



HOBSONVILLE POINT

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NEW ZEALAND'S FASTEST-GROWING NEW COMMUNITY

Last year was another big year at Hobsonville Point, as the community continued to grow and the number of new homes increased significantly. There's now about 1,300 people living at Hobsonville Point. Around 952 homes have been sold, of which 535 have been completed, and 402 are under construction. Of these, 228 homes sold have been Axis Series homes. Key developments include:

- The main road, Hobsonville Point Road, was completed
- More of the 4km coastal walkway was built
- The Hobsonville Point Early Learning Centre opened
- The Brickworks apartment block was completed and is now occupied
- Two more stunning artworks were installed
- Buckley Avenue was transformed

Events and activities at Hobsonville Point continue to grow. There's Bootcamp at the Primary School, Summer gatherings in the park, a cricket club in full swing, dance and yoga classes, a junior sailing club and much more.

This year promises to be just as busy in terms of expanded community amenities. More of the coastal walkway is being constructed, the former Rifle Range will be modified to include a stage and play pods. Harrier Point will be another park that will include play and fitness equipment, and picnic/barbeque facilities and development of the Landing will be underway.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Information Centre:

Open 7 days from 10am to 4pm

Display Village:

Open 7 days from 10am to 4pm on Liquidambar Avenue

Come Fly With Me:

Sunday 14 February 10am to 2pm at Bomb Point – Te Onekiritia Point, accessible via Boundary Road or De Havilland Road

Hobsonville Point Farmers Market:

Every Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 1pm at the Landing, Hudson Bay Road

Hobsonville Point Art Market:

Every first Sunday of the month at the Hobsonville Point Farmers Market at the Landing, Hudson Bay Road

Hobsonville Point Vintage and Craft Market:

Every second Sunday of the month at the Hobsonville Point Farmers Market at the Landing, Hudson Bay Road

Angelite Holistic Fair:

Natural therapy practitioners, holistic healing products, clairvoyants and more. Every fourth weekend of the month from 9am to 3pm in the Sunderland Lounge on Marine Parade, Hobsonville Point

Kaipatiki Project:

Volunteers needed for the nursery! Wednesdays between 9am and 12pm. No experience needed, learn on the job! Contact Kaipatiki for more info on 482 1172 or email restoration@kaipatiki.org.nz

COME FLY WITH ME AT TE ONEKIRITEA POINT

Hobsonville Point's stunning Te Onekiritea Point (Bomb Point) is the backdrop to this year's Come Fly With Me festival on Sunday, February 14, now in its third successful year.

Join the Hobsonville Point community in a celebration of the wind, sun and sky with delicious food, games for kids of all ages, crafting activities and kites of all sizes!

This year will see more interactive activities. The Open Fort is working with the Hobsonville Land Company to create a selection of games suitable for adults and children especially for Come Fly With Me.

The Open Fort has creative activities for kids to colour in, put together and send off into the sky. There will also be Peter Clark's spectacular 3D kites as well as other local kite flier's showing their most fanciful kites. Some of Auckland's best aviation groups have been invited to display their crafts and local community groups will have displays and information. A selection of delicious food trucks with a dedicated picnic area where you can relax with snacks and watch the festivities. The day will also acknowledge Valentine's Day with a Wings of Cupid Valentine's game. Keep an eye on the Hobsonville Point Facebook page or website for more information.



WATERFRONT TO BE REVITALISED

Hobsonville Land Company (HLC) is very excited to be working with Willis Bond on the redevelopment of The Landing. The Landing is 1.8 hectares of north-facing waterfront land and is currently home to the popular Hobsonville Point Farmers Market and regular art and craft markets, with a ferry wharf and ferry services connecting to downtown Auckland on weekdays.

Willis Bond proposes to develop a mixed use waterfront precinct which would contain restaurants and cafes as well as retail, niche office space and apartments. A great deal of care has been taken over what will be at the heart of

the community of Hobsonville Point, and central to this is the relationship to the harbour. The seaplane hangar and key historic buildings at the site will be retained as part of the redevelopment.

Willis Bond have extensive restoration experience, having completed several keynote developments in Wellington. All going to plan, Willis Bond will commence their redevelopment works in the second half of 2016. HLC is currently undertaking enabling and remediation work on existing buildings at The Landing. This work will be complete by June 2016.



TELL US YOUR STORIES

As most people who live at Hobsonville Point will know, the area has a rich history in terms of iwi, airforce and ecology. Hobsonville Land Company has commissioned Oral Historian, Sue Gee to interview people who have lived and worked at the former airbase. Two recent recordings have been particularly special, one of Janet Beech (nee Wilson) who is now in her eighties, was recorded as she walked around her former home, recalling her childhood memories of when she lived there in the late 1930's. Her father Hugh Wilson was Commanding Officer at Hobsonville Base, and First Commanding Officer at Te Rapa, and served at Gallipoli and Passchendale. Sue also interviewed Annette Clark and her daughters who recounted their stories about their husband and father John 'Junk' Clarke. This story can be found inside the restored old bus stop on the corner of Sunderland Ave and Buckley Ave.

Kathleen Waldock, Project Manager Events and Placemaking at HLC says, "Sue has such a gentle and friendly manner so it is easy to see how people find it easy to talk to her on topics that can be very emotional. It's so important that we capture their stories, not only to acknowledge

them, but for those who live here now and in the future to understand the history".

Sue is also liaising with the West Auckland Research Centre (WARC), who has agreed to house the recordings and make them available to the public on request.

Sue is also researching stories about the former Rifle Range that is located near Bomb Point and will be transformed over the coming year to become an area with a stage and grassed terraces to watch performances. If you used to work at the Rifle Range and would like to share your stories, please email or phone Kathleen Waldock on 261 5280, email: Kathleen.waldock@hlc.co.nz.



Janet Beech (L) with Sue Gee

HOWZAT!

The sound of leather on willow is here to stay at Hobsonville Point. Takapuna District Cricket Club's (TDCC) initiative to play cricket in the Hobsonville Point area has made progress and promises to make further progress this year.

Several after school Cricket Blitz programmes were held at Hobsonville War Memorial Park to cater for junior age group of cricketers, thanks to the wonderful efforts of Harrison Wills from the Hobsonville Point Primary school (HPPS) and coaching support from TDCC's Director of Cricket Amita Weerakoon with support from some junior coaches.

During the new school term in 2016, Takapuna DCC are looking at providing these junior

coaching programs and Cricket Blitz games for the schools in the Hobsonville area to develop the game further at no cost to schools by TDCC. Any schools interested in using these programs can contact Amita Weerakoon on doc@takapunacricket.co.nz.

The TDCC – HP youth team is looking for more players of 12 – 15 year age group to join this team to play in the 2016 part of the ACA tournament. Any interested players could contact the team managers Sandra and Ian Atkins: atkins@ak.planet.gen.nz. The Club is also looking for volunteers and supporters to help grow the Club.



MORE OPTIONS TO LIVE AT HOBSONVILLE POINT

As more and more Aucklanders choose to rent rather than own their own home, increasing the number of long-term rental accommodation in the market is ever more important. Hobsonville Point's latest development will help address this need.

The NZ Super Fund, Ngai Tahu Property Limited and New Ground Capital have teamed up to invest at Hobsonville Point. The NZ\$113 million project will see around 200 new homes developed.

A total of 1.95 hectares of land in two super lots has been purchased by the consortium. Around 50% of the homes will be priced at below the Auckland median house price. Thirty

percent of homes will be priced at \$550,000 or below under the Hobsonville Point Axis Series homes programme. Around three-quarters of the homes will be sold as they are developed, and the remaining quarter will be retained as market-based, long-term rental homes that will be managed by New Ground.

HLC Chief Executive Chris Aiken says that retaining a portion as long-term rentals and delivering half of the dwellings under the median Auckland house price would add further diversity to the homes available at Hobsonville Point. Construction is due to commence mid 2016, and due to be complete in late 2018.



HOW CONVENIENT

When Rajendra and Gayatri Topiwala were looking for somewhere to open their first dairy, they opted for Hobsonville Point as it "looked very promising". After opening about 6 months ago, they are very happy with their choice of location. Gayatri says "when we first opened, everyone was so supportive and friendly, and the community continues to make us feel very welcome". The dairy is also a Laundry Agent, drop off any laundry or dry cleaning, and it will be ready for pick up the following working day. The 'Hobs Point Convenience' is open from 7am to 7pm weekdays, and 8am to 7pm weekends.

A CAR WHEN YOU NEED IT

Why own more than one car, when you can access an extra vehicle whenever you need it without the costs of owning one?

Now reducing the number of cars in your household, or going 'car free' altogether, is easier than ever for Hobsonville Point residents thanks to a couple of new initiatives.

Cityhop cars are a great replacement for that second car that is only kept for 'just in case'. One membership can cover a number of people in the same household. You don't need to worry about paying for gas, or maintenance, it's all taken care of. Go to www.cityhop.co.nz for more detail, or give Alex a call on 0800 2 CITYHOP. Look out for the Cityhop promotion on the Hobsonville Point website where you can give it a go for free.



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PIPI'S PLAYGROUP ON THE MOVE

Hobsonville Point Papis Playgroup has a new venue and on a new day. It will now be held in Hobsonville Hall, 397 Hobsonville Road on Mondays during school term between 9.30 -11.30 am with a new coordinator.

Kirsty Mew, Coordinator, says "we would love to see many new families joining us for fun and laughter with many exciting activities planned for our future superstars". The playgroup starts back on Monday 15th February.

FLAME PIZZA

Takeaway food that's really healthy, with no greasy feel and a fabulous flavour – sound like a fantasy? Well then, dreams come true at Flame, the newest addition to Hobsonville Point.

New owner Brendon Marsh says "Flame looks to meet the needs of the growing community with gluten free pizza bases available, freshly made salads and oven baked fries. All products are hand constructed on site from carefully selected ingredients".

Flame offers high quality burgers, sides and pizzas. Spicy Prawn and Minted Lamb are just a few of the imaginative pizza toppings on offer as well as delicious lamb burgers. Flame Pizza is located on the corner of De Havilland Road and Baffin Street. Orders can be placed in store or phone ahead on 416 1906.



CHRISTMAS ON THE POINT

Hobsonville Point's homegrown Christmas celebration gets bigger and better each year.

Ever since Matt and Jackie Still's first Christmas at Hobsonville Point with their son Keegan four years ago, they have organised a Christmas get together in the nearby park for neighbours. With every year as more people move in, the number of people joining the neighbourly celebration also increases, as has the amount of community support.

This Christmas, contributions came from many parties – neighbours June and Andy Ranyard were happy to provide the power from their home for the bouncy castle, Jo Smo Hsu did the face painting, World Movers provided the BBQ and the bouncy castle, Harcourts provided a giant cake and James Barrow took photos. AVJennings put on a fantastic BBQ, with chocolates and mince pies provided by the Hobsonville Land Company. Matt said "it was fantastic to see so many new faces at this years BBQ, and it was a great opportunity to relax with neighbours that have become our friends". Matt said the community support was great, even though he also had to take on the role of Santa at the last minute when nobody was brave enough to volunteer for this role!

Matt and Jackie are keen to see this continue as an annual community event. Jackie says "we expect the numbers attending to increase as more people move in, which will add to the great atmosphere of the get together, but it also means more planning and preparation will be needed, and we won't be able to do it on our own, so we will be asking our community to help again". Community events are often promoted on the Hobsonville Point Community Facebook page, and the Hobsonville Point Residents Societv website.



PARK WITH A BARK

Hobsonville Point canines have a new playground. An area at Bomb Point has been fenced off to provide residents with an off leash area for their dogs to have a run around. It's a stunning setting for pooches and their owners. There are lovely mature trees providing some shade, and the grass is left to grow a little long for the dogs to explore.

Local resident Helen Trigg says, "It's lovely to see the new off lead dog park finished here at The Point. With secure fencing and a very well designed double gate entrance I think it's a great addition to our dog walks. Sprinkles pictured loves sniffing for rabbits and chasing fellow dogs madly around the space, then resting in the shade of one of the many trees to get her breath back. Lovely benches for owners as well make this space really usable for the community".

There are some simple considerations that are asked of owners to help ensure all visitors enjoy the area. These include making sure dogs are licensed and vaccinated, are more than six months old, and to leave the park for another day if their dog becomes overly aggressive or anxious. Dogs are expected to be on leash in all other areas around Hobsonville Point.

