

# HOBSONVILLE POINT RESIDENTS SOCIETY

## E-Newsletter - October 2016



One of the new bridges on the Hobsonville Point Walkway.

### A Message from Peter Herbert, Chairman of HPRS Committee



Greetings to all Members of the Hobsonville Point Residents Society. A special welcome to those who have bought homes in Hobsonville Point this year and those who are in the process of building their homes.

This Newsletter will keep you up to date with some of the matters that the HPRS Committee have been dealing with during the year.

#### HPRS Annual Meeting

Please note that the Annual Meeting is to take place in November. We need a full attendance to administer the Society effectively. I would enjoy meeting Members who wish to be nominated to serve on the Committee and I am happy to discuss the commitment of time needed for this community service.

#### Ferry Sailings

I recently attended a meeting with others to discuss transport in and out of the district. We are very concerned at the lack of progress in extending the sailing times for the ferries to and from Auckland City which had been promised. A particular service that appears to be needed is that of a trip to the city after 10am and the opportunity to return to Hobsonville mid afternoon.

We encourage Members to provide feedback directly to Auckland Transport and the Upper Harbour Board. The Committee has expressed their disappointment and dissatisfaction with the delay in providing the additional services before 2018. We also hope to survey the community on this issue to establish some definitive data.

#### Parking at the Brickworks Commercial Outlets

The Committee is still applying pressure on AT and HLC to achieve a safer and more practical parking arrangement around the Brickworks. The provision for vehicles is inadequate. We also ask that those using the area only park in designated parking places. There is little protection for the many young school children using that thoroughfare.

#### Community Events

There have been a number of community events organised

### HPRS ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, 22nd November 2016

6.30 pm

#### Hobsonville Point Primary School

We are looking for residents who are willing to offer their time and expertise to serve as committee members on the HPRS Committee as a service to this community. Please contact Peter Herbert if you would like to discuss what is involved and the skills you can offer the community.

#### HERITAGE FESTIVAL - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST 2016

##### HOBSONVILLE POINT HERITAGE CHALLENGE

BETWEEN 10AM AND 2PM

Hobsonville Point is taking part in the Auckland-wide Heritage Festival. The Hobsonville Point Residents Society, a dedicated group of secondary school students and Hobsonville Land Company are putting on the event. It is themed around road names.

Come along with your family and friends to explore Hobsonville Point and learn the story behind the road names and have some fun along the way.

Pick up a map from the HP Information Centre, 1 Hastings Street (behind the Catalina Cafe) between 10am and 2pm.

The Challenge Sheet will ask you to find a specified number of road signs, to photograph them, and to answer a few simple questions related to the road signs.

Complete the Challenge Sheet and return it to the Information Centre with your photographic collection (can be phone or digital camera) to receive a little reward.

which the residents have enjoyed. Another one coming up in October is the Heritage Festival which HPRS has sponsored together with HLC.

#### HPRS Website

The committee is in the process of upgrading our website to better serve the needs of both the Society and the Community.

#### HPRS Notice Board

This has been a long drawn out process but has now come to fruition. It has arrived and will be positioned on the Walkway near the corner of Buckley/deHavilland, hopefully in the last week of September. It is for notices of importance and interest for those living here - things like upcoming events. It would not be generally available for things like commercial advertisements or lost and found animals. The Chairman of the Committee will be the contact person for this facility.

I invite you to read the rest of the material in this Newsletter and to continue to enjoy your time at Hobsonville Point. Please use the facility on the Crocker's website to communicate your questions and concerns which will then be passed on to the HPRS Committee.

Regards,  
Peter Herbert

**THE HOBSONVILLE POINT GARDENING DAY.**

At the end of May HPRS and HLC sponsored a group of Hobsonville Point gardeners under the leadership of Helen Ellis. They hosted the Hobsonville Point Gardening Day. Residents were able to visit some open gardens and see the potential for their own small gardens. They also had the opportunity to look at artificial turf in situ, worm farms, composting, growing herbs, lawn maintenance, flax care and an alternative to the conventional lawn.

It was an excellent community offering and HPRS is grateful for this promotion at Hobsonville Point. Another initiative that emerged from the Gardening Day was the idea of a bin for the 'hard-to get-rid-of' garden material.

**BIN WEEK**

Many thanks to all the Members and their Tenants who took part in the Hobsonville Point garden spring clean.

HPRS chose the Buckley-Corsair location for the bin because it would service the Buckley A Precinct which was the first area to be built and planted at Hobsonville Point. The response was excellent and there is no doubt from the feedback that this initiative should be continued.

The committee has also suggested to the developers that they be more circumspect about the amount of flax that is planted in areas that are the responsibility of Members and their Tenants. Flax is a great contribution to public landscaping: attracting birds; giving a wide variety of colours and sizes; its shape complements other plants; however it is also relatively high maintenance to keep it looking attractive.

"Well done," to all the residents who joined in the Bin Week. It was a very sociable community activity. As the garden growth in other precincts progresses there will be a need to service those areas as well.

**PLANS FOR A PUBLIC TOILET**

HPRS has been working with the Auckland Council representative on their siting and design of a public toilet at Hobsonville Point Park. Discussions so far suggest a toilet which is a 'single pan' design with a changing area and table for infants. The exterior of the building would have an image of heritage value in keeping with similar public toilets in the area.

The toilet is required to be accessible to the general public but also near the service lines in Hobsonville Point Park. We are negotiating to find a location that will not offend anyone but will be an appropriate and safe place for public use. We have discouraged siting it on the high part of the park and are encouraging it being set on a paved area against the grassed bank. The initial planning process is slow moving.

**REPLANTING**

HPRS is grateful for the response to our request that some curb side gardens needed to be replanted. The gardens which have been redone in Harvard, Meteor, and Gypsy Moth look so much more attractive now and the residents are very pleased with the improvement. Those gardens along the curb are meant to collect water so suitable plants have been chosen for those situations.



This lovely garden in Lester Street was only planted in September 2015 and has been a mass of colour and texture in every season. Some of the raised gardens are for vegetables and herbs.



The residents had six days to fill the bin with their garden waste. Everyone respected the fact that the bin was for garden material only. A great HP spring clean. Well done everyone.



Careful thought is going into the siting of the Public Toilet. It has to be accessible to the general public but also near the service lines in Hobsonville Point Park.

Note:  
This is an HPRS E-Newsletter but some printed copies of this Newsletter will be available at the Information Centre.

**CHICHESTER COTTAGE CONSULTATION**

In spite of the inclement weather a pleasing number of hardy Members turned out to visit Chichester Cottage on Saturday, 17th September.

Information and an invitation was circulated to the Members of HPRS because HLC has offered to gift the Cottage to HPRS in a restored and beautified state. The Committee has done Due Diligence on the proposal and the implications for the Society and wished to get some feedback from Members who visited and inspected the Cottage. Those who attended the Open Cottage provided the useful feedback summarised below.

1. Do you consider the Cottage in its restored state will be a useful resource for the HP community? Everyone who attended answered YES
2. Would you support the Hobsonville Point Residents Society owning and managing the Cottage in its restored state? Everyone who attended answered YES

Feedback on how they saw Chichester Cottage being used for the benefit of the community, taking into consideration security, location and costs:

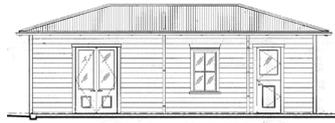
- It is an important piece of history and should be valued, kept and furnished in the style of its era. The walls could have historical photographs and information associated with the cottage to add to the atmosphere. It is an important historical landmark among so many new buildings.
- Small group activities: committee meetings, community groups and functions, hobby groups, themed events, small exhibitions, Book Club, Club House, Cards, Bridge and Scrabble Clubs, small musical soiree, location for a garden party, singing groups, small classes, demonstrations, petanque parties, could combine with activities in the surrounding park area, craft clubs, artists and writers in residence, practice space...
- Concerns included: It must have adequate security; It must be a 'user pays facility'; Is it to have heating facility? Yes; Will it have wheelchair access? Yes; Must not be a burden to administer.

We thank Kathleen and Robert from HLC who helped with the Consultation and the committee members who hosted the visit and listened to the ideas - all in the rain!

Two Members of HPRS responded to their invitation to attend with a negative opinion. The main concerns are that they as Members may be levied a set price to cover the costs of the Cottage; when they signed up the HPRS Constitution did not allow for the possibility that the Society might own property.

Note: When the Constitution was updated at the 2015 Annual Meeting one of the changes made it possible for the Society to own and to operate community facilities.

We will probably make a decision on the offer from Hobsonville Land Company to gift Chichester Cottage to the Hobsonville Point Residents Society at the Annual Meeting. Further detail and information will be given to HPRS Members.



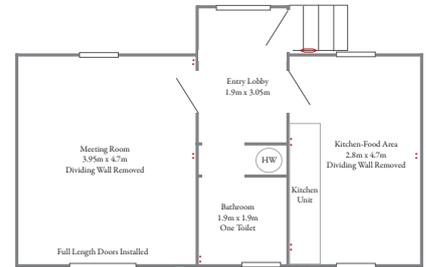
**CHICHESTER COTTAGE  
PAST - PRESENT - FUTURE**



Upper left: Architect's sketch of the finished cottage

Upper right: The cottage at present

Right: The plan for the finished cottage



Detailed plans were available to view



Residents braved the rain to visit the Cottage



Yvonne and Joan hosted the visitors in the Cottage

## **PARKING**

The Number One Complaint from many Residents at Hobsonville Point is parking.

We have complaints that: residents park on the road instead of using their garages; residents are parking long-term outside their neighbours' homes making it impossible for their own family and friends to visit them conveniently; campervans are taking up more than one parking space and should be accommodated off the street; residents are not parking in designated parking spaces; residents are parking on corners and across walkways; residents leave their business vehicles on the street as free advertising rather than in their garages/carports; someone has even been parking on a Pocket Park. Residents can report these parking infringements to Auckland Transport.

HPRS acknowledges that there is a problem and have asked the developers to reconsider the parking as they develop other parts of Hobsonville Point. In the meantime we ask that residents be more considerate of their neighbours in relation to parking.

Please clear out your garage and use it for the storage and protection of your vehicles. This will also help with security in the neighbourhood.

## **LANEWAYS**

Those owners who formed a Laneway Society are responsible for the upkeep of that Laneway. Some Laneway Societies have formed a committee to manage their Laneway.

### **GREEN GORILLA BINS**

This firm supplies bins for the use of builders at Hobsonville Point. HPRS has been notified by them that from September Green Gorilla intend to take action against those residents who use these bins illegally.

HPRS has agreed to pass the warning on to the Members. HPRS has also pointed out to Green Gorilla and the builders that if they position the bins inside their safety fences the bins would be less accessible to others.

### **PHONE NUMBERS**

#### **REPORTING PROBLEMS TO THE POLICE**

Emergency: 111

Community Police Constable at Massey is :

Joseph Beaumont: Work: (09) 215 5318

Mobile: 021 192 0353

Email: Jban04@police.govt.nz

#### **HP NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT/WATCH**

Contact: Gordon Summerville, Phone: 021 519 682

## **MEMBERS WHO TENANT THEIR HOMES**

Many members have purchased their properties as an investment and rent it to others.

It is the Member's responsibility to ensure that their tenant is given a copy of the Rules for Residents of Hobsonville Point each time the tenancy changes. If Members use a letting agent please ensure that the agent is aware of this requirement. The behaviour of the tenant and the state of the property is the responsibility of the owner.

## **MEMBERS WHO SELL THEIR PROPERTY AT HP**

Members who put their homes on the market need to display a copy of the HPRS Constitution and a copy of the HPRS Rules for Residents during the sale process. The new owner must be aware of their commitments on purchasing the property.

## **BOMB POINT**

Earlier in the year HPRS held an information meeting. One of the items addressed by HLC at that meeting was the situation on Bomb Point. Unfortunately later debates took place on a Facebook page that contained misinformation about Bomb Point and also the responsibility for the upkeep of Laneways.

In relation to Bomb Point, Peter Herbert, Chairman of the HPRS Committee issued this statement at the time to clarify the position of the Committee.

Bomb Point, Te Onekiritea Point, is the headland at Hobsonville Point and is Crown Land under the administration of the Hobsonville Land Company.

Auckland Council is currently negotiating with the Hobsonville Land Company to acquire this land as open space as proposed in the Hobsonville Point Master Plan. The residents of Hobsonville Point understand that it is to be a significant reserve for the use of the Community, now expected to have 5000 homes.

The Hobsonville Point Residents Society Committee expects an agreement between Auckland Council and the Hobsonville Point Land Company will be finalised. The Walkway and Off-Leash Dog Area and the current development of the Rifle Range are evidence of Bomb Point being developed as the community space visualised in the Hobsonville Point Master Plan.

As Chairman of the Committee I have confidence that the high standard of planning and construction of the community facilities delivered to date will be maintained.

However I would encourage both parties to bring this agreement to finality as the prolonged negotiations are giving rise to concern among many of our residents.

## **ON-GOING ISSUES BEING ADDRESSED BY THE COMMITTEE**

A number of issues are being followed through by the HPRS committee at present and committee members are working hard to resolve problems as they arise and to attend to Members' requests for alterations or variations and others matters.