

LIVING MORE SUSTAINABLY FEELS GOOD & COSTS LESS

Some months back, a number of Hobsonville Point residents took part in a survey to enable Hobsonville Land Company to measure its progress against long-term sustainability indicators. The results of the survey indicate that residents' wallets and wellbeing are benefitting from the more sustainable approach to living at Hobsonville Point. The high design and environmental standards for every home built at Hobsonville Point are producing major cost savings for residents.

Homes at Hobsonville Point cost, on average, around 25% less to run than the average Auckland home. Average household electricity usage is 28% lower than the Auckland average. Average water consumption is 30% lower than average though still 10% above the development's target of 100 litres or less of water per person per day.

Hobsonville Land Company (HLC) Sustainability Manager Katja Lietz says these results reflect the effectiveness of strict insulation and energy efficiency standards for the homes, as well as compulsory installation of a rainwater tank. "Over the lifetime of a home, these suggest quite significant economic savings for residents" she said.

But perhaps the most significant findings in the research conducted to track HLC's long-term indicators come from the survey of

residents undertaken independently by Beacon Pathway.

These show that social indicators, such as positive contact with neighbours and use of local facilities, are tracking at much higher levels than Auckland averages, although in some cases are still short of what the development hopes to achieve by 2026.

For example, 87% of residents think their community is a safe place for unsupervised children, compared to 70% of Aucklanders. 83% of Hobsonville Point residents feel safe in their neighbourhood after dark, compared to an Auckland average of 56%. More than 98% agreed that Hobsonville Point is a great place to live and 66% felt that there is a sense of community, compared to 52% of Aucklanders.

Katja says the measures of wellbeing are just as, if not more, important as economic and environmental indicators in terms of fostering a vibrant and self-sustaining community.

Overall, the Beacon Pathway audit concluded that 'in conjunction with the wider masterplan, Hobsonville Point neighbourhoods are setting a high standard of sustainability in both the physical and social environments'.



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 Papi's Playgroup:
Every Wednesday morning 9.00am
– 11.30am during school term time.
Held in the Supper Room of the
Sunderland Lounge. Gold coin donation.
Contact Kirsty Mew on 021 276 4888
or email westaucklandcsc@gmail.com

Shotokan Karate:
Mondays and Wednesdays in the
Catalina Café 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

Jamkids Music and Dance
Holiday programme:
28-31 January 2014. 8.45am to 12.30pm
daily in the Sunderland Lounge
For more info and to Book:
www.jamkids.co.nz
Contact: Heidi 021 671 584

Hobsonville Point Secondary School
opens: 2014.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

The Hobsonville Land Company would like to wish you
all a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?



pictured here with owner Hayden. Henry and Hayden also took first place in the Dog/ Owner Look-Alike category.

Visitors were also entertained indoors by the stunning Emilie Amber-Harwood, while the brilliant MC, Matt Warman (from the rock band Midnight Youth) and the Hobsonville Hound (pictured here) kept the crowds amused outdoors.

Sam Waite, manager of the Hobsonville Point Farmers Market, commented, "The day was an amazing success, with almost 100 entries into our competitions! It was great to see so many smiling faces, and so many dogs of all shapes and sizes. Most importantly, we were able to raise awareness of, and money for, a very worthy cause. North Auckland Dog Rescue is a group of volunteers who rescue and re-home abandoned and neglected dogs, particularly those on death row at the Auckland pounds. I'd very much like to thank all our supporters, sponsors and stallholders for making this day the success that it was – we couldn't have done it without you!" The Hobsonville Point Farmers Market is planning to run another similar event next year, so keep an eye on its Facebook page for more info.

On Saturday, 16 November 2013 the Hobsonville Point Farmers Market hosted its inaugural Doggy Day Out, a fundraising event in aid of North Auckland Dog Rescue. Visitors brought their canine companions along to play in the pop-up agility course, enter the various competitions, and enjoy the delights of the outdoor doggy market and indoor food market.

Thanks to the fantastic support of Beneful, our four-legged friends were able to try out the Beneful Play-gility course, complete with seesaws, jumps, tunnels and weave poles. Plenty of "pawsome" prizes were given out to dogs that placed first, second and third in our competitions for Biggest Dog, Loudest Bark, Waggiest Tail, Fanciest Dress and more. The Grand Winner for the day was Henry,

'THIRD AGE' RESIDENTS CHOOSE HOBSONVILLE POINT

Waterford on Hobsonville Point site map



It's not just teenagers at high school attracted to Hobsonville Point. Senior citizens are also showing a strong interest in 'Waterford On Hobsonville Point', the retirement village being constructed on Buckley Avenue opposite the Catalina Café. The village received its resource consent in October for 64 independent units and 90 Apartments. Units are available in two and three bedroom options starting from \$485,000.

An important part of the development is the Community Centre whose facilities will include a restaurant style dining area which doubles as a function centre with dance floor and stage for live music. The village includes spacious outdoor activity areas, including a bowling green and petanque area. It will have a billiard room and lounge for casual socialising and a theatre space for sharing major TV and sporting events and film nights, as well as hairdresser and other consulting rooms. Village Developer, Adam Yates, from Manor Group says "The success of every village is about what it offers. The point of difference we have always focused on is the people and the importance of creating homes, not institutions."

Construction of the first unit in the village, which will be a show home, is due to start in December along with earthworks for the site. Units will be available for occupancy in July next year. Sales of the units have begun. Five sales have been completed and interest is strong. Sales consultant, Joan Vujcich, says that interest in the village has been overwhelming and she has had more than 100 enquiries to follow up since the units went on to the market in October.

Enquires about the Village can be made to Joan Vujcich on 09 213 7333.

GLOBAL EXPERTISE AND LOCAL KNOWLEDGE TO SHAPE COASTAL LINEAR PARK

Global leaders in landscape architecture Nelson Byrd Woltz (NBW), a New York based company, in conjunction with local firm Isthmus, will design and oversee the building of Hobsonville Point's coastal walkway – the Coastal Linear Park.

NBW has worked internationally, including 12 years of experience working in New Zealand. Principal and Owner Thomas Woltz says "we see the coastal walkway as a journey through expressive, memorable places that reflect the rich and diverse history of the site. There is a tremendous

opportunity to create an experience that the growing local community can embrace while becoming a regional destination, a place that reinforces the design ethic and that will become an important model for future development."

NBW and Isthmus have already started work and aim to have a concept design publicly available in March next year. Construction of the first stage of the walkway, around the retirement village site, has started and will be completed by the end of this year.



ON YOUR BIKE: EXPLORE HOBSONVILLE POINT BY NEXTBIKE

There has been plenty of interest in the four Nextbike rental bikes stationed opposite the Catalina Café. With summer weather approaching they should get even more popular, so make sure you grab a chance to take a spin! The bikes are all geared to go, you don't need to bring a helmet or bike lock, or wear specific bike clothing.

You do need to register, and that can be done at the time of hiring or beforehand, and is a very simple process. Once registered, you can ride the bikes for up to two hours free of charge. After the first two hours, it's \$4 per hour. Go to www.nextbike.co.nz to learn more and register now.



IWI PILOT AIR FORCE HOMES

Hobsonville Land Company has an established partnership with Ngati Whatua o Kaipara and Te Kawerau a Maki which acknowledges the special relationship both iwi have with Hobsonville. As part of this partnership three older Air Force houses, which needed to be moved to make way for the new development, are being relocated as part of a pilot project. Two of the houses were re-sited to Te Awaroa Road, Helensville, where they will be retrofitted and showcased to Ngati Whatua o Kaipara whanau as part of a trade skills development programme to be warm, healthy and fit for a new life. The third house will shortly go to Mangere to be used by Te Kawerau a Maki. Through the pilot project, iwi will be able to evaluate how well the houses meet whanau needs and what the practicalities of relocating and retrofitting them are. If the pilot is successful iwi plan to relocate further houses from Hobsonville Point for re-use.



ROADWORKS

We are aware that residents living on Buckley Avenue are affected by the large number of truck movements and we apologise for the inconvenience caused and thank you for your patience. Our contractors are working hard on completing the section of Hobsonville Point Road east of the primary school and we expect this to be completed in late February. Most construction traffic will then travel via Squadron Drive and Hobsonville Point Road, rather than via Buckley Avenue.

HOBSONVILLE EN POINTE

Come and join in the fun! Ballet, jazz and tap dance, preschool, adult and musical theatre classes. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday mornings. We're taking enrolments for 2014 now. Check out our website for more information. www.dppa.co.nz. We've been working very hard for our upcoming concert on 7 December at 1pm and 6pm at the Greenhithe Hall. Please come along!

SEEKING TWO FABULOUS PEOPLE TO STAFF OUR AXIS SERIES SHOW HOME

Hobsonville Land Company together with Classic Builders is building three Axis Series demonstration homes that will be open to the public for six months. The purpose is to allow the public to experience how more affordable small homes on a small section look and feel. We are seeking two people who between them will staff the homes between 10am and 4pm 7 days a week. These positions will suit you if you enjoy dealing with people, are computer savvy, keen to learn and have an interest in affordable housing. You will need to be able to work at least one weekend day per week. Please contact Jackie McCrindle at Beyond on jackie.mccrindle@beyond.co.nz, phone 09 302 8381 or 021 743 712 for further details.

TUTUS & TIARAS

Tutus and Tiara Parties for Ballerinas, Princesses, Fairies, Butterflies. We create magical dancing birthday parties for your little princesses. See our website www.tutusandtiaras.com

SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW FOR OUR FARMERS MARKET



The stallholders and management of the Hobsonville Point Farmers Market would like to thank all our wonderful customers for their continued patronage and support.

It's been an amazing year for the Market. We extended our trading hours to include Saturdays, we saw three of our stallholders win awards in the Taste Farmers Market NZ Awards, and were elected as a finalist in the Metro Best of Auckland awards. We've hosted some wonderful events, including our annual Apple Festival and our inaugural Doggy Day Out.

Next year will be a very exciting year for us, starting with our move in February to the Seaplane Hangar on the waters edge at The Landing. We are currently working on an interior design that will not only showcase our fantastic stallholders, but will also allow the venue to be used for events outside of market hours. Plans are also underway for the installation of a commercial kitchen that can be hired by local artisan producers, ensuring that our customers really do get the freshest of fresh!

We're also working closely with Hobsonville Land Company and Fresh Concept to ensure that the Market and Landing area become a destination for people from all over Auckland. Starting with our launch event in February, the market will host a number of special fun, family-friendly outdoor events. Keep an eye on the Hobsonville Point Facebook page and the Market's Facebook page for more info.

We'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a healthy and happy 2014. Our last market for the year will be on the weekend of 21 and 22 December. We close for two weeks and then open up at our "old" location on the weekend of 11 and 12 January.

SEED FUNDING FOR CREATIVE COMMUNITY PROJECTS

At a recent residents BBQ, Hobsonville Land Company and Development Partner for the Buckley Precinct, AVJennings, launched the Hobsonville Point Community Fund, comprising \$5,000 to help community groups and residents to develop and carry out an activity, event or community service at Hobsonville Point. A community group or resident can apply for up to \$500 in one year. Applicants are encouraged to submit creative initiatives that support Hobsonville Point as a great place to live, work, play, grow and learn. For example, neighbourhood BBQ's, workshops, sports events, youth events, or setting up a new club or activity for residents. The fund will be open to receive applications three times a year, the first round being on or before 31 March 2014. For more information, contact Kathleen Waldock at the Hobsonville Land Company on 09 261 5280 or email kathleen.waldock@hlc.co.nz

