



HOBSONVILLE POINT
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JOINING THE COMMUNITY

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IS HOBSONVILLE POINT *Right for Me?*

We hope so! It's a big decision to move to a new area, so this brochure is designed to give you a sense of what it's like to belong to the community at Hobsonville Point. We've deliberately designed our neighbourhoods to promote community interaction so that it's easy to get to know your neighbours, which is important because we know from research we're happier and safer that way.

One of our chief aims at Hobsonville Point is to build a diverse community. A community made up of people from all ages and stages is stronger and engenders a greater sense of belonging. Different stages have different needs and the opportunity to interact and help each other out is increased. For example, families with young children need teenagers in their neighbourhood who can babysit. Elderly people need younger people around to, say, take a heavy bin to the kerb. Retired people are often home during the day, which makes neighbourhoods safer.

By providing a range of housing types at a range of price points, we can cater for every age and stage of life.

We also have the amenities a diverse community requires, from walkable local shops, to good transport options, to parks and playgrounds, to schools your kids can walk or ride their bikes to. Our roads have been designed to make walking and cycling easy and pleasant. When people walk and use local facilities they bump into their neighbours and get to know each other.



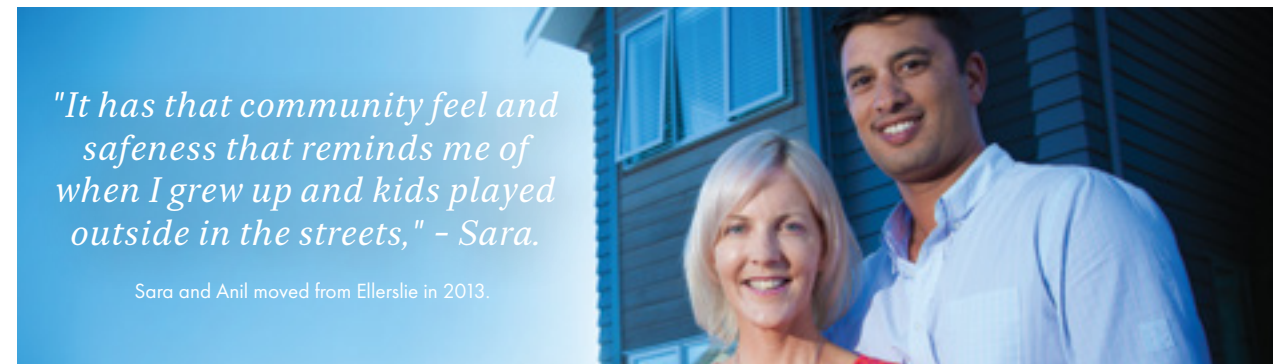
WHO LIVES ----- *Here?* -----

First homebuyers, families and empty nesters are all well represented as residents. Half of all buyers come from the north shore, a quarter from West Auckland and the remainder from either central Auckland, elsewhere in New Zealand or overseas. The last Census data shows us that our residents, on average, are younger than Auckland's general population and that they have higher incomes. About half indicated that they were in management or professional positions. From a survey we did, we know that our residents believe that a sense of community is important. The strength of the community is a key reason why many of our residents chose to live at Hobsonville Point.



"Hobsonville Point has a great community feeling. I'm ex air force and I lived here when I first got married, so I've come home." - Angela

Angela and kids moved from West Harbour in 2012.



"It has that community feel and safeness that reminds me of when I grew up and kids played outside in the streets," - Sara.

Sara and Anil moved from Ellerslie in 2013.



"We've really settled into the Hobsonville Point community. There's lots of green space, gardens, and playgrounds for the kids. It prompted us to get out and about and enjoy." - Lydia

Lydia brought her first home in Hobsonville Point in 2015, and her second in 2019.



" We enjoy living here. We know our neighbours. People watch out for one another – it's a supportive community," - Jeanne.

Jeanne and Mick came from Birkenhead in 2012.

HOW DO RESIDENTS FEEL *About Hobsonville Point?*

In 2018, Beacon Pathway Incorporated prepared a report outlining the results of the Neighbourhood Sustainability Residents' Questionnaire as it applied to Hobsonville Point. The results showed that Hobsonville Point rates highly in terms of neighbourhood satisfaction, with 93% of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing that Hobsonville Point is a great place to live. Hobsonville Point also rated highly for neighbourhood stability, with 92% of households intending to stay in the community for at least the next year. The sense of community rating was higher than reported in the Quality of Life Survey for Auckland, 2018.



“It’s a safe friendly and well-organised community. We really enjoy living at Hobsonville Point.”

“There aren’t traffic problems and it’s close to the motorway.”

“The schools, parks, cafes, farmers market and other facilities are all walkable/rideable and along the way I often bump into neighbours and friends in the neighbourhood.”

“I love living in a best-in-class neighbourhood which was well-thought from the start, with beautiful, amazing quality houses and services (schools, parks, shops, walkways, etc.)”

“The planned approach to the area means there is great infrastructure, parks and a mixture of heritage and new builds. Given the density, I am surprised by the how quiet it is. I think Hobsonville is a great place to live.”

“I am so lucky. Every morning all our friends bike, scooter or walk and pick each other up and head off to school. Our friends only live minutes away from each other. My mum loves that because she calls it a safe community. We all look out for each other. I don’t like living in my community, I LOVE living in my community. My place is the best place to be.”

- Lachlan Woolford (11),
student at Hobsonville Point Primary.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED *in the Community?*



Hobsonville Point is a very easy place to meet people and have as much involvement in the community as suits you. Everyone is new here (or newish) and there will be people newer than you arriving within a week of you moving in. Everyone is keen to make connections and become acquainted with their neighbours. To facilitate you getting to know your neighbours, the Hobsonville Point Resident's Society, Kāinga Ora and its development partners, as well as other community groups, run regular community events. They range from larger annual events - such as the Runway Challenge, a 'fun run' with military-style obstacles - to regular smaller, neighbourhood events such as barbecues.

As well as events there are various group activities happening at Hobsonville Point on a regular basis, such as dance classes, karate and sailing. You can find out what activities are coming up via the community section on our website, the Hobsonville Point Residents Society Facebook page and the Hobsonville Point Facebook page. One of the best ways to ensuring you don't miss out is to sign up for our newsletter so that it is emailed to you. Just scroll to the bottom of the homepage at hobsonvillepoint.co.nz and type your email address in the space provided.

Catalina Café, the Catalina Bay Farmers Market, the playground at Hobsonville Point Park, Harrier Point Park, the Rifle Range, the dog park at Bomb Point and the coastal walkway are all great places to meet others in the community. As the community grows, more focal points will emerge particularly at Catalina Bay which is being developed now and will offer restaurants, bars and a waterfront promenade.





WHAT DOES THE *Resident's Society Do?*

The Hobsonville Point Resident's Society is run by a committee which is elected by the members. When you buy at Hobsonville Point you automatically become a member of the Resident's Society and help elect the committee. You pay an initial fee of \$300 to join the Society. After that you pay an annual fee set by the committee (currently \$150 a year).

The Society runs events regularly to welcome new people to the community and offer opportunities for everyone to get to know each other. It also has another very important role. Its job is to protect your investment and provide for the continued enjoyment of your property. The Resident's Society has a set of rules based on common sense and courtesy. You're expected to keep your property and landscaping well maintained. You also agree to honour the rules regarding noise and behaviour. If you are concerned about an issue in your neighbourhood, you can raise it with

the Society and they will work towards resolving it. You can download a copy of the rules in full from hprs.co.nz.

If your new home is on a shared laneway, the laneway is also managed by a laneway society made up of residents. Again this means that there are rules and processes for making decisions for the benefit of all the owners on the shared laneway.

Belonging to the Society provides you with peace of mind because there are people and processes in place to help owners find answers to questions they may have about living at Hobsonville Point.





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