



HOBSONVILLE POINT

Moments away, a world apart.

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HOBSONVILLE HERITAGE ON SHOW

Hobsonville Point is again taking part in the Auckland-wide Heritage Festival that runs from September 26 to October 11 2015.

This year there will be an exhibition of photos relating to the former Hobsonville Airbase held by Hobsonville Land Company and images sourced by Hobsonville Point resident, and history enthusiast, Angela Thomson. Two members of the 'Hobsonville Old Boys' will give a talk about life on the former airbase. Images of banners designed by Hobsonville Point Secondary School students will also be on display. These have a heritage theme, reflecting on the past in the things we do in the present day. The banners will soon be installed on construction fences at Hobsonville Point.

The free exhibition is taking place in the Fabric Bay, next to the Hobsonville Point Farmers Market on The Landing, Hudson Bay Road on Sunday, September 27 from 9am to 1pm. The 'Hobsonville Old Boys' will talk from 11am to midday.



PAMPERED POOCHES ON POINT

Four-legged friends of Hobsonville Point residents can look their best with the installation of a woof wash in the suburb.

The dog washing facility has been incorporated into the bottom of the newly-opened Brickworks Apartments by developers, Tasman Cook. For just \$10, the 10-minute cycle allows owners to choose from shampoo and conditioning features, both with warm water, a flea treatment and a blow drier to keep their canine looking its best.



"Essentially it's a flash bath," says Vaughn Foster of Tasman Cook. "But instead of having to get yourself drenched while you fight to get your dog into the shower at home, and then spending 20 minutes cleaning the bathroom afterwards, you can take your dog down to the machine. It's up to you whether you do 10 minutes of shampooing or run through the whole range of features."

Vaughn says the woof wash, which caters for all sizes of dog, is a feature that adds to the experience of living at Hobsonville Point.

"It's becoming reasonably common in Europe and parts of North America, and we thought it would be a good idea here knowing that the Point is both family and pet friendly."

Owners wanting to pamper their pooch can find the woof wash on Baffin Street, near the intersection with Hobsonville Point Road and behind the new convenience store.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Information Centre:

Open 7 days from 10am to 4pm

Display Village: Open 7 days from 10am to 4pm on Liquidambar Drive

Hobsonville Point Residents Society AGM: Wednesday October 21 from 6.30pm. Held at Hobsonville Point Secondary School.

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, in the Fabric Bay beside the Farmers Market at The Landing, Hudson Bay Road, from 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, from 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

Plunket Pipi's Playgroup: From 9:30am to 11:30am on Wednesday mornings (during the school term only). Held in the Fabric Bay beside the Farmers Market at The Landing. Please bring a gold coin donation and your morning tea. Messy play activities available.

Angelite Holistic Fair: Natural therapy practitioners, holistic healing products, clairvoyants, spiritual healers, crystals and other spiritual and natural healing modalities. October 24 and 25 in the Sunderland Lounge, 10am to 3pm. Free entry. Visit www.angelitefairs.co.nz.

HEALTH HELP ON HAND

Medical care and advice is now available at Hobsonville Point with the opening of the Hobsonville Point Medical Centre and Pharmacy.

Located at 3/160 Hobsonville Point Road, the new medical centre and pharmacy are the first of the retail shops to open on the ground floor of the Brickworks Apartments.

The pharmacy is owned by Ally Kim, Samantha Muir and Samit Patel who all grew up locally in Hobsonville and Greenhithe before graduating from The University of Auckland, each with a Bachelor of Pharmacy with Honours. The team are excited to meet residents of the Hobsonville Point community and provide them with quality pharmaceutical services.

Meanwhile, Dr Seham Ayad has recently returned from Australia to serve the community by opening the medical centre. Dr Ayad graduated from Egypt's Cairo University as a Paediatrician before immigrating to New Zealand in 1996. She has worked in various hospitals, including North Shore, Auckland and Starship, as well as some general practices, including at Westgate and St Lukes.

The medical centre is open for enrolments from new patients and is currently providing a walk in service with no appointment necessary. It also has up to date, portable equipment which allows

for home visits if required. Enrolment forms are available at www.hvpm.co.nz.

"We hope to support the healthy, safe environment this community already upholds and are looking forward to helping wherever we can," says pharmacist Sam. "Do come in and say hello. We would love to meet you."

The pharmacy is open from 8:30am – 6pm Monday to Friday and 9am – 1pm Saturday. Contact the team on (09) 222 0319 or admin@hppharmacy.co.nz. The medical centre is open 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday, and 9am – 1pm Saturday. Contact the team on (09) 222 0381 or admin@hvpm.co.nz.



SMOOTH SAILING FOR JUNIORS

A growing fleet of optimists now regularly graces the waters of the Upper Harbour following the introduction of a junior sailing programme at Hobsonville Yacht Club.

In February, the club participated in Have a Go Day, a national initiative aimed at encouraging beginners to try their hand at sailing. Almost 200 people took part, with many families expressing an ongoing interest in a junior sailing programme.

"Straight away we started buying second-hand optimists, which are a really good training boat for younger kids, and doing them up. We've now got seven so we're getting quite a decent fleet which is a superb achievement," says Gill Moore, Dinghy Sailing Co-ordinator.

"I've been totally delighted at how things have progressed. We regularly get between eight and 12 kids turning up. There's no serious racing, they're going out and having fun in boats."

The weekly programme is run by volunteer club members, all of whom are experienced sailors. Heading into summer, it will be offered on Friday evenings and Saturdays (times to vary depending on high tide) with a weekend sailing retreat to Motuihe Island also proposed for next March. Children aged five to 13, who are accompanied by a parent(s), are invited to attend their first session for free, after which annual junior membership to the club is \$30.

Please email dinghysailing@hycnz.org.nz for more information.



Harrison, Mackenzie and Alice

CLASSIC BUILDERS SHOW HOME SIMPLY STUNNING

Classic Builders has opened its new architecturally-designed show home, adding another stunning house to the suite available for public viewing at Hobsonville Point.

Located at 11 Liquidambar Drive, behind Catalina Café, the hallmark of Classic Builders' new show home is its elegance and sophistication. The high-quality workmanship and modern colour palette is striking from the moment one walks into the entranceway, which features supersized windows and a graceful stairway with a wooden and glass balustrade. Visitors are greeted with a choice of two living areas providing ample space to relax around the fireplace or find a corner to read a book. Outside, aluminium louvres provide privacy for the home's inhabitants.

A textured white-washed brick hallway, a unique outdoor-indoor feature, leads into the main kitchen which is home to crisp black and white surfaces warmed by contemporary pendant lights. When entertaining, the kitchen-dining hub can remain pristine with the real work going on behind the scenes in



the butler's kitchen - a beautiful space in its own right.

The luxurious feeling and quality continues upstairs where a landing leads to four bedrooms. The master bedroom has a walk-through wardrobe and a generously sized his-and-hers en suite with top-quality modern fixtures and tiling.

FAMILY FOCUS FOR NEW CAFÉ



Hobsonville Point's newest café is open for business, with plenty on offer to cater for the area's youngest residents.

Roberts Café is located on the ground floor of the Brickworks Apartment building on De Havilland Road. It offers counter food in addition to kids and adult menus, a menu catering to special dietary requirements (such

as Paleo and Gluten Free) and a generous children's activity area.

Operations Manager, Hannah Doughty, says the Roberts chain, which has another store in Millwater and is soon to open a third in Tauranga, started late last year after its owner struggled to find a café where he felt comfortable taking his two young daughters.

"He wanted somewhere that families enjoy taking their children so that's what Roberts is all about. We make all the food on our kids menu, including our range of baby food, we have the children's activity area and we have a story telling hour in the café every morning."

Roberts also donates 50c from every coffee sold to a children's or family charity, with a new charity selected every three months. It is currently open from 6:30am to 6pm seven days a week and plans to extend its hours to offer dinner this summer.

CATCH SOME CRICKET THIS SUMMER

Hobsonville Point is set to become "the newest cricketing suburb in Auckland" with plans to introduce the game at Hobsonville War Memorial Park.

Supported and funded by Takapuna District Cricket Club (TDCC), the proposal is endorsed by the Auckland Cricket Association (ACA) and Auckland Council has granted permission to use the park. TDCC is now seeking interest from Hobsonville Point residents in its plans, which offer numerous options to cater for young and old, and all levels of experience.

"We hope to turn Hobsonville Point into the newest cricketing suburb in Auckland," says Amita Weerakoon, TDCC's Director of Cricket.

Once the cricket season starts next month, the proposed plans include:

- Wednesday evening - training for the senior team and the T20 team. New players welcome (16 years plus).
- Thursday afternoon - ACA Cricket Blitz after school competition for Years 7/8 and 9/10.
- Friday evening - Kookaburra Cup for ages 5 to 8. Every child gets a turn to bat, bowl and wicket keep.
- Saturday morning - Have-a-Go Cricket to develop basic cricket skills, small group activities, and minor and modified games for ages 5 to 8.
- Saturday afternoon - ACA senior cricket games for Hobsonville Point-TDCC.
- Sunday afternoon - ACA T20 Competition for Hobsonville Point-TDCC vs other ACA Clubs (16 years plus).

"If we have sufficient interest, we hope to provide something for everyone, even if families just want to come with a picnic and enjoy the atmosphere while watching Dad or one of the kids play," says Amita.

To find out more, please email Amita at doc@takapunacricquet.co.nz.



HOLISTIC FAIR

Starting in October, Hobsonville Point's Sunderland Lounge will regularly host the Angelite Holistic Fair. Established in 2006, the fair provides a venue for practitioners and the public to experience the range of available spiritual and natural healing modalities. The first fair in the Sunderland Lounge will be held on October 24 and 25, from 10am to 3pm. Entry is free. The fairs will also be held on the 4th Sunday of the month and on the Saturday prior when the lounge is available. Visit www.angelitefairs.co.nz for more information. Local holistic practitioners interested in hosting a stall can email rob@angelitefairs.co.nz.

NEW CENTRE FOR EARLY LEARNING

The doors of Hobsonville Point's new Early Learning Centre will open on Monday, October 12 in time for term four. Operated by the Northern Auckland Kindergarten Association, the brand new centre is located next to Hobsonville Point Primary School, with 100% registered teachers offering an all-day service for 60 children from six months to five years. For more information or to add your child/children to the waiting list, please email hpelc@naka.co.nz.

SPINE ROAD OPEN

The remaining section of Hobsonville Point Road is now open to traffic, dissecting the development to connect Hobsonville Village with The Landing. The spine road, which has been constructed in stages, will now serve as the area's main thoroughfare, replacing Buckley Avenue which has been reconfigured as a quieter suburban street. As well as passing both of the area's schools, Hobsonville Point Road will also be lined with residential housing and retail shops. Some road works are still to be completed over coming weeks, after which a row of windsocks will be installed at the western end of the new road as a temporary artwork.

TWO NEW NEIGHBOURHOODS FOR HOBSONVILLE POINT

Hobsonville Point will soon boast two new neighbourhoods, with progress on both Catalina and Sunderland B precincts.

Catalina (pictured), which is located between Hobsonville Point Primary School and Bomb Point, and Sunderland B, which stretches from Mill House to the Sunderland Lounge, will together introduce more than 700 new homes to the development and add much-needed supply to the Auckland housing market.

The Catalina precinct will house 544 new homes, with civil infrastructure works on stage one already completed by developer AVJennings.

Together with its builder partners (Universal Homes, Jalcon Homes, G.J. Gardner Homes, Classic Builders, Fletcher Living and Platinum Homes), AVJennings is now working hard to deliver a range of housing sizes and styles at Catalina, including an estimated 123 affordable homes. Catalina precinct's homes are expected to be completed in 2018.

AVJennings Project Director, Adriaan Vlok, says Hobsonville Point is one of the largest projects the developer has on its books across both New Zealand and Australia.

"Hobsonville Point is setting a benchmark for the industry and we're delighted to be part of it. We're committed to maintaining the strict quality standards for which we're known while at the same time providing home

buyers with a range of sizes, designs and prices to choose from."

Meanwhile, Classic Builders has been appointed the developer of the Sunderland B precinct, which includes Waitemata Harbour waterfront property and links Sunderland A (under development by Willis Bond) to Sunderland C.

Classic Builders has been part of Hobsonville Point for three years, having built houses in a number of other precincts. Co-director, Peter Cooney, says the firm is excited about the opportunity Sunderland B represents.

"We know and love this community, and are delighted not only to be able to contribute to the supply of new homes but to also now plan and create a whole portion of this very special neighbourhood."

Once developed, Sunderland B will offer 180 new homes ranging from standalone dwellings to terraces, and including more than 40 affordable homes. Infrastructure and site development will start immediately, and construction on the homes themselves should start by the beginning of next year. The houses are expected to be on the market from early 2016.

Since the development of Hobsonville Point commenced in 2008, more than 800 new homes have been completed or are under construction.

