



HOBSONVILLE POINT

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HOBSONVILLE POINT PARK NOW OPEN!



With more hours of sun in the day and summer just around the corner we encourage you and your family and friends to come along to the new Hobsonville Point Park. Hobsonville Point Park has been created to tell the story of Hobsonville from its past through to the site's transformation into a budding new community and exploring the rich natural heritage of the site. The creative aspect of the park is unique to Hobsonville Point and is reflective of the area's setting. There are two key elements: Tiwatawata and the playground.

John Reynolds, who is widely considered to be one of New Zealand's finest artists, describes his work at Hobsonville Point Park:

Tiwatawata: A procession of blackened poles dynamically tracks across the shifting topology of the parkland. Both a unifying presence in the landscape and a visual barrier, both demarcating and darkly promenading.

Taking its cue from nineteenth century illustrations of local Maori demarcation poles, and photos of the eventual fencing of boundaries with the arrival of more recent communities, this work dramatises the processes of 'marking off' the land. The intention is an artwork IN the landscape rather than ON the landscape, and crucially, a localised drama of edges and site.

Consisting of 188 charred and/or stained wooden poles of various diameters closely staged at irregular distances apart and at differing heights, and charting a straight dark line bisecting the park through the pond and planted areas and on toward the old runway and distant city.

The work forms an extended graphic and sculptural event demarcating and defining views, pathways and textural collisions of cultivation and 'wilderness'. Signifying simultaneously a 'cultural edge' and a brusque physical or atavistic presence. At once encapsulating the characteristics of formality and symmetry, while retaining a madcap and organic play of lines and arhythmic spaces.

This elongated parade of stakes offers differing qualities at various stages as it negotiates the terrain. For instance, adjacent to the playground area a more compressed 'stockade' density invites interaction. While the stakes crossing the pond create their own poetry in the play of reflection and movement on the water.

TIWATAWATA is intended to provoke a rich pedestrian experience and even 'unsettle' as a singular and thoughtful visual spectacle in the park context.

TIMELINE

House construction is about to start and all four of our builder partners now have homes available for purchase. Looking ahead, house construction and activating the site through events and community activities will be a major focus.

House construction starts:
October 2010

Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) work for the Sunderland and Hudson precincts commences:
November 2010

Community Garden opens:
November 2010

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.



THE PLAYGROUND

Climb up inside the giant fantail nests for a birds eye view of the brand new playground in Hobsonville Point Park. Scaled up seedpods from native trees can be discovered along winding trails that weave through play areas and planting in a forest floor themed adventure.

Hobsonville Point Park and its nature based playground was designed by Isthmus Group. During the design process, the Landscape Architects worked closely with Cicada Workshop to develop the seedpods and nest designs. These were then constructed by the skilled and innovative team at Cicada from corten and stainless steel. The collaborative approach between Isthmus and Cicada has helped produce a unique play experience and has allowed the sculptures to be integrated effectively into the environment. The seedpods and their surroundings build on landscape values becoming inherent in the Hobsonville Point development such as habitat provision, education about the environment and native planting.

The playground is designed to encourage discovery and imaginative play alongside classic, more familiar play elements. It enables children to experience native plants and trees

and learn about how the seeds of our native forest trees are dispersed. Tree and plant species have been selected to include those with bird attracting fruit and flowers to persuade tui, kereru and other native birds into the playground. This helps to strengthen the wider ecological corridor that runs through the park while adding to the richness of the play space.

“We aimed to design a playground with a strong natural theme in which everything was play; from the familiar swings and slides, to the new climbing and spinning activities on the seedpods, right through to the tree root inspired paths and edges. It’s fantastic to see it getting put to the test by children, and their parents for that matter! To see a kereru in here will be the icing on the cake.”
Haylea Muir, Landscape Architect, Isthmus.

Trace the trails and walls to your favourite play activity or observe all the action from high inside the nests, there is a challenge for all ages to be found in the Hobsonville Point Park Playground.

Other fantastic features of the Hobsonville Point Park include the first segment of a 4km coastal walk and cycle way, a planted wetland, a community orchard, seating and picnic areas.



GATEWAY HOMES AVAILABLE AT HOBSONVILLE POINT

Housing Minister Phil Heatley has launched a new programme which will make it easier for first-time buyers and those on lower incomes to build or purchase their own homes. Gateway Housing Assistance allows purchasers to build or buy a property but defer payment on the land. 17 such homes are available at Hobsonville Point. All will be quality homes that are warm healthy and energy efficient. To find out more go to www.hnzc.co.nz/gateway



FIRST HOMES AVAILABLE

Over the last months our builder partners have been busy designing new homes for Hobsonville Point. The first home and land packages are now available, with each builder having a variety of homes for you to choose from.

To give you a taste of what is on offer each of the builders describes one of their homes here. You can find the full range of homes at www.hobsonvillepointliving.co.nz

UNIVERSAL HOMES

This compact modern house is the ideal family home, featuring three bedrooms and two bathrooms on the upper level, a separate living room, open plan kitchen/ dining room, guest wc and garaging for two cars on the lower level. With large bifold doors that open out from the living room to a sunny rear courtyard, this home is perfect for summer barbecues in the sun. Future Proof Building features such as double glazing, drop down attic stairs and anti-allergenic carpet will ensure this home is comfortable to live in now, and in the future.



JENNIAN HOMES

Designed with the future in mind, this is a modern family home, with space to spread out and enjoy Future Proof Building. The home contains a number of modern conveniences such as Heat Pump hot water, low energy lighting, Ultra Batts insulation, stone topped kitchen with soft closing throughout, and four star water rated toilets and dishwasher. This is a home designed for a contemporary Kiwi family looking for style and comfort in a home. There are four bedrooms with three separate living spaces, providing for the needs of everyone in the home.



JALCON HOMES

A unique design, suitable for any family that appreciates an open plan home with a modern feel. The two level home is well organised for family living with big, open, inviting spaces that combine contemporary flair with functionality. The family room, dining and kitchen form one large entertainment area, the formal lounge is situated away from these areas for privacy. The home's four bedrooms are all upstairs and set out with optimum versatility in mind. As a Registered Master Builder Jalcon Homes offers a 10 year Master Build guarantee and an exclusive 15 Year Weather Tight Warranty on all their work.



GJ GARDNER HOMES

Designed to provide maximum living space on smaller urban sections, this modern home is ideal for urban family living. Boasting four bedrooms and three bathrooms this is the perfect home for a growing family. An open plan living, dining and family area gives the home a spacious feel that everyone in the family will enjoy. Complete with a double garage this is a stunning modern home that is both warm and welcoming.



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CATALINA CAFÉ UPDATE

Well it's great to have had the café up and running for nearly two months now – thanks for all the great feedback, we welcome any ideas and suggestions you may have. Now that we have settled in we are looking forward to adding some great new offerings at the café including beautiful icecreams by the scoop, just in time for long hot summer days!

We have also just purchased a fantastic stone pizza oven and will be making gourmet pizzas as well as a full family friendly dinner menu.

Before too long hopefully we will have a liquor licence in place, and you will be able to enjoy a lovely glass of wine or cold beer with your meal. Our outside furniture is under construction, and the patio is going to be the place to be, under the shade of a brolly with the afternoon sun filtered through the leaves of the trees.

Some fantastic musicians and artists have shown great interest in performing at the café, and we look forward to providing something slightly different from the norm, we would love to hear any entertainment ideas you may have as well. The community space is waiting for your booking – we have already



had a number of successful corporate meetings and lunches there, come and have a look, it may be just what you're looking for.

The community garden opposite the café is taking shape and the café will have a little part of this to supplement our kitchen with the very freshest of produce. Some very clever folk have been organising the creation of the garden along sustainable and

permaculture lines, and we think it's going to be very special.

Feel free to contact us at "hobsonvillecafe@xnet.co.nz" or on (09) 950 6551, we are happy to talk to you about your catering needs or upcoming work function, and we will tailor-make a perfect solution to fit your needs.

Bring on Summer!
Wayne and Rachael at Catalina

WAY FINDING, BOAT BUILDING AND ANECDOTES

For residents and visitors who have a nautical interest, The New Zealand Traditional Boatbuilding School operates from the old Persel Barracks at Hobsonville Point and offers a range of courses for those wishing to learn traditional boatbuilding skills. To find out more visit www.atbs.org.nz

The Hobsonville Land Company is currently working on adding wayfinding elements to the coastal circuit. They

approached the New Zealand Traditional Boatbuilding School to craft these wayfinding elements out of recycled hardwood sleepers, utilising local skills and second hand materials. Over the next few months these markers will appear along the coastal circuit. Over time the Hobsonville Land Company plans to also add historic interpretation to the project. For this they are keen to hear from people who have a connection to Hobsonville Point and are particularly

interested in the human side of history – the quirky little stories that help history come to life.

So if you have a story to share, perhaps from your time serving at the Hobsonville Air Base, please do. There is a journal at the Catalina Café for you to record your stories or you can e-mail them in at info@hlc.co.nz. Over time these stories will be compiled and published on the Hobsonville Point website for all to enjoy.

HOBSONVILLE POINT FERRY WHARF

A new ferry service from Hobsonville Point to downtown Auckland is planned for late 2011. A new wharf is required as the existing structure no longer meets the necessary safety requirements. The Auckland Regional Transport Authority (ARTA) has started the detailed design for the new wharf, which will be built in the same place as the existing one at Hobsonville Point. Subject to consents, construction of the wharf is planned for early next year – watch this space.