



## HOBSONVILLE POINT

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## A WATERFRONT LIKE NO OTHER



Over-water dining is coming to Hobsonville Point with the development of Catalina Bay as a prime destination for locals and Aucklanders alike.

Developer Willis Bond & Co has released plans – which detail a stunning mix of restored heritage buildings and new ventures culminating in a gateway to the west from the water – for the precinct now known as Catalina Bay. While many will know the area as The Landing, the headland at the end of Launch Road is in fact called Catalina Bay – a name which references the area's Air Force history and its connections to both land and sea.

Willis Bond managing director, Mark McGuinness, says construction is underway in the precinct which will eventually be home to a micro-brewery, cafés and restaurants, restored character offices, an already-thriving farmers market and between 60 and 80 high quality freehold apartments.

"Surprisingly it is highly unusual in Auckland to sit over water and enjoy a meal or a coffee. You will be able to do that at Catalina Bay."

Restoration of the existing historic Air Force buildings and hangars is ongoing. Among

those being restored is the Fabric Bay Building which is intended for use as a top-quality restaurant offering over-water dining from early 2018. Expressions of interest in this tenancy are currently being accepted.

One of the bay's oldest buildings, which dates back to about 1929, is getting a new lease on life as the permanent home of the Hobsonville Point Farmers Market later this year. The market continues to operate in the Fabric Bay Building (located by the wharf) in the interim.

HLC will also call Catalina Bay home later this year when it moves to its new tenancy in the refurbished office space on the west side of the precinct.

"Catalina Bay will be an important community centre at Hobsonville Point as well as an important access point as ferry traffic grows," says HLC CEO, Chris Aiken. "Plus it will become a significant waterfront recreational and commercial space for the upper Waitemata."

Meanwhile, dredging work, to create a permanent wet edge on the sea wall surrounding the bay, is expected to be completed in the next few months.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Information Centre:** Open 7 Days from 10am to 4pm

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

**Hobsonville Point Farmers Market:**  
Every Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 1pm at Catalina Bay



**Hobsonville Point Runway Challenge:**  
Sunday 21 May, starts at Hobsonville Point Primary School. Visit [www.runwaychallenge.co.nz](http://www.runwaychallenge.co.nz) for more.

**Pohutukawa Art Project:** Volunteers required (especially keen knitters and crocheters) for yarn bombing of Hobsonville Point's Pohutukawa tree. Email Kathleen Waldock for more on [kathleen.waldock@hlc.co.nz](mailto:kathleen.waldock@hlc.co.nz).

**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 (09) 482 1172 or email [restoration@kaipatiki.org.nz](mailto:restoration@kaipatiki.org.nz)



# A MESSAGE FROM POLICE

While sharing something on social media can be helpful, incidents should first be reported to Police to ensure we know what is going on.

To help create a safer community together, you may also consider joining your local Neighbourhood Support team (contact Sharon or Louise on 838 0132) or the Massey Community Patrol Group.

Massey Patrol came about because of the massive growth in Massey, Westgate, West Harbour and Hobsonville. Volunteers patrol in pairs for as many hours as their schedules allow. Though financially independent, the patrol has backing from Police and effectively acts as extra eyes and ears gathering intel and reporting incidents.

It is primarily responsible for patrolling the geographical areas covered by Massey Police, which includes neighbourhoods and major carparks (particularly following spikes in crime). Patrols cross borders when required to cover "hot spots" or major events such as missing children/elderly. Massey Patrol is based at Massey Community Police Station and all patrols are logged onto the Police District Command Centre for safety purposes with direct access to Police Communications.

The more people that join from your area, the more patrols in your neighbourhood. Volunteers also get to work with local Police on community events and visit Police Central Command areas not open to the public.

For more, call Maree at Massey Police on 832 4099.

## RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Trailblazers, mud-lovers and outdoor enthusiasts take note – the annual Runway Challenge is returning to Hobsonville Point on Sunday, May 21.

This event is a fun run or walk over a 3, 5 or 10km course with a difference, that takes in the interesting and historic surrounds of the old Hobsonville Airbase and spectacular views of Hobsonville Point. The fun run, walk and optional obstacle adventures are designed for family fun.

Now in its seventh year, the event is proudly organized by the Henderson-West Auckland Lions Club. Entry fees start from \$20 per person (or \$25 on the day), with all profits from the event given back to the community through the Lions Club of Henderson-West Auckland Charitable Trust. Over \$13,000 in community grants was awarded last year alone.

The event starts from the Hobsonville Point Primary School where entertainment and stalls will also be onsite between 9am and 1pm. For more information, please visit [www.runwaychallenge.co.nz](http://www.runwaychallenge.co.nz).

## A PLACE TO PLAY

Opportunities for play and adventure will soon await those who turn right at the seaward end of Launch Road.

Nestled above the iconic Estuarine sculpture and commanding stunning views of the Waitemata Harbour, Harrier Point Park is set to become a family favourite when it opens later this year. The park will feature a large lawn area, a gas barbeque, public exercise equipment and play equipment for children, including a flying fox and large swing.



## COLOURFUL CREATION IN THE MAKING

Shades of red, orange and hot pink, combined with splashes of lime, will adorn Hobsonville Point Road's pohutukawa tree when it receives its second lot of handmade livery later this year.

The tree, which is located opposite the end of Cochrane Road, was first dressed in knitted and crocheted art, often referred to as yarn bombing, three years ago. Ornate and intricate designs, sewn together to form a larger cosy covering (pictured), intrigued passers-by at the site for two years.

Now lead artist, Alison Milne, and a team of creative volunteers are again busy behind the scenes, making magical and entirely unique creations out of acrylic wool. Alison says the project gives volunteers enormous scope to display individual flair.

"Though they are producing to size, there's an awful lot of artistic input from the knitters and crocheters themselves. It's a challenge for them to do different stitches within their piece and how they use the colour is entirely up to them."

Alison is currently seeking volunteers to join the team as there is plenty to do before the tree is again dressed in November.

"You don't have to be a wonderful artist or great with textiles to be able to make work for it. It can be done really, really simply. People just do it for the sheer joy."

For more information, please contact Kathleen Waldock at HLC on [kathleen.waldock@hlc.co.nz](mailto:kathleen.waldock@hlc.co.nz).





# TAKE A WATERFRONT WALK

Visitors to Hobsonville Point's Coastal Walkway, Te Ara Manawa, will soon be able to meander along the water's edge.

The waterside walkway, that stretches from Mill House around to Catalina Bay, is expected to be completed in June this year. The boardwalk section is three metres wide and includes approximately 364 m<sup>2</sup> of public deck

over two levels, using a mixture of hardwood and pine. The two viewing platforms, which come complete with in-built seating and LED lighting, will provide vantage points for users to watch the world go by or access the water. The decks and boardwalk are also being fitted with a steel and timber handrails to provide a serene yet safe experience for all to enjoy.



## MORE CHOICE ON THE MENU

Coffee lovers have new reasons to smile with big changes to the local café scene.

25mL, on the corner of Squadron Drive and Hobsonville Point Road, opened in late December and its two unique coffee blends, which are roasted on site, are already proving popular.

Owner, Andrew Choi (pictured), says it is his first café after years working in the financial industry.

"This dream started three or four years ago with me wondering about my daily long black. It tasted different every time even though it was made by the same person, and I wondered why."

That question, teamed with his passion for coffee, led him to complete a year of training with an internationally-recognised specialist coffee trainer and now to the opening of 25mL, which Andrew says has been well supported by the "kind, friendly and welcoming" local community.

Much to his surprise, the café's most popular dish is its pork dumplings which are made according to his mother-in-law's recipe.

"We thought we'd only make 100 or 200 but we're now making about 500 a week," he says.

Visitors can enjoy 25mL's coffee and food between 7am and 4pm Monday to Friday (excluding Wednesday), and 8am to 4pm Saturday, Sunday and public holidays.



Meanwhile, 160 Hobsonville Café has opened in what was formerly Roberts Café at the bottom of the Brickworks Apartments on De Havilland Road.

Manager, Junliang Lee, says the space has been completely renovated, with a refreshed area for children, new outdoor furniture and more plants. And there is a new menu to match, featuring free range food, smoothies and Allpress coffee.

"We really want to be part of the community," says Junliang. "We try and know every customer who comes through the door."

160 Hobsonville Café is open 6:30am to 4pm seven days a week, and also offers local lunch delivery, catering and a free after-hours meeting space for use by the community.

## STAGE SET FOR ACTION

Hobsonville Point's former Rifle Range has been transformed from an area of practice to one of performance.

The former Air Force facility, which was once used for rifle shooting and target practice, is now a community facility home to a stage area, terraced seating, public toilets and a table tennis table. Communal games and outdoor furniture are also stored onsite, providing plenty of options for people to enjoy the space.

The facility hosted its first event last month, with the opening of the outdoor amphitheatre drawing a large and enthusiastic turnout. Local dancers and musicians, including the 'Hobby Hipsters' band, wowed the crowd and provided a fitting first performance for this new venue.

The Rifle Range is on the Coastal Walkway along Bomb Point Drive. In coming months, the facility will be transferred to ownership by Auckland Council which will manage it going forward.



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## PROGRESS IN PRECINCTS

Work is underway on the development of the Marlborough Precinct, a waterside site that will one day offer buyers everything from apartments to standalone houses.

Winton Partners was last year named the developer of Marlborough Precinct, the area around Marlborough Oval that stretches between Jimmy's Point, Catalina Bay and the seaplane hangar on Launch Road.

HLC has since started enabling work on the site which is expected to continue for the next few months. Once complete, Winton Partners will commence its own civil works, including developing a lookout at Jimmy's Point.

Meanwhile, the four existing former Officers' houses overlooking the water are being refurbished with the help of specialist heritage architects, Origin Consultants. The houses are being subdivided in their current form but with new heritage-designed garages built and landscaping, including the addition of driveways and gardens.

Construction in the precinct is expected to start in late 2018.

Meanwhile, the adjacent Airfields Precinct is also progressing.

Key infrastructure projects, including access roads and stormwater ponds, are now complete on the 20 hectare site, which is owned by Auckland Council and under development by Panuku Development Auckland. Road names have been confirmed and bulk earthworks to support construction are underway.

In the next few months AVJennings will start to deliver 102 standalone and terrace homes as part of Stage One of the development, with Avanda Group recently being appointed as the developer for Stage Two. Avanda will be delivering more than 500 new homes and, alongside AVJennings, has committed to providing a minimum 10% as affordable housing.

## HLC BROADENS HORIZONS

Hobsonville Land Company, the Housing New Zealand subsidiary charged with developing Hobsonville Point, has changed its name to the already widely-used abbreviation 'HLC'.

The low-key rebrand reflects the company's growing involvement in additional large-scale developments across Auckland, including building up to 1200 new homes in Northcote in the next five years.

HLC Chief Executive, Chris Aiken, says in its more than ten years of residential development, the company has learned a lot about building large numbers of high quality homes at pace and in a way that fosters strong communities. As a result, it has been asked to utilise these learnings on other projects in partnership with Housing New Zealand.

"To reflect this expanded focus, HLC has been given the new meaning of 'Homes, Land, Community'," he says.

The name change in no way lessens the company's commitment to Hobsonville Point and it will remain based in the area, says Chris. "Successfully completing the exemplar development at Hobsonville Point remains a top priority."



Homes. Land.  
Community.



## HOP ONBOARD

Is your set of wheels costing you a lot but not taking you far?

Hobsonville Point is part of the Cityhop car sharing initiative, which enables members to hire communal cars by the hour or day.

If your household is tempted to downsize to one car (or no car) but still wants access to a set of wheels, Cityhop may be the answer. The scheme makes a car available to you without the need to pay for fuel, maintenance, warrant of fitness or registration.

For more details, visit [www.cityhop.co.nz](http://www.cityhop.co.nz) or contact Kathleen Waldock at HLC on [kathleen.waldock@hlc.co.nz](mailto:kathleen.waldock@hlc.co.nz).

## NEW ONLINE HOME FOR RESIDENTS

Hobsonville Point Residents Society (HPRS) has a new website for use by everyone who calls Hobsonville Point home.

Featuring HPRS' new logo, the site - [www.hprs.co.nz](http://www.hprs.co.nz) - has had a complete overhaul. It now features latest news from HPRS, local events and information on the area, including how to make home alterations, and reminders for all residents. There is information about the HPRS committee, access to the HPRS constitution and rules, and an explanation of HPRS' compulsory membership fees.

For HPRS members (homeowners), the site also features a private section containing announcements, minutes of HPRS committee meetings and a discussion board to explore issues relating to the area.

The new site is part of a fresh approach towards communication by the HPRS committee, which is also now publishing a regular e-newsletter. This is automatically sent to all society members and other residents are welcome to sign up at [www.hprs.co.nz](http://www.hprs.co.nz).