



HOBSONVILLE POINT

Moments away, a world apart.

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HOBSONVILLE YACHTIES REINVIGORATE MARITIME TRADITION

"One yacht sailing and you are cruising. Two yachts sailing and you have a race," so the saying goes.

Sailing vessels have been plying the Upper Harbour off Hobsonville Point since the 1850s. Initially, these were mainly commercial vessels that were supporting the fledgling industries such as gum digging and clay tiles, and providing supplies to the hardy families that were shaping an existence in a very isolated area. From the early 1930's local families such as Doug and Audrey Mill of Mill House were building and sailing Frostbites up and around Hobsonville and Pine Island - now known as Herald Island.

Competitive sailing began at Hobsonville in the early 1930's which led to the formation of the Hobsonville Boating Club (HBC) in 1934. When the NZ Defence Force amalgamated the Hobsonville and Whenuapai bases in 1966 to become RNZAF Base Auckland, the HBC became RNZAF Base Auckland Yacht Club (RNZAF BAYC).

And now, with the retirement of the airforce base from Hobsonville Point, these proud maritime traditions are being taken forward by The Hobsonville Yacht Club, affiliated to Yachting New Zealand and involved in yacht racing and cruising in the classes of keelers, centerboard, monohulls and multihulls. Gary Swain, Commodore of the Club, says the aim is to keep the tradition of recreational boating alive at Hobsonville.

And those without sea legs are welcome at the Club too. Denise Ellis, Secretary of the Hobsonville Yacht Club, says "many of our members are not sailors, although this does not stop us from trying to show them the "light"!"

Denise adds that "For non boaties the club offers the opportunity for people to give it a go, and our premises provide a great vista to relax over an ale or cup of tea, with a friendly membership to boot". Membership is currently around 100. For more information, visit <http://www.hycnz.org.nz>



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 9am to 1pm
at The Landing, Hudson Bay Road

Hobsonville Point Art Market:
Every first Sunday of the month, in the Fabric Bay beside the Farmers Market at The Landing, Hudson Bay Road, 9am to 1pm

Hobsonville Point Vintage and Craft Market:
Every second Sunday of the month, in the Fabric Bay beside the Farmers Market at The Landing, Hudson Bay Road, 9am to 1pm

Kaipatiki Project:
Volunteers needed for 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

Doggy Day Out:
Hobsonville Point Farmers Market, Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 November 9am to 1pm



FROM THE GROUND UP

AWARD-WINNING HOMES

New homes at Hobsonville Point are again gaining national attention among the building industry.

At this year's Registered Master Builders 2014 House of the Year Awards, two of our builder partners won awards for homes at Hobsonville Point.

Jalcon Homes won Gold for House of the Year in the Auckland Region in its category, and Universal Homes took home Silver and Bronze Awards for House of the Year in the Auckland Region for excellence in workmanship, creativity & innovation.

Classic Builders, which is involved in several Hobsonville Point projects also has reason to celebrate having achieved higher accolades than any other large New Zealand building company in a report on new house owners' customer satisfaction levels. Independent industry research company BRANZ, gathered information from almost 650 new house owners during 2013. Customers were asked to rate a range of factors including their builders' workmanship and willingness to address any issues.



The latest art installation at Hobsonville Point is a collaboration between artist Tiffany Singh and students from the Hobsonville Point Primary School. The piece is called 'From the Ground Up' and is located in Hobsonville Point Park, opposite the primary school. The installation has four gates, drawing inspiration from the Japanese Torri gate tradition.

Tiffany says "the traditional purpose of the gates is to divide our world and the spirit world, or our new world from the old. Here the artwork pays homage to the heritage of the runway site, installed in a gentle curve to frame the edge of the old runway. The work plays on the 'air'planes and 'air'port of the old air base by using the wind currents or air to activate the artwork and sound the wind chimes installed under the gates.

The gates were carved by local artist Wiremu Diamond. Their shape, material and colour reference traditional eastern gates. The delicate treatment of Whakairo grounds them in Aotearoa and the netting details provide a link to the site specificity of Hobsonville Point as an upper harbor".

The project aims to generate a community based artwork. A core aspect was the involvement of all 97 students from Hobsonville Point Primary School. The children undertook a workshop over the course of a week learning about colour theory, the colour spectrum, what colours means to us in different cultures and what colours can tell us about nature. The children then designed their own creation on paper before choosing a colour and painting a wind chime.



UNIVERSAL HOMES OFFERING KIWI KIDS SCHOLARSHIPS

As part of Universal Homes' celebration of 55 years of creating the living difference for generations of Kiwi home owners, they are offering five Kiwikids Scholarships of \$1500 each to any New Zealand student aged between 8-18 years to help them pursue their educational goals in relation to the school they are currently attending. Just answer the Question: "Why I like living in my community". Further information

and terms and conditions are available here: <http://www.universalthomes.co.nz/kiwikids>



NEW HOMES ON HOBSONVILLE POINT'S HIGH STREET

The building companies at Hobsonville Point have just released a range of new homes on Hobsonville Point Road, the community's high street. Hobsonville Point Road has been designed as a 'spine' road, based on other much loved streets like Richmond and Remuera Roads. It will be lined with homes and small businesses and dotted with pockets of neighbourhood shops. The construction of the road will be complete by mid 2015.

The homes underway now on Hobsonville Point Road offer Aucklanders a more urban lifestyle than has been previously achievable in the suburbs. The homes will be within easy walking distance of cafes, shops, public transport, schools and parks.

The majority of the homes along Hobsonville Point Road will be terraces ranging from two to four storeys in height. Terraced homes offer value for money because they use less land. Their height allows for better views. Walk-ups will also be available.

New to New Zealand but popular overseas, walk-ups combine two homes in one building. The ground floor is a one or two bedroom home, and there is a separate larger home on the upper level/s. Living in the street level home can be compared to having an apartment on the ground, while the upstairs home benefits from the views elevation brings. Both offer an easy-care, low maintenance lifestyle. Some of the terraced homes incorporate a flexible space at street level which can be used as the premises for a small business. Please contact the building companies to find out more about the homes they have available to purchase off the plan.



SENIORS SET SIGHTS ON WATERFORD

Construction at Hobsonville Point's Waterford retirement village is well advanced. The first villas in stage one of the development are well underway, with many already sold, the strong demand reflecting the sophistication of a residential development specifically designed for retirement living that is also well-integrated into the wider community.

Resident Co-Ordinator, Joan Vujcich says "We understand that retirement living is very personal, and at the core of Waterford on Hobsonville is that personal touch. Everything here is about you. Waterford has many options available to suit your lifestyle and budget.

These are architecturally designed villas and apartments starting at \$485,000. Waterford welcomes you to join us in building this new community".

Call Joan Vujcich on 09 213 7333 for your appointment.

KIDS PLAYGROUP

Hobsonville Point's youngest residents have been getting together this year for regular playdates filled with food and fun! The group meets every Wednesday morning during school terms.

The pre-schoolers had been getting together as a Plunket 'Pipi's Playgroup' in the Sunderland Lounge, but as it is temporarily closed for Auckland Council to carry out repairs, they have been meeting more informally at parks and other venues, or occasionally at Bella's home.

Bella's Dad, Gavin Gunston, says "the kids have heaps of fun, and it's great for the adults to connect and feel at home". Until the Plunket Playgroup is up and running again, more activities and dates have been organised for October and November and the Gunston's are also intending to begin a parents coffee group from early next year. If you are interested, please contact Gavin on 021 346 997 or gavin@hobsonville.org.nz



SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL

The Axis Series Small Home Test Lab closed at the end of September, after six months during which thousands of Aucklanders, as well as builders, architects, designers and tradespeople visited and examined the three small homes on offer.

During those six months, consumers and members of the building industry have been providing views and feedback as part of a major research project that was part of the test lab.

There was strong overall positive feedback about smaller homes. What became clear is that, as the Kiwi lifestyle spreads its wings, Kiwis increasingly favour smaller homes, especially if they're more affordable.

Respondents were very positive about the quality of the homes and their design, as well as the fact that they were within a community with a mix of types of homes.

The lab comprised three homes:

- a 40 square-metre (111 square-metre section), single-level, one-bedroom home, price \$339,990
- an 87 square-metre (152 square-metre section), two-level, two-bedroom home, price \$449,990

- an 89 square-metre (185 square-metre section), single-level, three-bedroom home, price \$484,990

Overall, 69% said they could 'very comfortably' or 'reasonably comfortably' see themselves living in one of the three pilot show homes. Sixteen per cent were unsure, 12% said 'probably not' and just three per cent said 'definitely not'.

Asked to rate features important when buying a new home, 82% of all respondents, and 91% of respondents looking to buy for under \$485,000, rated the overall concept of a small, self-contained house and section for a lower price.

Among buyers in the market for a house under \$485,000, the interior layout of the house was the most important feature followed by the location. Interestingly the size of the section ranked last out of 14 features that we asked questions about.

In terms of building trade members surveyed, the two-bedroom home was thought to be the dwelling with the most market potential. Trade participants were asked what they thought the potential market size was for each of the Test Lab small homes.

Ninety one per cent of respondents saw a medium or large market potential for the two-bedroom home, 78% of respondents thought that the three-bedroom home had medium or large market potential, with 34% for the one-bedroom home.

All three homes have been sold with the lucky new owners drawn from a ballot of qualifying Axis Series home buyers, given the strong demand to purchase the homes.

A copy of the full research report Small Homes Feedback Survey is available at www.axisseries.co.nz/lab



HPFM DOGGY DAY OUT

Dog lovers get your four-legged friends ready for the 2014 HPFM Doggy Day Out, Saturday, November 15th & Sunday 16th, 2014 at the Hobsonville Point Farmers Market.

From 9 AM to 1 PM, Sat/Sun, the Doggy Day Out will be packed with fun competitions, exhibitors, demonstrations, education organisations primarily geared towards dog lovers. Whether you'd like to learn, shop, play, or adopt, this is an event you won't want to miss!

This year we have the Great Adoption Drive, meet the rescues who give dogs a second chance, meet the dogs that need new homes or perhaps adopt or sponsor a dog visit facebook for more details:
<https://www.facebook.com/hpfmdoggydayout>

WANT TO SEE THE FUTURE

You don't need a time machine to see the future – just come along to Future 2025 at the Hobsonville Point Secondary School in November.

The show about Auckland's future comprises secondary school students creating short plays about how Auckland can become the world's most livable city.

We are inviting VIP guests from Auckland Council and local MP's as a way of using this as a platform for our students to have a say in what is important to them as their city develops! The show is being performed on Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 November. Tickets can be purchased from the secondary

school, telephone 09 975 7400, maliina@hobsonvillepoint.school.nz. We would love to see you there.

