



# HOBSONVILLE POINT

Moments away, a world apart.

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## GOD WILLING AND WEATHER PERMITTING

There's still time to get tickets to the Auckland Heritage Festival's Hobsonville Point event, 'God Willing and Weather Permitting' taking place on Saturday 5 October from 10am to 12pm. But be in quick as numbers are limited!

The event departs Pier 4 at Downtown Auckland at 10am, and returns at 12 noon. It's a guided tour of the waterways of the Waitemata Harbour that provided the highways of the region before an extensive roading network grew up. The tour features a stop with historical talks at Hobsonville Point wharf.

Pictured here is the scow 'Hobsonville', owned by Rice Owen Clark (of Clark's Pottery), it shows the crew taking a break from unloading another shipment of pipes from the potteries, to pose for a photo. Thousands of pipes were manufactured and transported to the Auckland Wharves. The 'Hobsonville', built especially for Clark in 1894, was 68 feet long and 18 feet wide. She was the flagship of many Auckland regattas. She ended her days

as a barge in tow and in 1943 capsized off Pahiri Bay, Great Barrier Island and drifted ashore to become a total loss.

Scows were a very popular coastal workhorse from the 1880's to the 1960's.

In the book 'God Willing and Weather Permitting', Malcolm Hahn said "China had its junks, middle eastern countries had their dhows and New Zealand had its scows. Between 1873 and the 1920's no fewer than 125 of these scows were built. What made the scow so popular in the Upper Waitemata harbour was its shallow draught and ability to enter tidal rivers and estuaries with the incoming tide, sit on the hard while being loaded or unloaded, and leave with the outgoing tide."

Come on board to find out more about the history of the Waitemata Harbour. You can book tickets through the Eventfinder website. Adults \$10.00, children \$5.00 (15yrs old and younger), Family ticket (2 adults and two children) \$25.00.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Information Centre:  
Open 7 days from 11am to 4pm

Display Village:  
Open 7 days 10am to 4pm

Hobsonville Point Farmers Market:  
Every Saturday and Sunday  
from 9am to 1pm

Hobsonville Point Vintage & Craft Market:  
Every second Sunday of the month, in the Catalina Café Community Space, from 9am to 1pm.

Hobsonville Point Pipi's Playgroup:  
Every Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am during school term time. Held in the Supper Room of the Sunderland Lounge. Gold coin donation. Contact Liz Willoughby for more information on 021 881 996.

Shotokan Karate:  
Mondays and Wednesdays in the Catalina Cafe community space. Beginners 3.15pm to 4pm, Intermediate 4pm to 5pm.

Art Academy:  
Children, teen and adult classes. Locations at Art Studio, Hobsonville Road, West Harbour and Marina View Primary School. For more information visit [www.artacademy.co.nz](http://www.artacademy.co.nz)

'God Willing and Weather Permitting' Auckland Heritage Festival:  
Saturday 5 October 10am to 12pm, Ferry departs Pier 4 from Auckland CBD.

Hobsonville Point Secondary School opens: 2014.



# TAKING THE SHOW HOME TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL

Hobsonville Point is establishing itself as the home of building innovation. And now one of its builder partners, Classic Builders, has taken the show home to a whole new level. Its innovative design and fit was unveiled when it opened on Saturday 14 September at Hobsonville Point. Sleek, stylish, yet completely classic, this show home has been designed with the utmost attention to detail and is full of surprises.

The contemporary Escea gas fireplace, the extensive use of engineered timber floors, and plush carpeting provides luxurious warmth, together with eco friendly LED lights throughout the home, and sleek and stylish glass balustrade enhances the natural light. Cleverly concealed storage is used in both bathroom and laundry, and the delightful kitchen will surprise with toe kick drawers and dark pantry interior.

Classic Builders is a national building company with a reputation for building quality homes. Positive customer feedback has been a core driver of business since the company began in 1996 and they are now one of the top ten building companies in New Zealand. Classic Builders have built up a valued reputation and can now boast over 2000 satisfied customers throughout New Zealand.

These stunning Classic Builders homes are selling fast, with 9 already sold. During the month of September another 22 houses in Superlot 16 will be available.

Located on the corner of Corsair Street and Harvard Street, visiting hours are from 10am until 4pm, seven days a week. Visit [www.classicbuilders.co.nz](http://www.classicbuilders.co.nz) or contact Lorraine on 021 906 484.



# ART TAKES FLIGHT AT HOBSONVILLE POINT



Already renowned for its public art, Hobsonville Point's latest installation 'Remnants of Flight' reflects the community's aviation history.

The 16-metre stone sculpture, installed between the Hobsonville Point Primary School and Park was created by Nick Eagles

of The Letter Q. Nick describes the piece and his inspiration for it. "Hobsonville Point is infused with flight and with so much change in the landscape I felt that I needed to consider how this artwork could give some continuity to that history. In 'Remnants of Flight' each slice of stone echoes the 'V' form of a bird in an individual moment of flight. Each shape has been articulated to lead into the next so, when stacked together, a dynamic sequence takes shape. The sequence can then be interpreted as a kind of inventory of lift-offs and landings, linking the site to its former life as an airstrip."

"Living in Auckland we are surrounded by volcanic sites where something fleeting and volatile has shaped rock in the landscape – so it's easy to see stone as a material that can hold a passing moment

in its form. Often such moments are revealed quite gradually. With that in mind the stonework has been embedded in the landscape, an archive of wing shapes to be discovered, rather than a conspicuous monument imposed."

Nick Eagles' work has been exhibited around the country in group exhibitions, and as a finalist in the Wallace and Waikato awards. His solo exhibitions at the McPherson gallery have received good reviews and several works are now in major private collections such as the Wallace Arts Trust. Recently public artworks include a cast concrete bridge deck at Ken Maunder Park in New Lynn.

The Letter Q is a design company which specialises in graphics for display and exhibit environments.

# SHOTOKAN KARATE AT HOBSONVILLE POINT



松濤館空手道連盟

The Defence Force may have departed Hobsonville Point, but residents can still tap into the discipline and strength of the martial arts with their very own Shotokan Karate classes at the Catalina Café Community Space.

Karate and Sensei (teacher), Christopher Papas, who began the classes a few months ago, has been living and practising the art of karate every day since the age of 10. Christopher grew up in South Africa and represented his country at the Japan

Shoto Cup in 2000. He and his family immigrated to New Zealand in 2001 and he has continued practicing karate at the Shotokan Karate Coalition Dojo, on Auckland's North Shore.

Christopher says "I'm a very devoted karate ka and live in what I am taught. Karate taught me to be positive, to gain confidence in what I want to achieve in every day challenges and to be focused. Through the ways of Karate I will teach you interesting techniques, self discipline, confidence and good character building."

You can pop in to see Christopher at the Catalina Café during training times, or contact him either at: christopher.papas@xtra.co.nz or mobile 021 1855 015.

Classes are on at the Catalina Café Community Space, corner of Buckley Ave Hastings Crescent, Hobsonville Point. Mondays and Wednesdays: Beginners 3:15pm to 4pm, Intermediate 4pm to 5pm.



## FOUR OF THE BEST AT HOBSONVILLE POINT FARMERS MARKET

Hobsonville Point Farmers Market has again featured prominently in the Annual National Farmers Markets Awards with four of its stallholders winning awards.

Farmers' Markets New Zealand celebrated the heroes and champions of regional food production in July at the 2013 Taste Farmers Markets Awards held in Lyttleton.

Hobsonville Point Farmers Market's four national winners are:

- Best Producer From The Kitchen Bench – Two Feijoas Gourmet Kitchen
- Highly Commended From The Kitchen Bench – Some Like It Hot
- Highly Commended From The Kitchen Bench – Relish The Thought
- Highly Commended From The Butchery – Farm Gate Produce

Market Manager, Samantha Waite, says; "We're delighted that four of our stallholders have been acknowledged in these national awards. Our point of difference is locally sourced produce. These awards are a real validation of the quality that the Hobsonville region has to offer."

The Hobsonville Point Farmers Market is open every Saturday and Sunday, 9am until 1pm, behind the hedgerow across from the Catalina Café, corner of Buckley Avenue and Hastings Crescent, Hobsonville Point.

## WANT TO EXPLORE HOBSONVILLE POINT? GRAB A BIKE AND WIN!



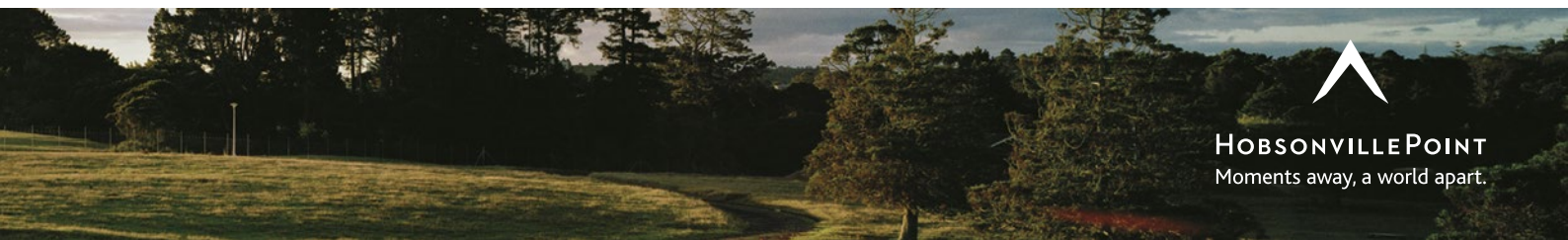
Hobsonville Point will be even easier to get around with the arrival of four rental bikes from Nextbike from 6 October. Julian from Nextbike will be launching the bikes at the Hobsonville Point Farmers Market on Sunday 6 October from 9am to 1pm, so come along to meet him and see how easy it is to get going on these fantastic bikes. Julian will also be on hand if you have any questions about the bikes at the Farmers

Market on 26, 27 October, 9, 10, 23 November and 14, 15 December.

To celebrate the launch of the bikes, anyone who hires a bike from Julian at the Farmers Market on these dates can enter a draw to win a \$200 Rebel Sport voucher. The draw will take place on Sunday 15 December 2013 at the Farmers Market.

To use the bikes at any time, simply register a mobile phone number and credit card at [www.nextbike.co.nz](http://www.nextbike.co.nz) (there's a \$4.00 charge to check your card). Find a bike outside the Catalina Café and call 09 909 9090, or use the Smartphone app, to get the current lock code.

Registered riders can use the bikes for up to 2 hours at no charge, as many times as they like. After the first two hours, it's \$4 per hour. Go to [www.nextbike.co.nz](http://www.nextbike.co.nz) to learn more and register now.



## STRONG DEVELOPMENT INTEREST IN SUNDERLAND PRECINCT

Builders and developers have shown strong interest in bidding for parts of the Sunderland Precinct, the next development area at Hobsonville Point.

A sales process began in July and registration of interest closed August 2nd for five development blocks in the Sunderland precinct, which centres on Sunderland Avenue and includes Mill House.

The Hobsonville Land Company (HLC) is working through the proposals received and expects to select and announce the successful party or parties in the coming weeks.

## SPACE FOR EXTRA STUFF

Storage space is now available for Hobsonville Point residents. If you've got a car, boat, caravan or Jet Ski that you need stored, talk to Joanna Carswell at the Hobsonville Point Information Centre. There are outdoor spaces available at 2.5m x 5m and 3m x 9m. Terms are by monthly Licence to Occupy Agreement. Call Joanna on 950 3039 or come into the Information Centre located at 5 Station Street.

## THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE

Roadworks are well underway on the upgrade of Buckley Avenue and the continuation of the new Hobsonville Point Road. There are diversions in place. Thank you for your continued understanding and consideration of other road users, pedestrians and traffic management signs.

## DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO SHARE?

If you have a story that you would like to share with the readers of this newsletter, please contact Kathleen Waldoock on [Kathleen.waldoock@hlc.co.nz](mailto:Kathleen.waldoock@hlc.co.nz) or phone 09 261 5054.

# YOUR HAVEN AT HOBSONVILLE POINT



Tasman Cook's sales suite for the 'Brickworks' apartments is now open seven days from 12pm to 3pm. Call in to have a chat with Mike de Seymour at the suite, located on the corner of De Havilland Road and Hobsonville Point Road. Mike can also be reached on 021 781 400, or email [mike@pointrealty.co.nz](mailto:mike@pointrealty.co.nz)

Brickworks is made up of 59 architect designed one and two bedroom apartments across four buildings of four storeys, and also has one three bedroom apartment.

The four buildings are arranged around a large scale space that allows for secure

parking for residents, plus it lets lots of natural light flood in.

All of the one bedroom apartments and some of the two bedroom apartments are available for purchase by Axis Series buyers. One bedroom apartments are from \$349,000 and the two bedroom apartments range in price from \$449,000 to \$499,000.

The apartments are proving to be popular with almost 25% sold in the first week.

Units are all :

- double glazed
- 2.7 metre ceiling height
- Have their own balconies
- Price includes a carpark ( secure entry private carpark.)
- Price includes storage locker
- All 2 bedroom apartments have 2 bathrooms/toilets

There are only five 2 bedroom, 2 level maisonettes.

The apartments are due to be completed in December 2014.

For more information, visit their website [www.hobsonvillepoint/brickworks](http://www.hobsonvillepoint/brickworks)

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTRE FOR HOBSONVILLE POINT

Plans are underway for a brand new Early Childhood Centre for our littlest residents at Hobsonville Point.

The Ministry of Education's 'Request for Proposal', seeks proposals to build, establish and operate an early childhood service at Hobsonville Point Primary School – and one that will dovetail with the primary school for a seamless transition for local children who proceed on to school education.

The proposal is for a centre licensed for approximately 50 children to provide an all day early childhood education (ECE) service for both under two and over two year olds.

The proposal also asks that "the philosophy of the service should meet the school and community aspirations for quality 21st century learning, and it is important the curriculum experiences of the early childhood service complement those of Hobsonville Point Primary by promoting children's learning interests through project learning and dispositions. The use of technology in enhancing children's learning should be thoughtfully integrated."

The centre is expected to open within 18 months of signing an agreement with the Ministry. The Requests for Proposals closed 19 September, with a contract start date to be 31 October 2013.

