



**HOBSONVILLE POINT**

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2011

# HOBSONVILLE POINT FARMERS MARKET OFF TO A STERLING START

Over 3,000 foodies, families and locals flooded to the Hobsonville Point Farmers Market launch earlier this month to taste and take home the myriad of fresh produce and products on offer.



The farmers market has stall holders offering fresh fruit, meat, eggs, fish, veggies, bread, coffee and other

homegrown delights offered by local growers and producers. Held weekly on Sunday mornings from 9am to 1pm, the popularity of the markets' first few weeks in business has revealed a clear appetite from the area for locally produced goods.

And while people were nibbling on delicious food at the farmers market, the more adventurous types were out enjoying the Frocks on Bikes event. This scenic bike ride went along the coastal circuit at Hobsonville Point, across the old air field, past the rifle range and past many character buildings, with plenty of time for coffee at the Catalina Café and wandering the market on the way.

Run by the Hobsonville Point Farmers Market Incorporated Society, the market makes a great Sunday outing, rain or shine, with stallholders set up in a former air force building next to the Catalina Café known as 'No. 5 Store'. The society also has plans to introduce food demonstrations and live music in the coming weeks so come down and check it out!

If any local producers are interested in a stall, please contact the market manager, Keith Stewart on 09 412 7002.

With its magnificent coastal setting, vast outdoor space and special indoor areas such as the Sunderland Lounge, Hobsonville Point is the ideal location for community events. From bike rides to treasure hunts, fun runs, picnics and more, it is perfect for any event, large or intimate.

If you would like to hold an event here please contact Kathleen Waldock on 09 261 5280 or email [info@hlc.co.nz](mailto:info@hlc.co.nz).

## TIMELINE

With house construction well underway and homes available for purchase off the plan, the budding Hobsonville Point community has begun its exciting road ahead. The coming months will see a number of key milestones reached as the first show homes and planning for the next two precincts are completed.

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

Scruffs Dog Show:  
6 March 2011, 10.30am-2pm

Hobsonville Point Runway Challenge: 15 May 2011

Bus services planned:  
Mid 2011

Completion of Squadron Drive off-ramp: March 2011

Ferry wharf construction:  
July 2011

Ferry services commence:  
early 2012

Hobsonville Point Primary School:  
2013

Hobsonville Point Secondary School:  
2014

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



# HOBSONVILLE POINT RUNWAY CHALLENGE



Have fun while keeping fit this year by participating in the inaugural Hobsonville Point Runway Challenge - a run and walk event that caters to people of all fitness levels. Mums, dads, kids and grandparents can all get active and take part in this fun event that includes trails, tracks, roads and stunning coastal views.

The following event options are on offer:

- 10km run or walk
- 5km run or walk
- 3km kids adventure run

Do the challenge on your own or sign up a team from your family, work or school. For the kids there is a fantastic 2-3km obstacle/adventure course that adults will also get to experience on the final leg of their 5km and 10km courses.

The Hobsonville Point Runway Challenge promises to be a day filled with laughter, competition and team bonding.

So register now at [www.runwaychallenge.co.nz](http://www.runwaychallenge.co.nz) and get training!

# GATEWAY UPDATE

## GATEWAY HOMES STILL AVAILABLE

For those interested in purchasing their first home, a limited number of Gateway house and land packages are still available at Hobsonville Point.

Gateway is a government initiative to help moderate income households into their first home through deferring the payment for the land. Each builder partner has designed several fantastic Gateway homes, with a variety of modern styles at various locations within the first residential release to choose from.

Each home is of high quality, with double glazing and excellent levels of insulation to make sure they are warm and comfortable for Kiwi families. Hot water is provided by solar or heat pump systems to reduce water heating costs and water for toilet flushing, garden and laundry use comes from rain tanks. Gateway home owners can also take advantage of the high speed, open access, fibre network at Hobsonville Point which will enable people to easily work from home, assist businesses with greater efficiency and provide better educational opportunities for their families.

All of the Gateway house and land packages at Hobsonville Point are two bedroom, two story homes with the house costs in the mid to high \$200,000s. The land costs, which range between \$87,000 to \$139,000 (depending on the size of the

site) do not require any repayments for the first five years. For more details please call 0508 935 266, email [gateway@hnzc.co.nz](mailto:gateway@hnzc.co.nz) or visit [www.hnzc.co.nz/gateway](http://www.hnzc.co.nz/gateway)



# MORE HOMES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Following the summer break the builders at Hobsonville Point have hit the ground running, with several more homes under construction in the first residential release. Builders have lodged building consents for more homes and are eager to get these under way. Homes are on sale now and the first homes will be completed later in the year.

When you stop in for a coffee and delicious cake at the Catalina Café, be sure to check out the information centre where you can find details about the homes on offer.

Visit [www.hobsonvillepointliving.co.nz](http://www.hobsonvillepointliving.co.nz) to see the homes currently on offer or visit the builder partners' websites.

## THERE ARE FOUR BUILDER PARTNERS INVOLVED IN THE FIRST STAGE OF HOUSE CONSTRUCTION AT HOBSONVILLE POINT INCLUDING:

- Universal Homes, whose site office is staffed from 12pm-4pm Wednesday to Sunday
- Jennian Homes, whose site office is staffed from 12pm-4pm on Saturdays and Sundays
- G.J .Gardner Homes, who currently have a show home under construction
- Jalcon Homes, who will commence construction on their show home shortly



# VECTOR MAKES NEXT STAGE IN UFB NEGOTIATIONS

Hobsonville Point's fibre network partner Vector was recently shortlisted for priority negotiations for the Government's fast broadband initiative.

The company's proposal focused on the Auckland region and would offer the same benefits as the fibre to the door network currently being rolled out in Hobsonville Point.

Vector has continued to negotiate key commercial principles with Crown Fibre Holdings and is now in a position to undertake further negotiations regarding terms and conditions to roll out fibre to Aucklanders within eight years.

Hobsonville Point has the advantage of being one of the first communities in Auckland where residents have access

to a fibre network that will ultimately transform the way in which they live, work and play.

Vector has supported the Government's initiative from day one and believes the solution will deliver that step change that Kiwis expect from ultra fast broadband.



# SUNDERLAND LOUNGE POPULAR FOR WEDDINGS

The Sunderland Lounge has been busy over the summer season with several beautiful weddings taking place at this fabulous location.

Built in the late 1940's as the Hobsonville Air Base Cinema, this historic hall is the ideal event location. It can accommodate up to 140 people seated around tables, 200 people seated individually without tables and up to 300 people standing. The hall includes a kitchen, supper room and a main gathering room which can easily be sectioned off into smaller function rooms for convenience.

*"The Sunderland Lounge was the perfect venue to celebrate the start of our married life! Mature trees served not only as a ready-made aisle, but also provided cover from the summer sun so our guests could relax while our wedding party departed for photographs within Hobsonville Point. The hall which was decorated in fairy lights comfortably seated all 170 of us and provided a great space to dance the night away to the band. Our special day was everything we had hoped for. We have and will continue to recommend Sunderland Lounge as a fantastic venue."*

*Puna and Marlana Turner*



To book the Sunderland Lounge for functions, please contact the Hobsonville Land Company office on 09 261 5054 or email [info@hlc.co.nz](mailto:info@hlc.co.nz)

## WOOF AND WIN - SCRUFFS DOG SHOW



Families are encouraged to get their pooch prepared for a fun day of tail wagging and bone chasing at the Scruffs Dog Show, Sunday 6 March at The Oval, Hobsonville Point.

No matter what pedigree, shape or size your family dog is welcome to be part of the Scruffs Dog Show. Dog-lovers, kids and visitors will all love participating or watching the dog-gone competitions including the dog with the waggiest tail, best dressed and the owner/dog lookalike competition, concluding with SCRUFF of the year. Prizes for each competition are donated by Butch Dog Food and this year the Scruffs Dog Show will support the Mobility Assistance Dogs Trust.

The Lions Club of Ranui Swanson are very proud of their annual show through which over the last 24 years they have been able to offer monetary support to local and national organisations such as West Auckland Hospice, West Auckland Diabetes and

Dogs for the Deaf to name just a few. So come along with family and friends and celebrate your favourite SCRUFF.

