welcome addition of the type of retail that a community needs, such as the pharmacy, medical centre, and local dairy. These amenities are all critical to the future sustainability of our community.

Affordable homes continue to be a priority, and our builder partners continue to deliver good quality affordable homes that are also cost efficient to run. Electricity use is 12% lower than the Auckland average and water use is 33% lower than the Auckland average.

At the time of writing this report, another option to enable families to be part of this great community has been announced with the future provision of long term rental housing at Hobsonville Point, through a partnership between The NZ Super Fund, Ngāi Tahu Property Limited and New Ground Capital. This will add further diversity to the homes available here.



We continue to have a strong relationship with our development and builder partners and have more builder partners on board this year. Joining AVJennings, Universal Homes, GJ Gardner, Jalcon Homes, Classic Builders, is Willis Bond, Fletcher Living and Platinum Homes. Each builder brings their own unique style, adding to the variety of homes available.

Currently there are about 1,300 people living at Hobsonville Point. 952 homes have been sold, of which 535 have been completed and 402 are under construction. Of these, 228 homes sold have been affordable homes through our Axis Series Programme.

We have developed a strong relationship with Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngati Whatua o Kaipara over the years and appreciate the significant contributions they make to Hobsonville Point. This report touches on the many partnerships we enjoy and the many organisations that are critical to the achievement of the Hobsonville Point vision. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that have contributed to the project over the last year. We value your input.

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Adrienne Young-Cooper
Chairman
Hobsonville Land Company

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Chris Aiken'.

Chris Aiken
Chief Executive
Hobsonville Land Company

The Hobsonville Land Company

The Hobsonville Land Company (HLC) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Housing New Zealand Corporation. It was formed in 2006 to develop the land of the former Hobsonville airbase into an integrated community development incorporating some 3,000 new homes.

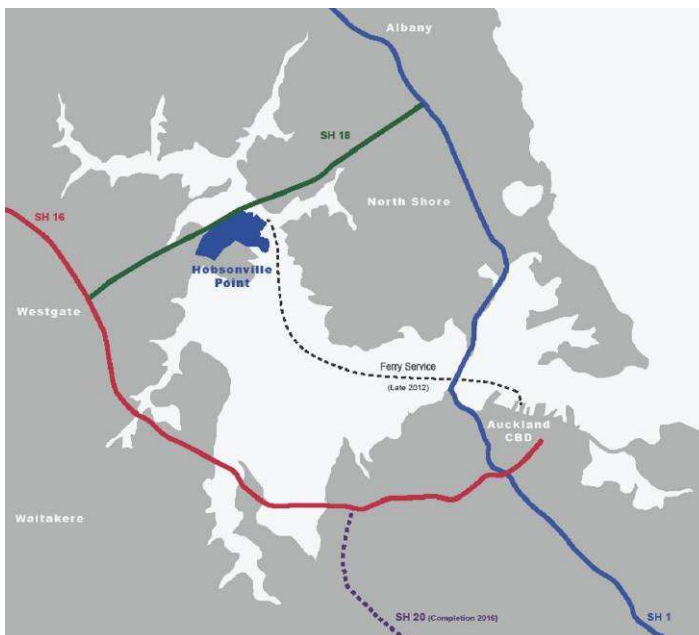
Our vision is to:

Build a strong, vibrant community that sets new benchmarks for quality and accessible urban development with an environmentally responsible focus.

Located on site at Hobsonville Point, we have a small focused team. We work extensively with others, including a range of local and central government agencies and private sector partners, in delivering the vision. The HLC is a member of the Sustainable Business Network and the New Zealand Green Building Council.

The sustainability implications of our development work are significant. In the last year, a large number of houses were completed and many more started. Over 952 homes are now sold and we have a growing community of residents on site. The decisions we make today will influence how this new community will live for many years to come. This report, therefore, largely focuses on the development outcomes we are committed to and on how we are performing against these.

We understand that our day-to-day corporate operations also have sustainability implications. Therefore, we also account for our carbon emissions and general corporate sustainability performance in this report.



Hobsonville Point



Hobsonville Point is located in Auckland's north west with easy access to the Westgate and Albany town centres.

It is an area of Auckland that is seeing major growth now and will continue in the coming years. Planning for this area has emphasised the integration of land use and transport planning. A new ferry service from Hobsonville Point to downtown Auckland commenced in February 2013 providing our residents with an additional commuting option. Access to the North Shore, West Auckland and Central Auckland is easy with a local bus service, and a motorway exit off the Upper Harbour motorway into Hobsonville Point.

There are now four precincts underway, and we are busy planning the remaining two precincts.

The community continues to take shape, as more people move in. More community groups and activities are emerging, ranging from a book club and gardening club to dance classes and exercise classes. The Cafes, farmers market, coastal walkway, playground and artworks continue to attract thousands of visitors to Hobsonville Point every week.

For the second year running, over 90% of residents surveyed were very satisfied with living at Hobsonville Point.

More detail about the development can be found at www.hobsonvillepoint.co.nz.

About this report

This report covers the July 2014 – June 2015 period.

This year is the seventh year of reporting against the Sustainable Development Framework that was developed at the very beginning of the development process. The reporting framework clearly articulates the vision, goals and objectives for Hobsonville Point. Indicators are included to measure success. The framework was developed through stakeholder consultation and is updated regularly.

This report is structured into three main parts:

Part 1: The Hobsonville Point Development

This part reports against the Sustainable Development Framework. This reporting framework captures the overall vision for the development and defines aspirational goals, objectives and indicators in the four spheres of Environment, Economic, Social and Cultural. It was developed through consultation with stakeholders, including local government, the Ministries for the Environment and Social Development, the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority, the Department for Building and Housing, Beacon Pathways, Landcare Research and the New Zealand Green Building Council. The framework is a working document that is reviewed regularly to ensure that it stays relevant and reflects our increased understanding of sustainable development over time. The last review was undertaken in August 2015 by the HLC Board. Through the review process changes may be made to goals, objectives and indicators. The framework is available at www.hobsonvillepoint.co.nz.

The long-term indicators in the framework are for the year 2026 but we have started measuring progress towards many of them. To track progress towards the long-term indicators, we have also developed shorter-term development indicators. These cover the practical things we plan to do to achieve the long-term outcomes we are seeking. This report also comments on progress against the development indicators to date. It is noted that while there is a genuine commitment to the achievement of the indicators, this is dependent on a range of factors, many of which are not within HLC's sole or direct control.

Part 2: The Hobsonville Land Company's Corporate Operations

This shorter part comments on the way we conduct our business. It includes information about our carbon footprint and key relationships. While the impact of our corporate operations is small compared to that of our development activities, it is an area we have direct control over. People will also rightly judge us by the way we go about our day-to-day business.

Part 3: The year ahead

In this last section, we briefly look at the priorities in the year ahead of us.

Part 1: The Hobsonville Point Development

Environmental

Ecology	Energy	Water	Resource efficiency
Create an integrated natural habitat Increase indigenous biodiversity	Reduce non-renewable energy use Energy efficiency	Reduce water consumption Improve water quality	Recycle and renew existing buildings and other infrastructure Reduce off-site waste disposal

Long term indicators	2026 Target	2013 Result	2015 Result	Comment
A continuous green corridor with native vegetation covering at least 10% of the site is retained/established.	10% native vegetation	On track	On track	Significant weed management undertaken and 5,935 native plants grown on site from local seed and planted during this year.
Pre- and post-development native flora and fauna counts indicate that species diversity and abundance has increased in key areas.	Increased diversity and abundance	Not measured	No significant change, but small improvement in bird diversity.	Comparing the 2015 biodiversity survey results against the base report in 2008, there has mainly been either no change, or some improvement in vegetation. A small number of areas showed construction had a negative impact but this can be addressed with continued pest control and revegetation. More indigenous birds and less rats and mice were observed this year compared to the base 2008 survey.
Average household grid energy (reticulated gas and electricity) consumption.	6500kWh or less	5743kWh	6269kWh	12% lower than the Auckland average of 7115kWh and 4% below our target.
Average residential town supply water consumption per person per day.	100 litres or less	110 litres	105 litres	33% lower than Auckland average of 157 litres, but 5% above target.
Mixed household waste collected per person per year.	100kg or less	Not measured	Not measured	To date, Auckland Council are unable to collect data on this.

Development indicators	Comment
Native habitat areas along the coastal corridor are maintained and enhanced. A management plan for the coastal area is completed that covers planting, weed and pest management strategies.	Management plan in place. Significant weed removal work completed and replanting well advanced.
Eco-sourced native plants are used where native plants are planted in public areas.	Eco sourced plants always specified for natives. 5,935 eco-sourced native plants planted this year.
Local seed is collected and grown into plants for key revegetation species.	On site nursery successfully established by Kaipatiki Project specifically for this purpose.
Houses built to a calculated BPI of 1.2 or lower for thermal performance and 5.5 Star HERS hot water rating or equivalent performance level. All properties have smart meters. At least 3 on-site, demonstration, renewable generation projects.	This standard has now been incorporated in the resource consent process for Hobsonville Point and must be met by all builders. Smart meters installed as standard, but disappointingly retailers are not utilising many of their features. 2kW solar photovoltaic system installed on the Catalina Café. Solar PV and hot water system installed on the Project Information Centre (now closed). GJ Gardner has installed a PV system in its showhome.
All stormwater, except roof water, receives treatment before being discharged into the harbour.	Achieved.
All houses have 6/3 litre, or less, dual flush toilets.	6/3 litre or better required as part of Consent.
Three star or better water-saving fixtures.	Required as part of Consent.
Dwellings are served by rain tanks sized to supply 75% of water used in household toilets, laundries and gardens.	Achieved for the majority of dwellings but not practical for some apartments.
No in-built irrigation will be provided in gardens.	Not being monitored.
At least 20% of existing buildings will be retained and renovated or reused off site.	Achieved.
The majority of construction and demolition waste is recycled.	A construction recycling programme is in place that currently achieves 71% diversion from land fill.
At least 3 public recycling bins are provided in public spaces.	Three public bins are already installed and more are being added.
Education/management programme in place while HLC on site.	Kaipatiki educate through their volunteer programme at the nursery and community planting days. Results of the 2013 energy efficiency survey were published to illustrate the energy savings of building a sustainable home, and environmental information is incorporated in marketing material (e.g. Point Life features).

Economic

Growth	Employment	Viability	Transport
Contribute to Auckland's economic growth through development of business opportunities at Hobsonville Point Accelerate the supply of homes, including affordable homes, into the Auckland market	Facilitate local employment	Optimise return on investment for the Crown Demonstrate the overall economic benefits of an integrated urban development approach Demonstrate the impacts of an environmentally efficient, development approach on household expenditure	Minimise dependence on motor vehicles for daily activity

Long term indicators	2026 Target	2013 Result	2015 Result	Comment
% of residents state that they have used a local shop, restaurant, café or service in the last week.	80%	88%	Not measured	Resident survey specifically asked about the use of local shops, cafés and the farmers market.
% of businesses that indicate that their business has grown in the last 12 months.	80%	Not yet measured	Not yet measured	Too few local businesses in place for a statistically robust survey.
One new home is delivered every working day.			Achieved	This is a new indicator.
Jobs available per household at Hobsonville Point.	0.65 or more	Not yet measured	Not yet measured	
The percentage of residents in employment who work locally (North West Auckland) is measured.	NA	Not yet measured	Not yet measured	
Business case targets are met.	NA	Achieved	Achieved	
Households with one vehicle or less.	50% or more	Not yet measured	Not yet measured	
Workers who travel to work by driving themselves.	40% or less	76%	79%	The method of survey changed between 2013 and 2015.
Mode share of resident trips is monitored through the resident survey and targets are set by 2012 and achieved by 2026.	NA	NA	Achieved	Mode share to work and education is 79% private car, 8% Public Transport, 4% Walking, 3% Cycling, 6% Other. The target is to reduce the % of people travelling by car to 40%.

Development indicators	Comment
6ha employment zone facilitated and serviced as part of Auckland Council land previously zoned for marine industry.	Under negotiation with Council.
Opportunities for local retail businesses established.	First cluster of neighbourhood retail in the ground floor of the apartment building in Buckley A now in place.
Fibre to the premises installed.	Achieved.
At least 5% of premises on the spine road are suitable for conversion to commercial/mixed use.	Allowed for in the Comprehensive Development Plan and achieved to date.
5ha are provided for mixed use development.	Included in the overall masterplan.
Financial indicators agreed with government are met.	In line with the Business Plan expectations.
House performance and occupant perceptions are monitored to better understand the value of energy and water efficient houses.	Monitoring has occurred and the results will be communicated.
75% of dwellings are within 400m walking distance of a bus stop and all are within 800m.	78% of existing and planned dwellings are within 400m and 98% are within 800m of a bus stop serviced by an existing route. Additional routes are planned which will bring all homes within 800m of a bus stop. Only 3 completed houses are more than 400m from an existing bus stop.
75% of dwellings are within 800m walking distance of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convenience store Community facility Early childhood education. 	<p>100% of dwellings that are completed or under construction are within 800m of the Convenience Store in the Brickworks building and additional neighbourhood retail nodes are planned in future precincts.</p> <p>Over 95% of dwellings that are completed or under construction are within 800m of the Early Learning Centre and an additional Early Childhood Centre adjacent to the Secondary School is planned that will achieve the target for future precincts.</p> <p>46% of all planned homes are within 800m of the Sunderland Lounge (hall) and/or the Headquarters Building (community house). An additional facility is desirable for example in the adjacent Clark Road Reserve near the Western end of the site.</p>
75% of dwellings are within 1200m walking distance of the primary school.	90% of completed and planned dwellings at Hobsonville Point are within 1200m of Hobsonville Point Primary School.
75% of dwellings are within 1600m walking distance of the secondary school.	90% of completed and planned dwellings at Hobsonville Point are within 1600m of Hobsonville Point Secondary School.
Bike and car share schemes are established.	Two Cityhop cars present and 8 Nextbike rental bikes.
Shared off-road pedestrian and cycle paths on Hobsonville Point Road and Squadron Drive.	Achieved.
On-road cycle lanes on Hobsonville Point Road.	Achieved.
Education /management programme in place while HLC is on site.	The benefits of registering with Cityhop have been communicated to residents. Results of the 2013 energy efficiency survey were published to illustrate the energy savings of building a sustainable home, and environmental information is incorporated in marketing material (e.g. Point Life features).

Social

Inclusion	Quality of life	Accessibility
Create opportunities for a diverse range of people to live at Hobsonville Point Provide affordable homes aimed at first home buyers on moderate incomes Maximise opportunities for community participation	Promote a healthy and safe living environment Ensure that the public realm is attractive and accessible Maximise opportunities for Hobsonville Point to become a learning community	Ensure Hobsonville Point is accessible to people at all stages of life and ability Ensure all residents have enhanced access to essential services

Long term indicators	2026 Target	2013 Result	2015 Result	Comment
% of people that report positive contact with their neighbours, such as a visit, or asking each other for a small favour.	80% or more	70%	Not measured	
% of people who report negative contact with their neighbours, where there is outright tension.	10% or less	3%	Not measured	
% of people who report that they have used a local park or community facility in the last month.	70% or more	86%	Not measured	
% of homes are at a more affordable price point (as determined by the Minister of Housing).	20% or more		23% of all homes sold to date.	New Indicator. Until May 2015 affordable homes were defined at or below \$485,000. Since June 2015 that has increased to at or below \$550,000.
Options are available for people wishing to rent long term.			On track	New Indicator. Agreement signed with developer for the provision of long term rentals in two superlots.
% of people that feel that their neighbourhood is a safe place for unsupervised children.	80% or more	87%	Not measured	
% of people who feel safe in their neighbourhood after dark.	85% or more	83%	Not measured	
% of residents who rate the quality of public space as good/very good.	85% or more	85%	Not measured	
% of school children who bike/walk or catch public transport to school.	60% or more	43%	Not measured	

% of people who feel that the Hobsonville Point site is very/reasonably safe for pedestrians.	95% or more	95%	Not measured
% of cyclists who feel that cycling within the Hobsonville Point site is very/reasonably safe.	95% or more	93%	Not measured

Development indicators	Comment
All roads are open to the public (no gated communities).	Achieved.
The development will contain a mixture of apartments, terraces and detached dwellings.	The mix to date is 9% apartments, 57% terrace/duplex houses and 34% free-standing houses.
A mixture of 1–2 bedroom, 3 and 4-plus bedroom homes will be built to cater for a variety of housing needs.	The mix to date is 6% one bedroom, 29% two bedroom, 35% three bedroom, 28% four bedroom, and 2% five bedroom homes.
All dwellings are within 400m walking distance of a public space with recreation facilities (playground, seating or similar).	All dwellings within the Master Plan area are within 400m of a park with such facilities.
At least one local public event is held each year.	A range of events were held throughout the year including the Annual 'Runway Challenge' the flight themed 'Come Fly with Me', and a Heritage Festival event. Resident BBQs were held, and a community art project, the Peace Poppy Project.
The delivery of affordable homes forms part of all development agreements at Hobsonville Point	Achieved. In addition a requirement has been added to also deliver a % of homes under the Auckland Metro median house price in the Buckley B and Village precincts.
Maintenance of public spaces is to a high standard.	Not measured this year.
Multifunctional space provided for use by community groups.	Sunderland Lounge sold to Auckland Council and available to the community for hire.
Community activation programme implemented.	Achieved with a number of initiatives underway.
School facilities are available for community use when not required by school (after hours).	Achieved.
Public buildings altered for accessible access.	Farmers Market and Catalina Café building altered to be accessible.
Fibre optic cabling in place and available to every household, education facility and business.	Achieved.

Cultural

Sense of place 'Turangawaewae'	Custodianship 'Kaitiakitanga'	Heritage	Cultural life
Create a distinctive identity for Hobsonville Point	Promote environmental and social responsibility among residents Work in partnership with local iwi, Ngati Whatua o Kaipara and Te Kawerau a Maki	Ensure that Hobsonville Point's future reflects its past	Promote a diverse range of cultural, sporting and other opportunities Celebrate local events

Long term indicators	2026 Target	2013 Result	2015 Result	Comment
Placemaking strategy implemented by end of the Buckley stage of development.	NA	Achieved	Achieved	
% of residents that feel a sense of community in the local neighbourhood.	75% or more	66%	See comment	Not measured using the same method, however 54% said they were satisfied with the sense of community.
% of residents who state that they participate in local residents' association/community body activities.	30% or more	Not measured	Not measured	The Residents Society has been established. The Society held a Community Showcase event for residents. Approximately 25% of residents attended.
% of residents who have taken action during the past year to improve the natural environment.	55% or more	63%	Not measured	
% of residents who report seeing tui and fantails in their garden or neighbourhood during the last week.	Increases over time	26.2%	Not measured	
% of residents who have visited at least one of the heritage sites at Hobsonville Point.	80% or more	Not measured	Not measured	
The Headquarters Building, Mill House, the 'Arts and Crafts' style officer housing and the Sunderland Lounge are retained and converted to appropriate uses.	NA	On track	On track	Protected through the Comprehensive Development Plan.
% of residents who participate in cultural, sporting or recreational activities.	75% or more	Not measured	Not measured	

Development indicators	Comment
Phoenix palms along Buckley Avenue are retained.	29 out of 33 were retained in the Buckley precinct.
Consultation with community groups and historical societies undertaken.	Community Facilities Liaison Group and Placemaking Advisory Committee and Residents Society have been established. The Community Facilities Liaison group no longer meets as the Placemaking Committee and Residents Society have absorbed the role of this group.
All place names drawn from local association.	Achieved.
Each precinct includes at least one public artwork.	On track, two significant artworks added in 2015 by Louise Purvis and Steve Woodward.
HLC actively works to ensure that the relationship with iwi is honoured.	MOU signed with Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngati Whatua o Kaipara, and regular relationship meetings held.
Iwi consultation occurs as part of the development.	MOU signed with Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngati Whatua o Kaipara, and regular relationship meetings held.
At least one suitable memorial work/site that reflects the iwi heritage.	Currently in planning with iwi.
Residents Society established and supported.	Residents Society established and very active. Hobsonville Community Fund established.
Key historical/architectural buildings are retained and restored and information about these is provided to the public.	Several buildings have now been restored, including the Catalina Café, one bay of the Seaplane Hangar (Farmers Market) and the Sunderland Ave homes. Further restorations are underway or planned. A wooden bus stop from the Airforce era located on the corner of Sunderland Ave and Buckley Ave has been restored and story panels installed that relate to that era.
Interpretation implemented to draw out iwi, Airforce and other local connections.	A significant interpretation resource has been completed which forms the basis for cultural and historical interpretation along the coastal walkway. Interpretation panels are installed along the ferry wharf depicting the history of the area. Interpretation banners with historical reference were created as a project with the Hobsonville Point Secondary School students. Three oral recordings were made of people associated with the former airbase.
At least one suitable memorial work/site that reflects the Air Force heritage.	Completed.
At least five different types of active recreational facilities/areas are provided (such as boat launching, basketball, walking/cycling track, school sports fields, netball courts, community hall, skate park, BBQ areas).	Walking tracks, playgrounds, a BBQ area and picnic tables are in place. The Sunderland Lounge is now available to the public. The school playing fields are now open to the public. Construction of an outdoor stage, table tennis tables, pétanque court, flying fox, in ground trampolines and other facilities are planned. Options are under investigation for a marine recreation facility.
Education/management programme in place while HLC is on site.	Participation in the Auckland wide Heritage Festival promotes the history of Hobsonville Point. Working with the school on projects reflecting history, and features in regular marketing material.

Part 2: The Hobsonville Land Company's Corporate Operations



Working with Others

The vision of Hobsonville Point is ambitious and cannot be achieved by the HLC on its own. Over the last year key relationships have included:

Iwi

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngati Whatua o Kaipara about iwi involvement in the planning process for Hobsonville Point in 2011. A strong working relationship has been established and the parties are now working to relocate ex-Airforce houses from Hobsonville to iwi land for refurbishment. This project addresses iwi housing needs by utilising houses that need to be removed from the Hobsonville site to make way for redevelopment.

Our Builders and Development Partner

2014/15 was a busy year at Hobsonville Point with sales and construction activity significantly up on the previous year. Our builder partners Jalcon Homes, Universal Homes, Classic Builders, GJ Gardner, Willis Bond and our development partners AVJennings and Willis Bond have been active and constructive partners in the delivery of quality, energy and water efficient, warm and healthy affordable homes under the Axis Series brand.

We are very pleased with the level of innovation of our partners and the resulting diversity in size, typology and price points.

Auckland Council

We continue to enjoy a strong and strategic relationship with Auckland Council.

Hobsonville Point Residents Society Committee

The Hobsonville Point Residents Society Committee held their third AGM at the end of 2015. It has 8 residents on the Committee and a representative from the retirement village. The Hobsonville Land Company attends the monthly committee meetings, enabling both parties to share information, advice and updates on the development and the community.

Hobsonville Point Placemaking Advisory Committee

The committee includes representatives from Iwi, the local Board, Auckland Council, the Hobsonville Point School Board, AVJennings, Hobsonville Point Residents Society and the Hobsonville Land Company. The Committee is tasked with advising us on how we can ensure that Hobsonville Point develops into a community with a strong identity and sense of place.

Hobsonville Point Farmers Market

The Hobsonville Point Farmers Market opened in February 2011, and is managed by the Hobsonville Point Farmers Market Incorporated Society. The Market is a huge success and is proving to be a great way to promote healthy eating, and the environmental benefits of eating foods within their season, and supporting local food producers. In the last year we have supported the market in strategic planning for its long term future at Hobsonville Point.

Kaipatiki Project

Kaipatiki operate our on-site native plant nursery. Over the last year we have been working with Kaipatiki and Auckland Council to plan for a long term presence for Kaipatiki at Hobsonville Point.

Carbon Reporting

The HLC has chosen to report its corporate emissions voluntarily using the Catalyst Annual Carbon Emissions (ACE) calculator and guidelines. This carbon report has not been verified independently.

The table below shows annual emissions over the last three years. Since 2012/13 staff numbers have increased from 11 to 18. A waste audit had been previously done, and this showed only a small contribution to overall emissions. Because of the considerable effort involved in a robust waste audit it has been decided to not repeat this regularly. It is noted that composting of food scraps and recycling systems remain in place.

	2014/15 Tonnes CO ₂ e	2013/14 Tonnes CO ₂ e	2012/13 Tonnes CO ₂ e	Trend against previous year
Activity:				
Office electricity use	5.92	5.53	2.376	↑
Car travel	5.90	7.30	5.723	↑
Air travel (staff and Directors)	10.01	6.44	5.947	↑
Waste to landfill (office)	<i>not measured</i>		0.231	
Total carbon footprint	21.83	19.27	14.276	↑

Emissions have grown by over 50% in the last two years. Considering a staff increase of over 60% this is not unexpected. In the last two years an information centre that is open to the public 7 days a week has been established and the increase in electricity use will be partly caused by this. In addition there have been extensions to the office space resulting in additional heating, cooling and general electricity consumption. The increases in travel related emissions are the result of increased activity across the business.

While travel to and from work is not included in this data it is noted that five staff members now live within Hobsonville Point.

Part 3: The year ahead



This section briefly looks at our main focus over the next 12 months.

Our Residents

We now have over 500 homes occupied. As the numbers continue to increase, it is important that residents have the opportunity to get to know their immediate neighbours to encourage interaction and connectedness. HLC will work with the Development Partners to help ensure that there are regular neighbourhood gatherings to create this opportunity.

Hobsonville Point Coastal Walkway Te Ara Manawa

The coastal area at Hobsonville Point is critical in our achievement of our ecological and placemaking objectives. It is the place where people will most get in touch with the natural environment and it includes significant areas of native flora and fauna. Construction of the Coastal Park is well underway and includes a walk and cycle way and will facilitate people's experience of this stunning part of Hobsonville Point.

Schools

We will continue to involve both the secondary and the primary school in what we do. Both schools have been involved in a Biodiversity Monitoring exercise, and the secondary school has designed banners for construction fences. Timber from a demolished hangar has been donated to the secondary school for their projects, and HLC have attended project presentations by students.

The Landing

HLC will be working with a Development Partner in the development of the Landing. A key part of this will be the activation of the area to support the farmers market while construction work is underway in the area. An activation programme once development of the Landing is complete will help ensure that lots of people can experience this very special place with its beautiful outlook and rich history.

Pest and Weed Management

Weed and pest management is ongoing and will continue to be a priority to help improve the health of the flora and fauna present at Hobsonville Point.

Transport

The use of public transport by residents is still quite low, with the majority traveling to work by driving themselves (79% in recent survey). Promoting alternative modes of transport will be a key priority this year. Alternatives currently include a commuter ferry, buses, Cityhop and a Hobsonville Point Carpooling initiative.