



HOBSONVILLE POINT

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CONSTRUCTION COMMENCES ON FIRST HOMES

As well as homes being on the market, construction has officially commenced on the first homes at Hobsonville Point.

Tony Houston, Managing Director of the G.J. Gardner Homes North Shore and Auckland franchise, was onsite to see the construction begin on one of their sections – a true milestone at the coastal community.

Representatives from Hobsonville Land Company and AVJennings were also present as the site excavation began at the section on Lester Street. Sean Bignell, Chief Executive of Hobsonville Land Company said it was great to witness the start of this new era at the former airbase.



“Everyone involved in Hobsonville Point has been working towards this point for a long time, so it was great to see the digger on site getting stuck in. People who visit the new community will see we already have a lot of amenities up and running including the Catalina Café, the information centre, Hobsonville Point Park, the coastal walkway and more – now we also have fantastic homes emerging from our builder partners,” he said.

HOBSONVILLE POINT HOMES – PRICE LIST NOW AVAILABLE.

A price list of the homes now for sale is available from the Hobsonville Point Information Centre (in the Catalina Café) and on the website www.hobsonvillepointliving.co.nz

Homes are priced from the mid \$300,000s to mid \$700,000s with a variety of sizes and styles available to suit your lifestyle.

The Hobsonville Point Information Centre is now staffed by representatives from our builder partners every Saturday and Sunday between 10am and 2pm.

TIMELINE

With house construction now underway the site will be busy with building activity over the summer months.

As well as this, planning has started for the Sunderland and Hudson Precincts and detailed design for the ferry wharf is also underway. The Coastal Circuit is open to walkers and cyclists and a timeline of additional milestones is below:

Hobsonville Hustle:
8 December 2010

Construction starts on the Hobsonville Point Project Information Centre: January 2011

Farmers Market planned for February 2011

Bus services planned for February 2011

First houses complete: March 2011

Display village opens: April 2011

Major sporting event: May 2011

Ferry service commences late 2011

Note: All dates are subject to constant review and may change.



HOBSONVILLE HUSTLE - 5KM FUN RUN/WALK

The Hobsonville Hustle is back again this summer. On 8 December at 7.00pm, Waitakere Triathlon and Multisport Club will host the Run/Walk event starting at Catalina Café at Hobsonville Point. The run/walk event meanders around the scenic Coastal Circuit, taking in views of the new developments and the upper harbour wetlands. Each lap is around 5km – and you can choose to do one lap or two if you like. After the event we will have a free sausage sizzle for everyone.

Come along and enjoy a fun time and maybe you'll pick up a spot prize!

When & Where: 7.00pm, Wednesday 8 December, Catalina Café, Hobsonville Point

How: 5km or 10km Run Walk

Entry: \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (under 16).
Family Entry (4 or more) \$30

Further details: www.waitakeretriclub.co.nz

Email: web@waitakeretriclub.co.nz

Funds raised at this event are going towards the purchase of a marquee which will be used at community and club events.



CATALINA CAFÉ SCORES FIVE OUT OF FIVE!

The café is going really well and it's great to be getting to know our regular customers and to see new faces. We are also very proud to announce that Catalina Café was recently reviewed in the Sunday Star-Times and received a fantastic five out of five!

We are now gearing up for summer and will be opening for dinners in the New Year with our liquor licence in place. Music and DJ's outside on Sunday afternoons will help finish off everyone's weekends in a relaxed way. I'm thinking a nice glass of wine, cold beer or Catalina cocktail in the shade of the trees (and an ice-cream for the kids) with some mellow tunes. Our boutique gelato is proving very popular – I encourage you to give it a try, perfect on a hot summer's day! The pizza oven is in and we will be introducing new cabinet food in the run up to Christmas.



Catalina will be closed from Christmas Eve 2pm until the 5th of January so we can all recharge our batteries (and test a few cocktails out). From the 5th we will be open throughout the day, with an afternoon pizza and snacks menu and dinner from 5pm Thursday to Sunday. We are excited to have engaged the services of two excellent and creative new chefs and have just started using our home-grown produce from the community garden.

If you are interested in using the gallery space in the community centre to exhibit and sell your artwork, be it painting, sculptures or something else, send us an email at hobsonvillecafe@xnet.co.nz, or just drop in and see us.

The community space is available at very reasonable rates for community groups, meetings, seminars and Catalina Café is happy to provide catering to fit any budget. We have also just made our first wedding cakes of the season and are more than happy to make whole cakes for special occasions. Here's to summer! Cheers.

Wayne and Rachael at Catalina Café

FARMERS MARKET COMING TO HOBSONVILLE POINT

A farmers market will open shortly at Hobsonville Point, bringing regular fresh and local food to the North West for the first time. The market has been planned based on the definition of a farmers market by Farmers' Market New Zealand Inc – 'a food market where local growers, farmers and artisan food producers sell their wares directly to consumers'.

Vendors may only sell what they grow, farm, pickle, preserve, bake, smoke or catch themselves from within a defined local area.

From early December, building work will commence on the former 'No. 5 Store' (between Buckley Avenue and Hastings Crescent), to make it suitable for public use as a farmers market. The market will present residents and visitors with the opportunity to shop locally for produce in a relaxed and vibrant environment. The market will be mainly indoors but will also have space for stalls outside, making it suitable as an all-weather market. The market will be held every Saturday morning but aims to increase the number of operating days as the market grows.



You may know of Keith Stewart, our initial Market Manager. Keith is a Kumeu local, food and wine writer, and host of Radio Live's 'Taste Life Live' show on Saturday nights. We are very excited to be working with Keith who has been involved since being contacted by a number of local growers about the prospects of a North West market.

The vision for the Hobsonville Point Farmers Market is to:

- Provide customers with regular supplies of fresh, locally grown and manufactured food, and access to improved nutrition
- Ensure stallholders are making money through enough consumers buying their product
- Facilitate the community's learning about the nutritional and environmental benefits of eating foods that are in season and produced locally
- Establish a market that the community can be proud of and create a popular place to visit regularly
- Support and stimulate local food producers, in particular, organic food producers, hobby farmers, community and home gardeners
- Contribute to Hobsonville Point's economic and social development
- Be a growers market, where consumers meet directly with the grower. A means to taste the food and talk to the growers.

If you have any enquiries regarding the farmers market, please contact Keith on: 09 412 7002.

CONSULTANTS APPOINTED FOR THE SUNDERLAND AND HUDSON COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Hobsonville Land Company has appointed Isthmus Construct JV to prepare the comprehensive development plan (CDP) consent application for the Sunderland and Hudson precincts. This consultant team, which also includes Harrison Grierson, Aurecon, Flow Transportation, McIndoe Urban and Dave Pearson Architects, successfully

delivered the CDP for Hobsonville Point's first precinct.

The comprehensive development plan is an important element in ensuring the vision for Hobsonville Point is delivered. It will form the framework for development and also identifies land use, public spaces, road layout, and land parcels on

which development will occur. The CDP will also set development controls and design guides for buildings and streetscapes.

The Sunderland and Hudson precincts are found to the east of the area currently under development and border The Landing and the Marine Industry Precinct.



EXPLORE HOBSONVILLE POINT THROUGH GEOCACHING!

Geocaching (pronounced geo-cashing) is a worldwide game of hiding and seeking treasure. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, in outdoor public spaces and then share your experiences online. Geocaching is enjoyed by people from all age groups and is an activity that has strong sense of community and support for the environment. Anyone with a GPS device can seek to locate geocaches. Inside most geocaches is 'treasure' that children can take home, with the idea being you must leave something in its place for the next person to find.

There are over 1 million geocaches around the world, making it a great holiday activity no matter where you go!

My family got hooked on geocaching about a year ago. We started out by registering on the geocaching website so that we could go treasure hunting with the kids. You simply enter your postal code or address to find the geocaches near you. We have had so much fun finding them, that we have since started to hide geocaches for others to find. It is fun to check up on these online to see how many people

have found your geocache and what they have said about it!

There are hundreds of geocaches around Auckland. I have hidden one at Hobsonville Point and there are at least another two already in the same area. It is a great way to explore the area and have fun at the same time. Check the geocaching website for more details: <http://www.geocaching.com/>

*by Kathleen Waldoek
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EASY STEPS TO GEOCACHING

1. Register for a free Basic Membership.
2. Click "Hide & Seek a Cache."
3. Enter your postal code and click "search."
4. Choose any geocache from the list and click on its name.
5. Enter the coordinates of the geocache into your GPS Device.
6. Use your GPS device to assist you in finding the hidden geocache.
7. Sign the logbook and return the geocache to its original location.
8. If you take something from the geocache, leave something of equal or greater value.
9. Be mindful of the environment, practice Cache In Trash Out.
10. Share your geocaching stories & photos online.



WEED CONTROL RAMPING UP

Targeted Pest Solutions have been appointed to undertake weed control in the coastal bush clad area of the site. In the first instance shade tolerant understory weed species will be targeted. This will allow native plants to regenerate naturally from seed already in the ground and under planting with native species will assist the regeneration process. Initial weed control will take place in December with three follow up treatments throughout 2011. This should mean that planting can occur in these areas in the 2012 winter.

You may have noticed that we have already controlled two large Arundo Donax (Giant Reed) infestations and have removed a large percentage of gorse from the site. Planting, using native species, in these areas will start in the 2011 winter and we will let you know how you can become involved closer to the time.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

FROM THE HOBSONVILLE POINT TEAM.