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Welcome to *our place.*

From a decommissioned military base to a thriving new community, we've come a long way in 10 years. And we're still growing – development activity has passed the halfway mark and Hobsonville Point is now home to more than 6,500 people, and counting. Getting here is now even easier too, with additional ferry sailings bringing the number

of weekday return trips up to 11. And Catalina Bay, our jewel in the crown, is currently undergoing the next steps of its transformation into a vibrant, world-class waterfront precinct. Auckland's fastest-growing community has a lot to offer – come and discover it for yourself.

Hobsonville Point
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Here's to *a decade.*

"Ka mua, ka muri". The Māori proverb that means "walking backwards into the future" has guided our thinking for Hobsonville Point since the beginning; the idea that we should look to the past to inform the future.

Ten years ago, in the first issue of *Point Life* magazine, we shared some bold promises on where we were headed. Our commitment for Hobsonville Point was to follow urban design best practice principles, including high-quality, well-designed homes, with plenty of open space and amenity. But even more important to us were the intangible things; that all members of our community feel safe, supported, have a sense of belonging, a voice that counts and that they enjoy living at Hobsonville Point. We printed that commitment on the pages of a magazine then, and we reflect on it now, 10 years on.

How do we measure this intangible 'community spirit', then? Perhaps the COVID-19 pandemic holds some of the answers. In 2020 when New Zealand descended into lockdown, we saw an entire community mobilise to support each other during a time of crisis. Whether it was checking in on the vulnerable, preparing home-schooling kits for families, or providing support to essential workers, the community response in Hobsonville Point was extraordinary. We want to thank you; every person, couple, and family that has moved here and contributes to the sense of community that breathes life into Hobsonville Point every day.

In this special 10th issue, we look back on people who have featured in the pages of *Point Life* over the years and find out how they're enjoying the neighbourhood now. Children have grown up, businesses have grown bigger, people have moved homes, and some have moved on. Read more about their stories on page 6.

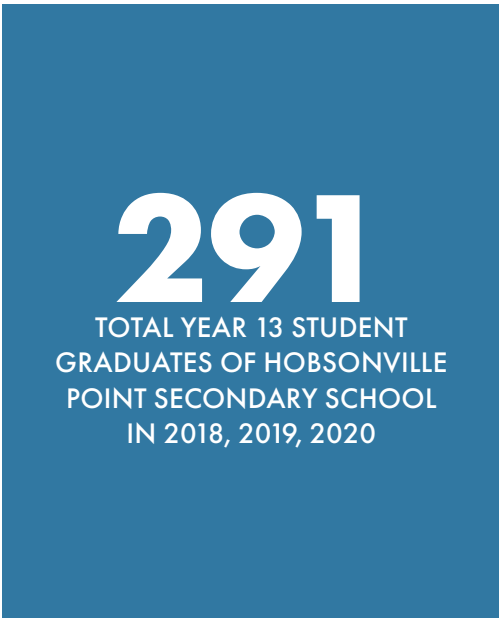
This time last year we were preparing for the official opening of the Didsbury Art Trail, another fantastic addition to the neighbourhood for residents and visitors to enjoy. On page 18 you can read more about Richard Didsbury's vision for connecting people to place through public art, and then hit the trail using our handy map in the magazine.

As we look back on 10 years, we're pleased to see our development plans realised in so many exciting and sometimes unexpected ways. Hobsonville Point can no longer lay claim to being the city's newest township, but we are delighted that it remains a very special part of Auckland, and we warmly invite you to come and enjoy it.



Philipp Meier's Te Kanohi O Te Manu Corten
steel slide-sculpture at Harrier Point

THE POINT BY NUMBERS



*Applying the Neighbourhood Sustainability Residents' Questionnaire to Hobsonville Point, 2020. Prepared by Beacon Pathway Incorporated, April 2020.

Point Life *people*

Over the past decade we've met some friendly folk who've made Hobsonville Point their home. We catch up with some of them again and hear how life is at the Point.

By Penny Lewis



Jackie, Matt and Keegan Still

We first met Jackie, Matt and Keegan Still at their home in the Buckley neighbourhood following their move north from Canterbury. Keegan, now 10, was born in Christchurch between the major September 2010 and fatal February 2011 earthquakes.

The Stills initially rented in Te Atatu Peninsula before buying and moving to Hobsonville Point in January 2012. They've seen a lot of changes in the neighbourhood since then. "At the time, the closest takeaway was in Luckens Road and the closest supermarket was at Westgate," says Jackie.

The Stills recall when Halloween celebrations started as a small group of children in one block of homes in Buckley Avenue and "quickly turned into a community event".

The family lives in the same house in the Buckley precinct they've been in since the beginning, a "warm, dry house that maximises use of space and the site", according to Matt. He likes the rainwater tanks and solar power at many homes on the Point. "This is the way homes should be built, to have a lower impact on the environment."

"As the population has grown, so have more amenities developed," adds Matt. "We're in an established place and there is more amenity than anticipated."

The couple like dining out in Hobsonville Point – "Siamese Doll is hard to beat. Fabric has nice, contemporary meals and the Little Creatures Brewery is good for bigger crowds," says Jackie.

Over the years, the Stills have embraced life here and enjoyed meeting great neighbours. Matt was on the Hobsonville Point Residents Society committee that helped shape local covenants and he set up the Hobsonville Point Community Facebook page. "When it got 100 people following it, we said 'woohoo!'" The page now has over 12,000 members.

The couple also established Christmas on the Point, and hand-delivered 300-400 flyers to publicise the event. "People would turn up at the park and Jackie would do face painting and we would run power from a neighbour's home," Matt recalls.

After about four years the event got so big "it got to the point Coca Cola could have sponsored it," Matt says. Now Christmas on the Point is run by Hobsonville Community Trust and is held at the Rifle Range amphitheatre.

"And more and more we're realising the benefits of not having a big section to look after," says Jackie. "I love Christchurch and love spending time there, but there's nothing like this down here. It's great having things close by here. The coastal walkway was an unexpected bonus. We use it to walk to the cafés. The dairy and chemist are close – we can get away with not driving."

These days, Keegan is barely recognisable as the toddler who appeared on the *Point Life* cover eight years ago. He has lots of local friends, and now as a 10-year-old, he often rides his scooter to their houses or to the playground.

Jackie, Matt and Keegan couldn't imagine living anywhere else.



Keegan Still, pictured with parents Matt and Jackie, has grown up in Hobsonville Point. He was on the cover of *Point Life* in 2013 and is now 10.



Chelsea outside the doors of her new pilatesFIT Boutique studio at Catalina Bay. The Kawana family was also on the cover of issue 6.

Chelsea Kawana

Five years ago, Pilates instructor Chelsea Kawana was running down in Catalina Bay and dreamed, "I'll have a studio here one day". She even got a photo of herself to commit to her plan. At the time, Chelsea and her husband Cheyne were setting up their business in a work-below-and-live-above terrace house on Hobsonville Point Road. Now, with the opening of their new pilatesFIT Boutique premises next to the farmers' market, Chelsea's dream has come true.



Coincidentally, it's also five years since Chelsea first appeared in *Point Life* magazine. Talking to us from their former studio, Chelsea points to the plants out the front and says "the trees were stubbles then, but now it's nearly our fifth birthday. None of this was around when we got here. It was still only in the early stages of development".

The new studio means the business has room to grow – with room for eight reformer machines, rather than the previous six. With a busy family life and their own business, the move down to Catalina Bay was full-on, but worth it. "It's cool. It was a big job, but it's good to separate our living space from the studio."

It's not just the business that's grown – Chelsea and Cheyne's family has grown, too. They've welcomed toddler son Jai to the family, joining Ameliya, 14 and Alyssa, 12.

Before making their life in Hobsonville Point in 2016, the Kawana family had been based in Birkenhead, after living on the Gold Coast for a few years. Moving to the Point, Chelsea was worried about retaining their Birkenhead client base, but she needn't have been concerned. Because Hobsonville Point is so centrally located, pilatesFIT kept its clients from the Shore, but also gained new ones from the Point itself, as well as from Silverdale, Whangaparaoa and West Auckland.

Chelsea describes the studio as being "community style". "We've created a community in our studio here. We work hard, but we also have a lot of fun. It's not traditional Pilates – it has more of a fitness element. I genuinely enjoy what I do. It feels like my friends come over for classes."

Looking back on their time at Hobsonville Point and looking forward to the future, Chelsea is happy with their life here. "Coming here has done us well – for both business and family."



Heini and Anke Duensing enjoy a busy and fun retirement. They're pictured outside their villa at Waterford on Hobsonville Point.

Anke and Heini Duensing

We first met Anke and Heini Duensing in 2016. This year marks 60 years since the couple emigrated to New Zealand and five years since they moved into one of the first villas at Waterford on Hobsonville Point retirement village. There are other milestones in 2021, too. Heini turns 85 and Anke, 80, so they've celebrated with a family party. Next year, the Duensing's mark their 60th wedding anniversary. "It's all parties," Anke says with a smile.

Life in Hobsonville Point is still busy for the couple. Anke is in a group of 25-30 crafters that meets once a week in the "big lounge" of Waterford's lodge. The all-women group is mostly made up of knitters, but Anke's a quilter and can crochet. She admits they don't get much done when they meet.

"Men in the library nearby close the doors, as apparently we're too noisy. Men are nosy, they like to come in and see us, but they don't want to join us," Anke says with a grin.

She says "you can't feel lonely" at Waterford. "The social committee tries really hard. You can join groups, do exercise and play cards. Heini and I have joined the Probus Club. One guy in the village is the president."

The couple goes walking each day for an hour and will do more in the weekends – often covering 6-8km around Te Onekiritea Point. They have been pleasantly surprised how Hobsonville Point has developed. "Every day when we go walking it's almost like another house has been built," says Heini. "There are still empty spaces for young people to play and the playgrounds are outstanding."

"You can walk down to the ferry and then half an hour later you're in town, fighting your way through Quay St," says Heini. One day the couple caught the train to Pukekohe for an adventure.

Everything they need is handy to home. Their doctor is local and there's a hairdresser at the lodge. A van travels from Waterford to Albany once a week for shopping. Anke says, "it couldn't be better".

Heini goes to the gym three times a week in Henderson, something he's done for more than 10 years after having a quadruple bypass. A few years ago, he and a friend who was fresh from a hip replacement operation took too long on a walk at Whatipu after getting lost in the reeds. Not that they thought they were lost.

"We got to the car and saw a helicopter above us and wondered what they were looking for. Adventure is part of everyday life. You've just got to do it," Heini says.





The Akehurst family

Around the time Charlotte Collier-Holden and Tāwera Akehurst's story first appeared in Point Life in 2017, they surprised their friends and family with an April Fool's Day wedding. "Everyone thought they were attending a combined engagement party and first birthday for Otis," Charlotte says.



They got married on the back lawn of the home they were renting in Waimauku and catered the party with pizza made in wood-fired pizza trucks.

Other important family occasions have occurred since Charlotte became Charlotte Akehurst. They've welcomed baby Sonny, who's now one, to the family; Otis starts school this year and eldest son, Niko, is in year seven at Hobsonville Point Primary School.

April 2021 also marks one year since they moved into their first home, built by Classic Builders. The couple had originally won the ballot for a three-bedroom apartment in the Axis Series affordable homes programme, but the apartment building did not go ahead. A three-bedroom terrace home became theirs instead.

When Charlotte entered the ballot to buy an affordable home, she didn't think she had a chance. "It was pretty crazy. We're so grateful for the opportunity, it's security for our family – our kids can grow up here. Our home is brand-new, insulated and warm. We have a heat pump, but we didn't need to turn it on all winter."

Charlotte says her mum's first house was in Brown St, Ponsonby, and it had been occupied by squatters. "When mum moved into it, she said 'what have we done?' Mum laughs now and says she can't believe our first home is brand-new."

Charlotte says she loves the accessibility of Hobsonville Point. After a year's maternity leave with Sonny, she's returned to work in paediatrics at Waitakere Hospital. It takes her only 15 minutes to get to the hospital.

Tāwera now works in the central city and enjoys catching the ferry to work. "So, he's gone from sitting two hours each day in traffic to ferrying. He gets a walk in each day on the boardwalk to the ferry. It's a much nicer way to start and finish each day," Charlotte says.

The Akehurst family has enjoyed getting to know people in the community. "There are neighbours behind us with school-aged kids. There's a mix of couples, families and older couples and retired people. And there are also several neighbours expecting babies. I love the mix of cultural and age diversity for the kids. It really appeals," Charlotte says.

Hobsonville Point friends with young children love that kids can ride their bikes around. "The school in Waimauku borders SH16, so there was no way we would let the kids ride to school. But we have no qualms about Niko walking or riding to school here. You see tiny kids walking to school because there's a safe, community feel here."

The Akehurst family has grown since we first met them in 2017, as they looked forward to their first home. Charlotte, Tāwera, Niko, Otis and Sonny love family life at Hobsonville Point.



The Breckell family, plus puppy Kona, hanging out at the new half-basketball court and playground near the Headquarters Building.

The Breckell family

The Breckells – Michael, Janelle and their children, Justin, 12, Isabel, 10, Seth, 9, and 7-year-old Jesse, haven't appeared in Point Life before, but they're very much part of the story of Hobsonville Point.

Janelle has a strong connection to the Point – she spent some of her youth in West Harbour and thanks to her good friend's dad being in the air force, she had a joint 21st party in the Sunderland Lounge back when the area was still an active base.

Years later, Janelle and Michael were renting in Birkenhead. Michael had heard Hobsonville Point was going to be developed and scoped it out as a place to buy a home and put down roots as a family. "I liked the land, with the water here," Michael says. "And we love planes and the history of the air force," adds Janelle.

Janelle called the air force to ask about renting one of the staff homes still on the decommissioned site. In 2011 they lived in a little state house-style home for nine months when Justin and Isabel were toddlers.

"We lived next door to the original Catalina Café owners," says Michael. "It was us and them and paddocks." The family felt a bit like pioneers, but they knew Hobsonville Point was masterplanned and that made a difference. "What we liked about Hobsonville Point outweighed the risks."

In 2012 they bought their first home off the plan in the affordable housing scheme, a two-bedroom standalone house in Lester Street. "It was beautiful and brand-new. We loved it from the beginning," recalls Janelle. They lived in it for four years and as the family grew, they made alterations to the master bedroom and split it down the middle.

When Justin started at Hobsonville Point Primary, he was one of only 17 students.

Their next home had three bedrooms and a second living room, located on the main road across the road from the primary school. It was a three-storey home on a smaller section than Lester Street, and the neighbours were closer,

but it was the right move. "It was another calculated risk," says Michael. "We were looking for an opportunity to stay within our means."

Recently, with four growing children, the Breckells decided to move to a home with a pool in Herald Island. It's a 10-minute drive away and Hobsonville Point is still very much part of the family's lives. The children are all still at school here and most of their friends live at Hobsonville Point. "Our foot is still in the door here," Janelle says.



- 1. Michael Breckell pushes his children Justin, Isabel and Seth on the swings at Kotuku Park.
- 2. The first home the Breckells owned was in Lester Street. "It was beautiful and brand-new. We loved it from the beginning," recalls Janelle.
- 3. Toddler Isabel Breckell at Hobsonville Point Park and Playground, one of the first amenities at Hobsonville Point.
- 4. Preschooler Justin Breckell plays at Hobsonville Point Park and Playground.

School days

Kathy Hunter catches up with the principals of our local schools as they look back over the past year.

Primary goals:

Hobsonville Point Primary School

Principal Daniel Birch of Hobsonville Point Primary was pretty glad to see the back of 2020. But COVID didn't hit his students as hard as it could have. "It was definitely challenging, but because we were already well set up with self-directed learning, it was a pretty easy transition," he says.



Orson Waldock, a senior urban designer with a landscape architecture background, helps the children with their design.

Daniel and Deputy Principal Lisa Squire had a rapid and innovative approach to lockdown, putting together a 'Distance Learning Plan' the day before lockdown on 24 March 2020, with extensive guidelines for children, parents and learning advisers.

The team researched international schools in San Francisco and Japan before writing the plan for HPPS; these schools had road-tested distance learning for years. Daniel and Lisa advised achievable goals of just a few hours of supervised learning a day – and the wellbeing of children, teachers and parents was paramount.

The New Zealand Herald wrote about the school's response, and there was even a personal letter from Secretary for Education Iona Holsted, who said, "I was really impressed by the work that has gone into this, and particularly the clear focus on student wellbeing and encouraging opportunities for integrated learning."

Daniel acknowledges the positive impact student initiatives had on lockdown. In 2020 the first student council was formed: 16 trusted seniors whose main goal, in the words of councillors Tiotiana, Portia, Rylla and Priya is "to embody our students' wants and needs".

A clear requirement in 2020 for this team was some stress-busting fun during lockdown. "We organised online competitions like baking, a digital talent show, and a crazy hair day... just to bring someone a smile was a definite achievement." The student council team mentioned fundraising achievements; service to others is an important

school value. "Even if you don't know them, it is important to take that extra step to help someone else out – and to do this your whole life," the students said.

A huge achievement in 2020 was building a new outdoor learning space, funded by winning the TREEmendous grant. Touch rugby and kapa haka teams did well and Daniel said a new school choir had "good uptake... but challenging flow".



Students help a new outdoor learning space, which was funded by a Mazda Foundation TREEmendous grant.

DISCOVER HOBSONVILLE POINT



Maddie, centre, was one of the first students to start at Hobsonville Point Primary School. She is pictured here with teachers who have taught her over the years.

An ongoing challenge for HPSS is the rapidly increasing roll. Soon after lockdown lifted, six relocatables were delivered and immediately filled, with further students installed at the senior school. This year's roll is 920, with at least 200 more during the year, but plans are in place to stay ahead of the curve.

HPSS opened eight years ago with just 21 students, so 2020 saw the first Year 8 graduates. To send them off, flax 'Kete Aroha' were hung on the wall outside the office, each with a year 8 student's photo on it. Teachers and students popped little mementos in each one throughout December, and a final kete-opening ceremony ensured a memorable send-off.

Looking back, Daniel's glad that he and his team have stuck to their foundation principles: building strong relationships and dispositional skills such as resilience, collaboration, creativity and problem solving. And student wellbeing will always come first.

Stress-busting wins: Hobsonville Point Secondary School

Although Hobsonville Point Secondary School's Principal Maurie Abraham is not sure we'll ever be able to say we're "post-COVID", he's sure that the skills prioritised at Hobsonville Point Secondary School (HPSS) will help his students adapt to the future.

"Working online is natural for us, and so is self-regulation, so we pivoted fast to working from home. But because the wellbeing of our students is our main priority, they were able to be more relaxed about change."

HPSS has stopped offering NCEA Level 1; for Maurie it's building year-on-year results towards an end-game that is more important than anxiety-inducing credit-counting. He hosted two workshops on alleviating student stress for other principals and school leaders over lockdown. "There was a lot of interest – I'd say around 35 other schools are also keen to abort Level 1."

Cultural achievements throughout 2020 were a bit difficult with many shows being cancelled. But because live performance is a requirement of NCEA, everyone pulled together to make it happen. The HPSS hip hop dance crew won second in Auckland; student Bailey Larkin, one of the winners of the Lions Foundation song-writing award, had his song featured on the 'Play it Strange' album, and Davina Wang took out the youth prize at the Kumeu Art Awards.

In sport, it was a good year for the HPSS girls. The Under-15 girls rugby sevens won the North Harbour Champs, Leah Brown now represents NZ in the under-16 touch squad and Mikayla Suluape won a place in the NZ U18 tag team, despite being just 16 herself.



Principal Maurie Abraham.

There were some big wins in fundraising too. Manaakitanga – giving back and looking after others – is important at HPSS and Shave for a Cure in 2020 raised a whopping \$15,000 for cancer research, with 15 staff and nine students involved. Students also got stuck in, knitting clothes for premature babies and making baby bibs from second-hand clothing, as well as organising a huge aluminium can drive to raise funds for City Mission.

Enhancements to the property include building a new covered artificial turf for sports, and a wharenuī-inspired entrance to the school. The school is also working with the Hobsonville Heritage Trust to install a pottery kiln, which



The 2020 Kaiārahi (head students) with their 2021 replacements, pictured in December 2020.

will be available for the wider community to use in future; a nod to the history of the area with its rich background in clay works.

A major goal going forward for Maurie's team is to strengthen and expand student leadership. "We're keen to set up and maintain a group of leaders who will report to and advocate for student-led learning communities."

Last year was the third group of Year 13 graduates at HPSS, and the school is maintaining its excellent results. "A real highlight last year was knowing that in staying serious about our first principle of putting student wellbeing first, we mitigated stress levels over COVID. Long-term, we're seeing deeper learning, which brings a high level of merit and excellence graduates and hopefully, a positive, lifelong engagement in learning," says Maurie. "It was the best decision ever."



HPSS hip hop dance crew.

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HOBSONVILLE POINT EXISTING AMENITIES

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|  | PARKING |  | DRIVEABLE ROAD |
|  | COFFEE |  | MOTORWAY |
|  | PUBLIC TOILETS |  | PARKS AND RESERVES |
|  | SHOW HOMES |  | COASTAL EDGE |
|  | CATALINA CAFE INFORMATION CENTRE |  | COASTAL WALKWAY |







ART AND SOUL

The Didsbury Art Trail at Hobsonville Point is a new sculpture walk. It includes restored historic buildings and meanders through coastline, parks and fresh new architecture – a spectacular addition to free public art in Tāmaki Makaurau.

By Kathy Hunter



The Trail is the passion project of art patron and developer Richard Didsbury (above).

Art has been an important part of Hobsonville Point since its early days, thanks to visionary thinking and the talented artists whose work has become such an integral part of the landscape. The Didsbury Art Trail allows locals and visitors alike to enjoy artworks, historic buildings and some of the stories behind them. We bring you a brief history of how it came to be.

When Richard Didsbury joined the board of directors of the fledgling Hobsonville Land Company back in 2005, his vision for Matakana Village Farmers' Market was in full development, as was Brick Bay vineyard's Sculpture Trail and Glass House Kitchen. But Hobsonville Point was an opportunity he couldn't miss.

Heritage important early on

Along with many other buildings, Richard argued passionately and stubbornly in favour of retaining the Sunderland hangar at Catalina Bay as a public hub. "I was committed to creatively establishing the bones of shared public spaces at Hobsonville Point before building began, and also to preserving as many of the historic RNZAF buildings as possible."

Early on, Richard masterminded the Catalina Café on Buckley Avenue; the building had a history of avionics repairs and communications for the RNZAF. Next, he convinced the board to commission sculptor Philipp Meier to create the 'Forest Floor' playground, a group of giant-sized Corten steel sculptures of seedpods and nests intended to inspire thinking about habitats. Visiting families loved it – and suddenly the new suburb had a soul.

Make something extraordinary

Richard and Christine Didsbury always like to ask an important question: why make something ordinary when it can be extraordinary? "I feel one should try to take things to the next level whenever there's an opportunity. Why not take traditional engineering structures such as retaining walls and make a feature of them?" Richard asks.

Louise Purvis' sinuous 'Estuarine' sculpture on the gabion wall leading to Catalina Bay does just this, morphing the practical into something which literally stops people in their tracks. The sculpture was inspired by the view of the upper harbour channels from the air, as seen by Doug and Audrey Mills taking aerial photographs from their Gipsy Moth aircraft in the 1920s for their Aerial Survey and Land Company, based at Hobsonville Point.



Hinaki / Guardian
Virginia King

FERRY WHARF,
THE LANDING



Estuarine
Louise Purvis

LAUNCH ROAD



Te Kanohi O Te Manu
(The Eye of the Bird)
Philipp Meier

HARRIER POINT



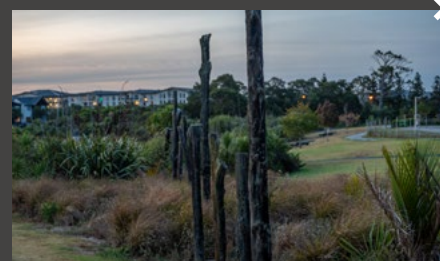
The Playing Windmills
Leon van den Eijkel

CORNER DE HAVILLAND
AND WALLACE ROADS



Remnants of Flight
Nick Eagles

HOBSONVILLE POINT
PARK PLAZA



Tiawatawata
John Reynolds

HOBSONVILLE POINT PARK

THE DIDSBURY ART TRAIL

ART FOR EVERYONE



BYO HEADPHONES

Hear from the artists themselves by downloading the Didsbury Art Trail audio tour. Just search for 'Didsbury Trail' in your preferred podcast app.

Why public art is important

Christine and Richard Didsbury have supported the arts in New Zealand for decades and saw the Point as a chance to get more of our best sculpture front and centre. So, what's important about public art?

Christine says public art makes you slow down. "It makes you think – you might ask why is this piece here, what's its connection to this place, and to me? And it enriches the community by becoming a shared experience for those who see it," she says. Richard agrees, and adds that the art also brings simple joy in beauty, along with a sense of community pride.

The Didsbury Art Trail has been created for all these reasons. "The initial concepts at Hobsonville Point always emphasised the amazing water's edge and proposed pedestrian linkages," says Richard. "I led the initiative to enhance them with art, renovations and activities, and as this became established, the management team began to suggest artists for approval."

Sculptures and rejuvenated historic buildings were connected by a 5km coastal walking and cycling trail named Te Ara Manawa (pathway among the mangroves) to enable ongoing connections between the people, the land and the water of the Upper Waitematā Harbour.

Visitors are wonderstruck, while residents get to see the works as part of the Point's landscape, in different seasons and different lights, and as they acquire the patina of age. "I like to think that when today's kids come back to Hobsonville Point in the future, they'll remember the magic of climbing into an enormous nest, or looking out at the harbour through the eye of a giant seabird," says Richard.

While our backyards shrink as the inevitable result of expanding populations in Auckland, it has proven possible to retain quality of lifestyle through clever use of community spaces. Hobsonville Point was an early adopter of this principle and Kāinga Ora is now bringing it to other areas of Tāmaki Makaurau.

As Christine Didsbury says, the cultural fabric of Hobsonville Point is beautifully augmented by these works of art. The Didsbury Art Trail has become an imaginative and joyful habitat for humans, birds and animals, and although Richard is modest about its name, it wouldn't be there without his foresight and determination.

Go online to enhance your experience – read about the works, or take the audio tour with the artists themselves.

hobsonvillepoint.co.nz/visit/didsbury-art-trail/



Children's Playground
Philipp Meier, Isthmus Group, and Cicada Workshop

HOBSONVILLE POINT PARK



Tree Cosy
A team effort, led by Alison Milne of Knitted Graffiti

LAUNCH ROAD



Clip, Tool, Heart of Stumps
Stephen Woodward

CORNER BUCKLEY AVE
AND HOBSONVILLE
POINT ROAD



From the Ground Up
Tiffany Singh, Wiremu Diamond, and Hobsonville Point Primary students.

HOBSONVILLE POINT PARK



Rifle Range
This heritage site served as a machine gun range for Air Force personnel, the SAS, Navy and the Diplomatic Protection Squad.

BOMB POINT DRIVE



Chichester Cottage
Small and simple but with plenty of heart, Chichester Cottage has stood the test of time since it was built in 1927.

CHICHESTER LANE

Bliss in bite-sized *backyards*

Three compact gardens at Hobsonville Point prove you don't need a big backyard to enjoy outdoor living at home.

By Penny Lewis



Urban designer's retreat

Orson Waldock is an urban designer at Kāinga Ora with a 20-year background in landscape architecture, designing large public open spaces. But at Hobsonville Point, he's worked his magic on a much smaller footprint – the home he shares with his wife, Kāinga Ora Placemaking Team Leader Kathleen, and their two children, aged 14 and 11.

Their home is on a 292 square metre corner site, which Orson says, "is relatively generous" for Hobsonville Point, but still with "plenty of design challenges". After owning homes on larger sections in Avondale and Blockhouse Bay, Orson has tweaked his garden-design ethos. "We were pretty set on leaving behind the idea of having a lawn," says Orson.

"With so much open space within the wider neighbourhood at Hobsonville Point, retaining a small lawn and the large maintenance burden just didn't add up for us. Time is such a valuable commodity, so moving to a smaller lot, with less regular maintenance, has freed us up from a lot of the burden associated with traditional suburban large-lot living."

The living area of the Waldock family home opens on to a single-level, sustainably sourced hardwood timber deck. It faces due north, so a large sun umbrella provides much-needed shade during the day. Night-time ambience comes courtesy of festoon lights and a Corten steel fireplace, both designed by Orson.



Orson and Kathleen both had input into the garden design. "We both wanted something that felt relaxed and organic and offered lots of variation in terms of how the space could be used," Orson says.

Around the perimeter of the deck, Orson has used a mix of native planting, interspersed with palms, to provide the overall framework for the garden. A large pot containing a bromeliad acts as a focal point in one corner and a path winds around the perimeter of the garden below deck level. This meandering path, which blends easily with the garden, is formed with rumbled-basalt crazy paving and infilled with recycled demolition concrete, crushed to a fine aggregate.



The garden design uses planting, screens and a subtle change of level to provide structure and privacy.



Orson Waldock designed festoon lights and a Corten steel fireplace for the courtyard of his family home.

Orson's garden design uses planting, screens and a subtle change of level to provide structure, privacy and separate functional spaces. From the deck, it's a step down to a well-disguised, screened-off service area, with a hot water cylinder, garden shed, raised vegetable garden and a plumbed-in fish filleting station.

Out the front of the house, Orson has built a small timber deck, a place to sit in the shade in the heat of summer. "We wanted a space where we could engage with the street, our neighbours and community in a more active way. Whether it's a porch, stoop, veranda or in our case a small deck, these spaces can play an important role in encouraging chance encounters with the neighbours and the wider community."

Golfers' garden

Sara and Anil (Jazz) Jasmat are both mad-keen golfers, with 4.4 and 6 handicaps, respectively. From their point of view, it made perfect sense to get their clubs out when it came to making the most of a narrow space alongside their end-terrace home on 236 square metres.

Sara got the idea of a putting green from visiting a friend's home and used the same supplier, TigerTurf, to create one on their strip of land that would have otherwise been unused.

At approximately 9m x 1.2m, the green is compact but has everything it needs. "It has a rough around the edges, with holes and flags at each end. It has a gradient too, to make putting more challenging. Jazz is definitely a better putter than me, I'll give him that," Sara says.

Sara admits they don't use the putting green daily like their friend does, but they did spend a lot of time on it during lockdown. Visiting children love to play on it, too.

The couple bought this home, their second at Hobsonville Point, off the plans and moved in three and a half years ago. Originally the garden was planned as a simple patio, but the couple built a new deck big enough for an L-shaped sofa, coffee table and a six-seater dining table. "We wanted to use all the space we could to its full potential, so nothing was wasted."

Sara is a big fan of pink and her favourite hue is seen throughout the inside of the house. "The garden is Jazz's domain. I knew I had to stay in my lane, so there's not much pink outside," Sara jokes. "One weekend he went to Melbourne on a boys' trip. I tried sneaking some plants in, but they all died."

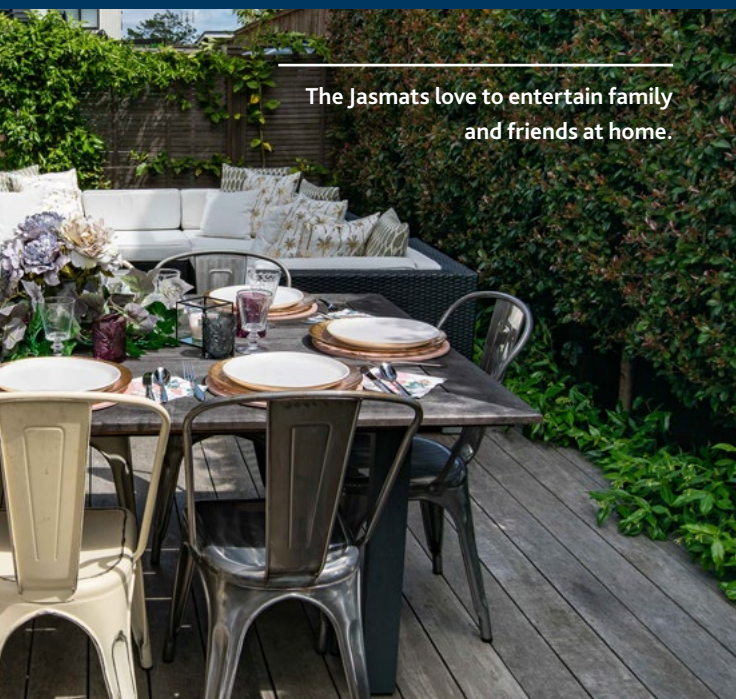
"The garden is Jazz's domain. I knew I had to stay in my lane, so there's not much pink outside," Sara jokes.

"The garden is very green," Jazz adds. He has included espaliered star jasmine, lilly pilly hedging and citrus, with lemon and lime trees.

A trellis divides the deck from the service area, which like most homes in the neighbourhood, contains a washing line and hot water cylinder.

The front of their home has hebes buxus edging the footpath, with griselinia hedging behind the front fence. The front yard also sports two large black pots with pink hydrangeas. "They're not allowed to be planted in the ground," jokes Sara.

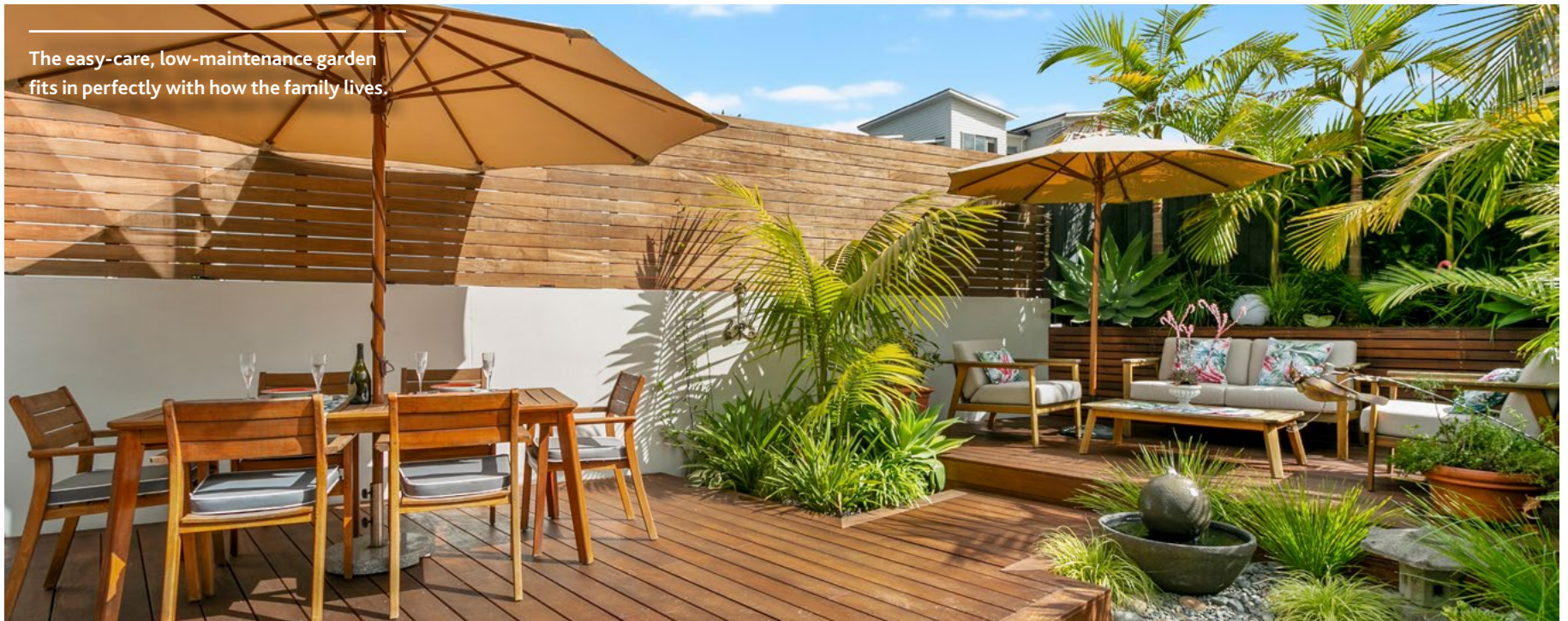




The Jasmats love to entertain family and friends at home.



Sara and Anil Jasmat's putting green makes the most of a narrow space alongside their end-terrace home.



The easy-care, low-maintenance garden fits in perfectly with how the family lives.

Sub-tropical oasis

Kitty and Steve Coates used to travel across town from where they lived in Bucklands Beach to visit the farmers' market and walk their dog Miley at Hobsonville Point.

They liked what they saw at the Point, making return trips to see show homes and eventually buying their near-new, end-terrace house at auction three years ago.

Even before moving into their three-bedroom home, they prioritised changing the backyard, which was then a bare lawn, high fencing, a shed and washing line.

Their section is 208 square metres, which includes off-street parking at the front, and they have now made the most of every single centimetre. "For us, it's about being outside. Everything is about that seamless connection between a lush green outdoor environment, home living and relaxation," Kitty says.

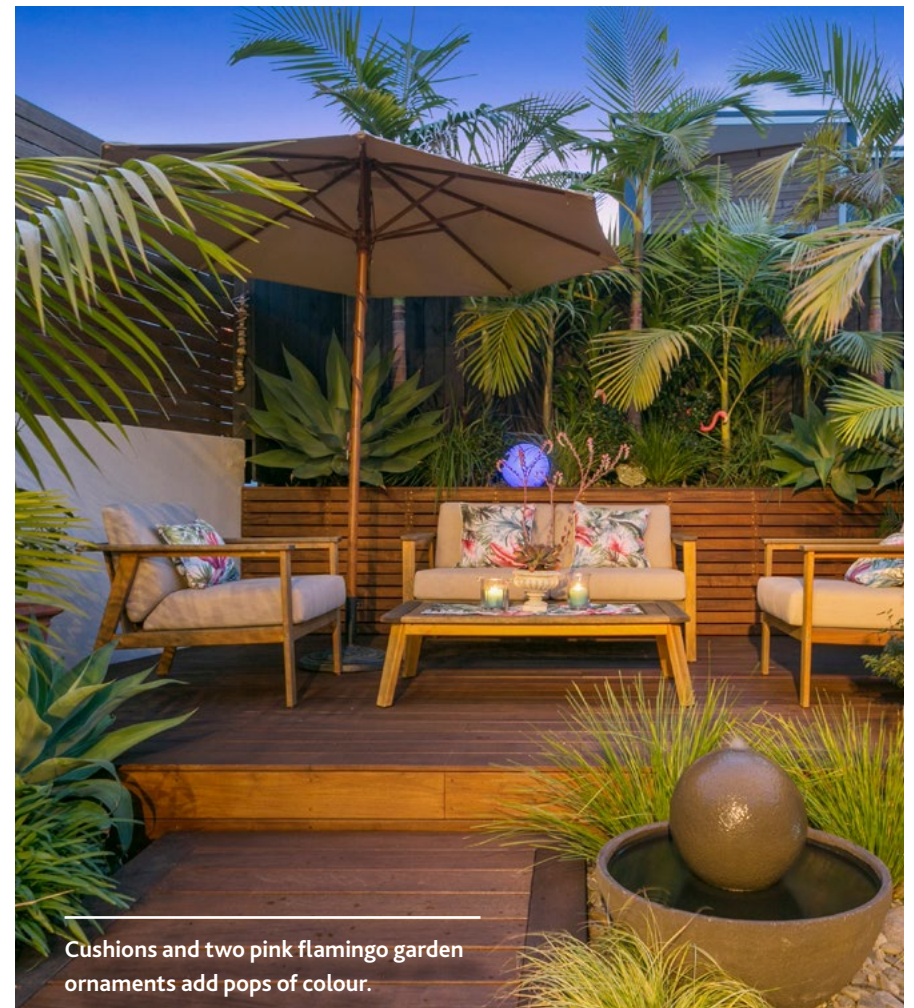
The rear garden was transformed, thanks to the help of a meticulous builder and Steve's hard work and design nous. Timber decking makes all of the backyard useable. The space

functions as an outdoor room, which is used day and night. "It's the most sheltered nook and a lush green extension of our living room," Kitty says. "You can't help being drawn outside."

Palm trees and subtropical planting, a water feature and Vitex hardwood decking and fencing frame and shelter this private backyard oasis. Cushions and two pink flamingo garden ornaments add pops of colour.

As the courtyard faces west, the family keeps two sun umbrellas up for shade in the summer heat – one over the alfresco dining table and one over a raised seating area and coffee table at the rear of the garden.

The easy-care, low-maintenance garden fits in perfectly with how the family lives. Kitty and Steve and their daughter like to escape to the Coromandel. "That's where we cherish our passion for surfing, sun and sand. So, it's no wonder our home reflects our love for the beach, capturing the feel of a tropical holiday in the city," Kitty says.



Cushions and two pink flamingo garden ornaments add pops of colour.



A NEW CATALINA BAY IS ON THE WAY

Work is underway to transform Catalina Bay into a pedestrian-friendly space, with upgraded paving, seating and planting. It's the next step towards it being a truly world-class waterfront precinct.

Making people a priority

The upgraded waterfront precinct will be a safer, more inviting place for people of all ages to walk, shop, eat and play. Think Wynyard Quarter, but with our own special Hobsonville Point character, natural beauty and relaxed pace of life. By more carefully managing through-traffic and reducing car parks, we'll create a calm place to linger. That's better for people, and better for businesses.

Why here and why now?

Ever since the Hobsonville Point development was first conceived in 2011, Catalina Bay was planned as a people-centric waterfront space for locals and visitors from all over

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What's happening and when?

Work is being done in a staged way over 18 months to minimise disruption to locals, businesses and visitors. It will be broadly split into three stages: Stages 1A and 1B will start near the Launch Road roundabout, with construction moving

towards the ferry terminal in Stages 2 and 3. Pedestrians will still be able to access all businesses, the ferry and the seaplane ramp at all stages of construction (routes will be clearly marked). Once the work begins, vehicle access to Catalina Bay will be permanently limited to mobility card holders and drop-offs and pick-ups.

Keep up-to-date with what's happening by checking out FAQ online. You can also download a staging map at hobsonvillepoint.co.nz/catalina-bay

Who's building in *Hobsonville Point*?

When you buy at Hobsonville Point, you join a neighbourhood developed by one of our master developers, with your new home built by one of our builder partners. Each of these companies has been selected for its reputation for quality and ability to build at scale and pace.

Each neighbourhood has its own distinct character and through our building partners, we offer a range of innovative housing types and different price points.

WILLIS BOND

Master Developer for Sunderland (A) precinct and Catalina Bay

Established in 1988, Willis Bond is a property development and investment company with a reputation for creating high quality communities in modern urban environments. Projects include Chews Lane precinct and Clyde Quay Wharf developments in Wellington, and Wynyard Quarter in Auckland. Willis Bond has developed Sunderland precinct and Catalina Bay at Hobsonville Point. Sunderland precinct includes a range of over 190 quality homes and 19 fully-refurbished former Air Force homes from the 1930s. Catalina Bay is a 1.8 hectare waterfront development comprising office space, food and beverage and luxurious residential offerings.

Willis Bond's newest freehold waterfront development, Catalina Bay Apartments, is now selling exclusively by private appointment.

Visit catalinabayapartments.co.nz
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**WILLIS
BOND**

CLASSIC BUILDERS

Master Developer for Hudson Precinct

Classic Builders is an established Kiwi-owned company with over 26 years of experience. They have been part of Hobsonville Point since the development started more than six years ago. As one of New Zealand's largest residential builders, they have offices nationwide and many happy clients who have recommended them and chosen to purchase numerous times.

Hudson Precinct, with Classic Builders as its master developer, continues to be one of Hobsonville Point's most sought-after areas. With views of the Waitematā Harbour, the convenience of Catalina Bay and zoning for both schools, it has been the perfect choice for many looking to live in this lovely suburb.

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Visit Classic Builders' show home at 121 Buckley Avenue. Open 11am - 3pm, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

Phone: Roz on 021 194 7179
classicbuilders.co.nz



WINTON

Master Developer for Launch Bay

Winton is one of New Zealand's largest privately owned developers, with many projects currently in progress in New Zealand and Australia. Winton specialises in developing integrated and fully master-planned communities that are characterised by their superior design and building standards. By the end of 2023, Winton will have delivered in excess of 7000 residential lots and apartment units across its portfolio. Winton has designed the Launch Bay community at Hobsonville Point, which includes the sold-out restored Officers' Homes, freestanding Oval Houses and affordable Marlborough Apartments.

The popular Launch Bay Townhouses and Apartments are new to market and the exclusive waterfront boutique development, Ovation, is selling quickly! Visit Winton's website for details or come into the sales office on Hudson Bay Road between 11:30am and 2pm on weekends or by private appointment.

winton.nz

WINTON

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They have a mix of designs which offer expansive and light-filled open plan living, on-trend kitchens and high quality fixtures. Fletcher Living offers its homes completed, so there's no need to wait for construction: buy now, move in and enjoy.

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Lisa Fleming on 021 679 674 or
Maryanne Bawden on 021 837 002
hobsonvillepoint.universal.co.nz



NGĀI TAHU PROPERTY

*Kōkōwai is Ngāi Tahu Property's
third neighbourhood at Kerepeti,
Hobsonville Point.*

Kōkōwai is named for the sacred ochre clay, with its deep red colour symbolising the splitting of Papatūānuku and Ranginui, and the creation of life. These ideas of creativity and connections between people and the land are inspiring the designs for Kōkōwai. The first stage of walk-up apartments is designed around communal garden spaces.

The Uku and Kerewhenua neighbourhoods – named for the white and yellow clays of the peninsula – were built in partnership with New Zealand Superfund and New Ground Capital. These neighbourhoods have 208 European-style terrace houses and apartments and continue to sell well.

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3 | 2 | 2 | 117m²+9m² deck

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- Ovation is Launch Bay's most premium residential apartment building
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- A stylish, elegant and luxurious home

\$1,900,000

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WINTON

TERRACE



4 | 2.5 | 2 | 187m²

LOT 20, 2 MARLBOROUGH CRESCENT

Launch Bay

- Situated in Hobsonville Point's premiere precinct, Launch Bay
- Perfect for families and downsizers alike
- Enjoy a comfortable, modern and welcoming home

\$1,470,000

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021 292 0362

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APARTMENT



2 | 2 | 1 | 89m²+16m² deck

LEVEL 1, 2 MARLBOROUGH CRESCENT

Launch Bay

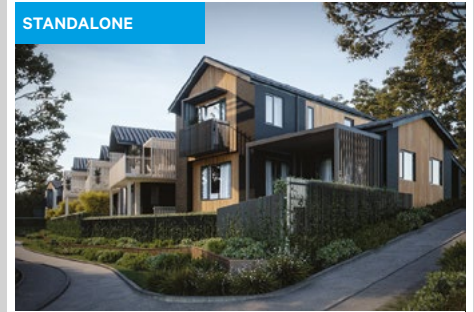
- Launch Bay's newest offering, the Launch Bay Apartments
- Elegant and modern lifestyle living
- Minutes away from Catalina Bay

\$1,400,000

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STANDALONE



3 | 2.5 | 2 | 179m²

SCRAMBLE LANE (LOT 1)

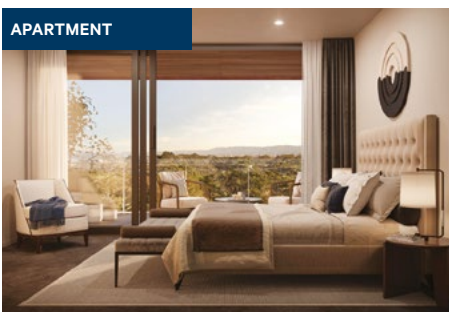
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- Stylish interior with contemporary finish
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\$1,575,000

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APARTMENT



1 | 1 | 1 | 50-70m²

CATALINA BAY (1-BED APARTMENTS)

- A welcoming secure lobby, a concierge service
- Select from two colour palettes to suit your style
- Apartments are mere metres from award-winning cafés and restaurants, farmers market and ferry terminal

From \$845,000

Pam Riley
021 949 401

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APARTMENT



2 | 1 | 1 | 65m²

CATALINA BAY (2-BED CITY SIDE)

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- Apartments are mere metres from award-winning cafés and restaurants, farmers market and ferry terminal
- A welcoming secure lobby, a concierge service

From \$1,245,000

Sarah Benbow
021 908 004

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APARTMENT



2 | 2 | 1 | 87-144m²

CATALINA BAY (2-BED WATERFRONT)

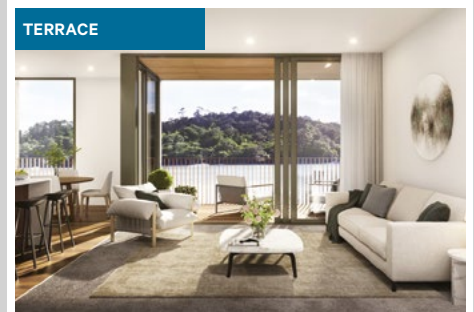
- Apartments are mere metres from award-winning cafés and restaurants, farmers market and ferry terminal
- A welcoming secure lobby, a concierge service
- Select from two colour palettes to suit your style

From \$1,495,000

Annie Yong-Mewburn
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WILLIS
BOND

TERRACE



2 | 2 | 1 | 109-119m²

CATALINA BAY (TOWNHOUSES 1-8)

- A welcoming secure lobby, a concierge service
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TERRACE



3 | 2.5 | 1 | 171m²

PATROL LANE (LOT 2)

- Stunning 3 storey home in great location
- Single internal garage with laundry area
- Stylish interior with contemporary finish
- Sited beside coastal walkway and local parks

\$1,145,000

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TERRACE



3 | 2.5 | 1 | 171m²

PATROL LANE (LOT 3)

- Modern 3 storey home in great location
- Double glazing and heatpump/aircon
- Single internal garage with laundry area
- Large north facing first floor deck

\$1,145,000

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TERRACE



3 | 2.5 | 1 | 171m²

PATROL LANE (LOT 5)

- 3 double bedrooms with built in wardrobes
- Build starts Spring 2021
- Modern kitchen with quality appliance package
- Single internal garage with laundry area

\$1,145,000

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- 2.5 bath
- 1 & 2 park
- 2 and 3 storey options – some with water views
- Quality fixtures, fittings & appliance packages
- After care period and 10 year build warranty

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TERRACE



3 | 2 | 2 | 143m²

CATALINA BAY (TOWNHOUSE 9)

- Select from two colour palettes to suit your style
- Apartments are mere metres from award-winning cafés and restaurants, farmers market and ferry terminal
- A welcoming secure lobby, a concierge service

\$2,210,000

Sarah Benbow
021 908 004



APARTMENT



3 | 2 | 2 | 141-147m²

CATALINA BAY (3-BED WATERFRONT)

- Apartments are mere metres from award-winning cafés and restaurants, farmers market and ferry terminal
- A welcoming secure lobby, a concierge service
- Select from two colour palettes to suit your style

From \$2,610,000

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