



HOBSONVILLE POINT

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SHOW HOMES ON THE RISE

There's no better way to experience the lifestyle on offer at Hobsonville Point than coming along to a show home and site offices and seeing the homes first-hand. See below for details on the four builder partner show homes and times they are available to explore.

G.J.Gardner

Located at 13 Station St, Hobsonville Point, stands the beautiful 4 bedroom + study, stand alone G.J.Gardner home. With 3 living areas, a double garage and 2.5 bathrooms this is a delightfully modern home.

Four additional spacious 4 bedroom homes are currently under construction and will open for your viewing pleasure in September this year. For \$635,000 these 4 bedroom homes are 200sqm, with a double garage and 3 bathrooms. For further information please phone 09 475 9019.



Universal Homes

Two stunning 3 bedroom and 4 bedroom homes will be opening in mid September; open seven days from 12 – 4pm. The Universal Homes office is open Wednesdays from 12 – 4pm for enquiries, or call 0800 268 789.

Jennian Homes

The Jennian Homes office is open 12-4pm on weekends for enquiries on their stylish new homes, or call 09 836 5396.

Jalcon Homes

If interested in learning about one of the fantastic Jalcon Homes, arrange a meeting at your convenience, on site or at your home by calling Melanie Tracy on 021 886 816.



TIMELINE

Hobsonville Point Farmers Market:
Every Sunday 9am-1pm

Hobsonville Point Vintage and Craft Market: Every 1st and 2nd Sunday of the month, in the Catalina Café from 9am – 1pm

Squadron Drive off-ramp opens:
6 August 2011

Planting Days: Saturday 27 August from 11am – 1pm & Wednesday 7 September from 5pm – 7pm (see back page for more details)

Heritage Festival – Hobsonville Point Guided Walk: 17 September 2011

Bus Service Planned: August 2011

Farmers Market Spring Festival
4 September 9am – 1pm

NZ Traditional Boat Building School Guided Tour: 23 & 24 September 2011

Ferry Commences: Early 2012

Hobsonville Point Primary School: 2013

Hobsonville Point Secondary School: 2014

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

READY, SET, NAVIGATE!

Over 200 veterans and budding orienteers from around the Auckland region gathered at Hobsonville Point last month for the Auckland Orienteering Club event. The teams proved forces to be reckoned with as rain and wind did little to hinder their paces. With eight different courses for participants to choose from, there was something for everyone, from the very fast to the very little.

If this sounds like something that would get your adrenaline going and you missed out this time around, pencil November in your diary for the next planned orienteering event at Hobsonville Point. Keep updated on planned 'summer series' orienteering events through the Hobsonville Point newsletter or the Auckland Orienteer's website, www.auckoc.org.nz

AIR FORCE CHALLENGE 2011

Budding Air Force recruits took part in a week-long Air Force Challenge last month at Ohakea and Auckland airbases. Eighty eager students from all over New Zealand participated in various events and competitions to challenge their physical and mental stamina, and to get a taste of life in the Air Force.

One of the most popular challenges was the Mud Run at Hobsonville Point, where 'dirty tactics' was the name of the game. The aim of the Mud Run was to expose participants to an environment that both challenged and promoted their group dynamics, and developed their ability to work as an effective team member.

Each team was given points on its performance. These points went towards deciding which team won the overall Air Force Challenge, with the winning team

getting to ride in a real RNZAF Aircraft. The challenges were a great success, with participants walking away with high hopes of joining the RNZAF, and with experiences and challenges they will

remember for the rest of their lives. For more information on joining the Royal New Zealand Air Force, visit www.airforce.mil.nz or phone FREE on 0800 1FORCE (136 723).



BOOGIERS HAVE A BLAST AT THE BOOTLEGGERS BALL

The Sunderland Lounge proved the perfect location for the extravagant Art Deco Society Auckland Inc (ADSA) bi-annual Preservation Ball last month.

Two years ago the ADSA decked-out the Sunderland Lounge in 1940s memorabilia for their wartime themed 'Victory Ball' and this year they came back for round two with a 1920s themed 'Bootleggers Ball', based on the popular TV series 'Boardwalk Empire'.

The Sunderland Lounge was converted into the 'Silver Moon Supper Club' for the evening, with windows and room dividers draped with shimmering lights and trimmed with silver stars and moons, while Chinese lanterns lit up the tables.

Fantastic entertainment by the Lindsay Meechs Jazz Band and catering by the superb Brigham Restaurant meant a fabulous night was had by all, with 1920s gangsters and flappers jiving the night away.

The Art Deco Society Auckland Inc (ADSA) was formed in 1996 to promote interest in the Art Deco style and to help preserve and protect the Art Deco architecture of Auckland, New Zealand. More info on the Art Deco Society Auckland can be found on www.artdeco.org.nz

Whether you are looking for a place to hold dancing recitals, book club meetings, local choir rehearsals, or social

gatherings, the Sunderland Lounge is the ideal location. To book the Sunderland Lounge for your own event, call 09 261 5054, or email info@hlc.co.nz



SHARE YOUR STORY AT HOBSONVILLE POINT

Here ye, here ye, if you were once a resident of the former airbase that is Hobsonville Point, come forward with your tale. The Hobsonville Land Company is in search of great stories from former residents that will be placed on 'way finding' posts for people to read as they walk around the site.

The 'way finding' posts have been created by the New Zealand Traditional Boat Building School based at Hobsonville Point from old telegraph poles, utilising local skills and second hand materials in the process. Visitors to Hobsonville Point and future residents will get a sense of Hobsonville Point's rich history and get

a taste of life back when the airbase was in full throttle, with land and sea based aviation a way of life.

Anyone who would like to share their stories can email Kathleen at kathleen.walldock@hlc.co.nz or phone 09 261 5280.

CELEBRATE AUCKLAND HERITAGE FESTIVAL BY FOOT AT HOBSONVILLE POINT



Hobsonville Point is excited to be representing Auckland's unique culture and heritage by taking part in the much anticipated Auckland Heritage Festival, which runs from 17 September to 2 October 2011.

Perfect for a family outing, walking group or scenic escape with a friend; get along to Hobsonville Point on Saturday 17 September for a guided walk around the rich landscapes of the Waitemata Harbour. If you can't make it on Saturday, be sure to pop in some time during the rest of September for a self-guided walk. Both opportunities to experience Hobsonville Point by foot are free.

For further information on the guided tour visit the Hobsonville Point website, www.hobsonvillepoint.co.nz, or contact Alina Wimmer at Auckland Council on 09 484 6212 Ex (43) 6212 or alina.wimmer@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

The New Zealand Traditional Boatbuilding School based at Hobsonville Point is also taking part in the Heritage Festival. Boat lovers will be fascinated by the myriad of maritime restoration projects in progress. On Friday 23 and Saturday 24 September from 10-11am people are encouraged to come along to the New Zealand Traditional Boatbuilding School, 14 Buckley Avenue, and for a gold coin donation can be taken on a guided tour of a traditional boat building workshop/school.

The New Zealand Traditional Boatbuilding School was founded in 2005 and is dedicated to providing tuition, expertise and resources to ensure that the heritage, knowledge and skills of traditional boat building in New Zealand is maintained for future generations.

For more information contact Tanya on 09 416 1023 or Tanya@nztbs.orgnz, or visit www.nztbs.org.nz

SCHOOLS UPDATE

We are happy to advise that steady progress is being made on the two new schools to be built at Hobsonville Point. The Ministry of Education has started an interactive tendering process with three short listed contractors, with bids due 12 September for evaluation and selection of a preferred candidate.

The school buildings are to be delivered under a public private partnership (PPP) arrangement. This means that the Ministry will select a private contractor to design, build and maintain the schools for 25 years - leaving the schools and boards to focus more on teaching and learning without the added responsibility of managing the property. Essentially, the schools' focus will be on the students and their

personal development. The Establishment Board of Trustees is working closely with the Ministry throughout the procurement process and is currently recruiting for a principal for the primary school. It is expected that the principal will take up their role in October, so stand by for a principal profile in an upcoming newsletter.

The primary school is on track to open in Term 1 2013 and the secondary school will open to year 9 students in 2014. The primary school will be built to accommodate a final roll of 690 students and the secondary school a final roll of 1500 students. We look forward to giving you further positive updates on the schools' progress soon.

BUCKLEY STAGE 2 GETS THE GREEN LIGHT

Construction at Hobsonville Point is all go, with construction commencing next month on Stage 2 of the Buckley precinct.

This stage will add a further 85 houses to the already blossoming community. For more information on the visionary homes and lifestyle on offer at Hobsonville Point visit www.hobsonvillepoint.co.nz



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HOBSONVILLE PLANT NETWORK

The Hobsonville Plant Network Team has been busy around Hobsonville Point over the last six months, setting up a nursery for propagating and growing native plants.

Coastal margins will be restored and landscaped within the development and will use eco-sourced plants from around Hobsonville Point. These plants will also be available for sale to the community, with the nursery looking to include a wide variety of edible and utility plants.

Right now it's planting season and the team would love some helping hands at the upcoming community planting days where restoration will be happening on nine sites around Hobsonville Point.

Community Planting Days:

- Saturday 27 August from 11am – 1pm, followed by a light lunch
- Wednesday 7 September from 5pm – 7pm, in conjunction with the first midweek Farmers Market

The planting team are meeting at Number 1 Buckley Avenue. Please arrive 10 mins before the event if you would like to help out rejuvenating the plant community.

Meanwhile, feel free to drop into Number 1 Buckley Avenue to get some information on edible and native gardening and/or give us a hand in the nursery - we would love to see you!

For more information please contact:

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EVENINGS AT THE HOBSONVILLE POINT FARMERS MARKET

For those who are itching to get back to the fantastic Hobsonville Point Farmers Market by midweek, here's some good news. The Farmers Market is opening on Wednesday evenings (3-7pm) from 7 September.

To celebrate, the Farmers Market will be holding a Spring Festival on Sunday 4 September. Get ready for a fun family outing filled with more stalls of fresh food delights, and activities to keep the kids entertained with Old McDonalds Farm bringing along some of their farm animals. Perfect for a special 'Father's Day' outing.

The Catalina Café will also be open in the evenings from Wednesday 7 September.

UPDATE FROM THE HOBSONVILLE LAND COMPANY

At the end of July we farewelled our inaugural Chief Executive, Sean Bignell. Sean has been at the Hobsonville Land Company for five years and from 1 August will be General Manager National Asset Development at Housing New Zealand Corporation. We are currently recruiting for a new Chief Executive – watch this space.

We have recently welcomed Andrew Pollock, Senior Finance Officer, to the team. Andrew was previously Finance Director at Waitakere City Council. We said farewell to our Strategic Finance Manager, Andrew Jack who was with us for three years. At the end of August Mark Fraser will be joining us as the Commercial Manager. Mark has previously worked for McConnell Property and Auckland City Council.

WHAT DOES COMMUNITY MEAN TO YOU?

A new research project is being conducted by Simon Opit, a geography masters student from the University of Auckland, called 'Consuming community: Land development projects and the rhetoric of building community in Hobsonville, Auckland'. It will explore how the Hobsonville Land Company's vision for Hobsonville Point engages with the imaginations and aspirations of potential residents and buyers, so as to have a clearer and more united vision for the community.

We need your help to get this project underway. All you need to do is participate in a short interview that includes questions about purchasing a house at Hobsonville Point, gauging your understanding and opinion about the development and your perception of 'community'.

To express your interest in participating in this research please contact Simon by the end of August by email: sopi002@aucklanduni.ac.nz or phone: 021 047 5248.