



HOBSONVILLE POINT

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TIMELINE

With civil works complete the focus is now on getting the site ready for visitors. This includes building temporary paths and tidying the site generally.

Installation of artworks in Hobsonville Point Park:
August 2010

Construction of paths so that visitors can explore the site:
August 2010

Hobsonville Point Project Information Centre opens:
22 August 2010

Catalina Café opens:
22 August 2010

Hobsonville Point Park and playground family event:
September 2010

House construction starts:
October 2010

First houses complete:
March 2011

Display village opens:
March 2011

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



CIVIL WORKS COMPLETE



extremely pleased with the quality of design and construction and looks forward to introducing residents to their splendid new community.

“Looking at the end result of stage one works, we couldn’t be happier. The attention to detail and quality of materials used has been superb. We are proud to present to the public the first stages of a project that we can foresee as being a huge success,” Pat Snedden, Chair of the Hobsonville Land Company Board said.

As the cold season sets in, work wraps up on the civil works at Hobsonville Point, with stage one largely complete. Finished civil works include the roads, infrastructure, parks, street furniture and landscaping, and a refurbished Buckley Avenue is now open to traffic. These works were funded and managed by the Hobsonville Point development partner AVJennings and implemented by Dempsey & Wood Contractors.

Engineering design and management was undertaken by Harrison Grierson with Isthmus Group providing landscape design and management services. The Hobsonville Land Company is



INTRODUCING WAYNE AND RACHAEL



Hobsonville Point is proud to introduce Wayne Jackson and Rachael Aitkin, the owners of its newest business, the Catalina Café. The pair have 35 years of hospitality experience between them including working internationally as chefs, managers and consultants. Their recent history includes the set up, establishment and running of much-loved establishments including 'Bennetts of Mangawhai', 'The Black Dog' coffee house at Matakana and a long time association with the Leigh 'Sawmill' café.

Both Wayne and Rachael are excited to begin this new venture and provide the best possible café environment for their customers and friends. "We are passionate about fresh, healthy, affordable food, providing great customer service and creating a second home for our customers. We want our café to be a place where locals are proud to bring their friends and family and which represents the aspirations of the community."

"Our partners in this venture are Lindesay Smith and Angela Stechman of "Matakana Coffee Roasters" and the famous "love shack" Matakana. Lindesay and Angela are also foundation members of the celebrated "Matakana farmers market", and now produce fantastic award winning coffee from their boutique roastery, which will be available at the Catalina Café, produced by dedicated and talented baristas."

CATALINA CAFÉ OPENING 22 AUGUST

An old air force building that once housed administrative functions will soon be home to Hobsonville Point's newest business, Catalina Café – opening in August.

After an extensive spruce-up, the building will be a warm and welcoming vicinity for residents and locals to enjoy good company and good food. Located on the corner of Buckley Avenue and Hastings Crescent, the building will also be home to a Community Space and the Hobsonville Point Information Centre. Here locals can learn about the advanced fibre to the door technology and energy management at Hobsonville Point while enjoying a cup of high quality Catalina Café coffee.

The Catalina Café also features innovative energy saving solutions including the ability to generate some of its own electricity through a solar electric system. Other features include taking advantage of the sun to heat water in a solar hot water system that is backed by heat pump technology, improved insulation and efficient heating and lighting systems. Visitors will also be pleased to experience the full force of fibre to the door technology



that will provide swift internet access. Hobsonville Land Company is also very excited to announce plans for a farmers market opposite the café, starting this coming summer. The weekend market will provide residents, locals and visitors with a delicious range of local produce. Together with the café, coastal walk, exciting new playground and market – Hobsonville Point will be the perfect family outing.

If you would like to join us in celebrating the opening of the Catalina Café and the Hobsonville Point Information Centre, please come along on the 22 August between 10am and 1pm for a fun morning.

HOBSONVILLE LAND COMPANY FINALIST IN WAITAKERE ENTERPRISE AWARDS.

The Hobsonville Land Company is very pleased to be one of four finalists in the Waitakere Enterprise Best Government or Trust Funded Business Award. Preparations are currently underway for the second stage of the competition and winners will be announced in October.

The awards showcase the best Waitakere businesses.



IN BRIEF

WEED AND PEST MANAGEMENT AND RESTORATION PLAN NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE

Hobsonville Point is taking an active approach to weed and pest management in order to assist the local natural systems in transitioning to an ecologically healthy state that is self maintaining.

Hobsonville Point aims to speed up the establishment of a healthy forest system after weeds are removed by maintaining a canopy that can aid native plant regeneration and provide habitat, even when this canopy consists of weed species. Invasive shade tolerant weed species will be removed and once native plants have established the weedy canopy is gradually removed.

Studies have shown that this approach reduces weed control costs in the long run while at the same time causing less initial habitat loss and speeding up the natural regeneration process.

Our approach is documented in detail in a report compiled by Gecko New Zealand and is available for download from the publications section on our website: www.hobsonvillepoint.co.nz

HOBSONVILLE SCHOOLS

The Ministry of Education has taken the first step for the implementation of two new schools at Hobsonville Point. The schools, a primary school and a secondary school, are planned to open in 2013 and 2014 respectively.

Both schools will include land for community based early childhood education centres, with the intention of providing lifelong learning opportunities for families at Hobsonville Point.

The Ministry has also called for nominations for the establishment boards that will provide future input into the schools' design as well as setting the strategic direction for the schools.

The new schools will play an important role in seeing the development of Hobsonville Point turn into a thriving community that seeks to care for and educate its residents.

BUS AND FERRY SERVICES

The Auckland Regional Transport Authority (ARTA) has committed to having a bus service from Hobsonville Point to Westgate in place by the time the first resident moves into the Buckley Precinct early next year. In addition, a ferry service to Downtown Auckland will be implemented once the new ferry terminal is completed, currently set down for late 2011. Design of the wharf is already underway and timings will be firmed up following resource consent sign-offs.

PARK & PLAYGROUND FAMILY EVENT IN SEPTEMBER

We are very excited about our new playground in Hobsonville Point Park! The finishing touches are being applied in August and we will celebrate its completion with a family event in September. Make sure you register on our website www.hobsonvillepoint.co.nz so that we can invite you.

COASTAL WALKWAY

Work is underway to see the amazing coastal environment at Hobsonville Point become accessible to visitors from late August.

The site will offer spectacular views, mature vegetation, the character of air force structures, leisurely walks and off the beaten track adventure for those eager to enjoy the fresh air and a healthy outdoor lifestyle.



TENNIS COURTS UPGRADE

The Hobsonville Point tennis courts have had a re-vamp with a new synthetic grass surface replacing two of the old asphalt courts. Tennis-lovers and social players will be able to try out the new courts from late August.





OPEN FOR BUSINESS – HOBSONVILLE PLANT NETWORK

Hobsonville Point now has its very own plant network on site and open for business. The joint initiative by leading environment trust EcoMatters, ecological restoration experts Gecko Trust and Hobsonville Land Company is based on a shared vision to supply the developers and the residents of Hobsonville Point with locally eco-sourced native seeds and plants for the duration of the development.

Sean Bignell, Chief Executive of Hobsonville Land Company, says the unique coastal location of the development means it naturally lends itself to have a strong environmental focus. “The Hobsonville Plant Network

will be a key environmental feature of Hobsonville Point and reflects our commitment to maintain and develop the rich biodiversity of the land.

“We believe this initiative will help conserve the natural habitat, encourage the restoration of native plants, educate the community and bring them together,” says Mr Bignell.

Based at 1 Buckley Avenue and showcasing its own sustainable landscaping and planting, Hobsonville Plant Network is currently open to the public so community members can not only source native seeds and plants

but learn about plant propagation, composting and weed control. As the project grows, the collected seeds will be cultivated and used to regenerate the harbour foreshore, parks, streets and residential sections at Hobsonville Point.

In June the Hobsonville Plant Network held its official open day where locals attended free workshops on composting, landscaping with natives, household sustainability and planting garlic.

The plant network is staffed part time, so please check for open times by calling 09 416 5022.

GREEN FOOTPATHS



Hobsonville Land Company has been working with 3R Group and Dempsey & Wood Contractors to trial a new and exciting concrete product for footpaths along Buckley Avenue.

The product, called Glasscrete, contains recycled glass aggregate, recycled paint and fly ash. Environmental benefits include using less quarried aggregate, utilising recycled materials and reduced greenhouse gas emissions because of the lower cement content. The concrete looks similar to ordinary concrete, but if you look carefully you can see the glass sparkle in the sun!