



# Mt Roskill South Development Progress Update

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## Covering the community in crochet

Construction site fences around Mt Roskill will soon undergo a colourful makeover thanks to a new community project led by textile artist Lissy Robinson-Cole (Ngāti Hine, Ngāti Kahu) and HLC.

Lissy and the team at HLC invited Mt Roskill locals to learn the art of crochet at the recent Molley Green Neighbours Day. The resulting work, a colourful heart within a house, will be the first piece of art produced as part of the #HeartOfTheCommunity project, which will soon adorn the fences around the development sites in Mt Roskill South.

The project involves a series of free workshops run by Lissy in the Mt Roskill area. Locals are invited to attend the workshops where they'll get to help create crochet art to decorate site fences during the early stages of construction.

Lissy's artwork may already be familiar to many Aucklanders; she's been a textile artist for more than 20 years and has exhibited her creations at many public art events. Her previous art installations have included her own car, now completely covered in bright crochet squares.

The project will give people an opportunity to contribute some vibrant artwork to their neighbourhood, and find out more about the changes coming to the area. The workshops are fun and relaxing events, perfect for a friendly chat with the team at HLC and other Mt Roskill locals.



HLC received lots of feedback from the Mt Roskill South community at the recent Molley Green Neighbours Day. Some of the suggestions included improved walking and cycling networks around the neighbourhood, upgrades to Freeland Reserve, and recycling programmes for building and plant materials removed from sites. But it was the crochet lessons that proved to be the most popular attraction with many people picking up the skill quickly, including local MP Michael Wood.

**Join Lissy and the team at the next crochet drop-in workshop which will be held at the official opening of the new Information Centre on Saturday 22 June. Turn to the back page of this newsletter for more information.**

**And if you can't make it, don't panic. We'll be holding more crochet workshops every Tuesday and Thursday during July, 10 am to 2 pm at the Information Centre.**



## Roskill Grammar visit

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HLC recently invited a group of students from Mt Roskill Grammar School to learn more about the development, and understand how amenities like parks and walkways have an important role to play in placemaking within the neighbourhood. The students did a walking tour of Freeland Reserve and identified opportunities to further enhance Auckland Council's plans for the park area. We look forward to seeing the ideas they come up with!



## Te Auaunga Grand Opening

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Come and join HLC to celebrate the opening of Te Auaunga (Oakley Creek/Walmsley Reserve) on **Saturday 6 July from 10.00 am - 2.00 pm**. Grab a community bike or bring your own wheels and tour the revitalised Awa, and enjoy the BMX performers, stage performances and vintage bikes on display. There'll also be Awa activities for the kids and weaving workshops during the day. Don't forget to bring your cash for some delicious treats at the local foodstalls. Gold coin parking is available at Wesley Intermediate. We'll see you there!



Thomas, son of Julie Fairey, Deputy Chair of the Puketapapa Local Board enjoying exploring the Awa.

Te Auaunga is a major Auckland Council stream urban restoration and award-winning project along a 1.5km section of Te Auaunga Awa (Oakley Creek/Walmsley Reserve) in Mt Roskill. The primary purpose of the project is to increase stream flow capacity in order to reduce flooding in the area. The project also connects both the Roskill South Development and Ōwairaka Development.

## Connecting with the land

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Children from May Road School learned about the history and cultural identity of Puketāpapa-Mount Roskill in a recent walking tour of their local maunga.

Guided by archaeologist Dr Hans-Dieter Bader from Archaeology Solutions, the children from May Road School's Māori group were shown the location of the historic pa site on Puketāpapa-Mt Roskill. The tour was part of HLC's ConstructionPlus programme, which is dedicated to helping children who are affected by the development learn about their environment.

Archaeologists like Dr Bader are helping to build a picture of what Puketāpapa-Mount Roskill looked like many years ago. He showed the children artists' drawings and



photographs of the maunga before houses and the water reservoir were constructed in the 1960s, and guided them on a walking tour through the remnants of terraces. A highlight from the day was sitting in the depression of an ancient food storage pit, big enough to comfortably fit a car.

Dr Bader says that education plays an important role in preserving the history of Puketāpapa-Mount Roskill. "The children were genuinely interested in learning about the

history and the cultural identity of the area they live in," Dr Bader says. "I think everyone should know the history of their maunga. It's your landmark, your connection to the land."

**Join us for a HLC-led tour of the maunga during the Puketapapa Manu Aute Kite - Matariki Event from 11.00 am – 4.00 pm on Saturday 29 June. Pop in and see us at our stand for more information.**

## New life for old materials

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A pilot programme for recycling housing materials has resulted in a 40ft container-load of items being donated to Habitat for Humanity.

The six-week pilot programme was a joint initiative between HLC, Habitat for Humanity and Henderson Demolition. State houses within the Mt Roskill Development area that were earmarked for demolition were first 'soft-stripped' of items that could be recovered for reuse, recycling, upcycling, or on-selling at Habitat's ReStore second-hand stores.

The types of items that could be recycled included doors, handles, kitchen cabinets, hot water cylinders, and sash windows.

Conrad LaPointe, General Manager of Habitat for Humanity Auckland, says soft-stripping these homes is not a simple process, and ideally a home would be either relocated or fully deconstructed. "However, soft stripping is an important part of the solution to ensuring as many materials as possible as reused

and kept out of the waste stream," he says.

"Thanks to the support of our partners in this pilot, Habitat was able to sell all the materials through our stores for reuse, realising over \$2,500 for our new home construction and repair programmes."



Donna Young, Otara ReStore Manager

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Construction of the new Stage 1a homes is moving quickly. With 23 new Housing New Zealand homes on the corner of Youth Street and Dominion Road, and Kallu Crescent now nearing completion, families will likely be moving into these new, warm dry homes later this year. A further 58 homes are expected to be completed over the balance of the year.

Around 73 houses have already been removed as part of Stage 2 of the development, making way for around 300 new homes. We are working hard on these sites to make the land safe and ready to build on.

You may have noticed consultants in and around the neighbourhood as we begin planning and site investigations for Stages 3 and 4 of the development.



## MORE HOMES FOR ROSKILL SOUTH



The development is expected to take around six years.

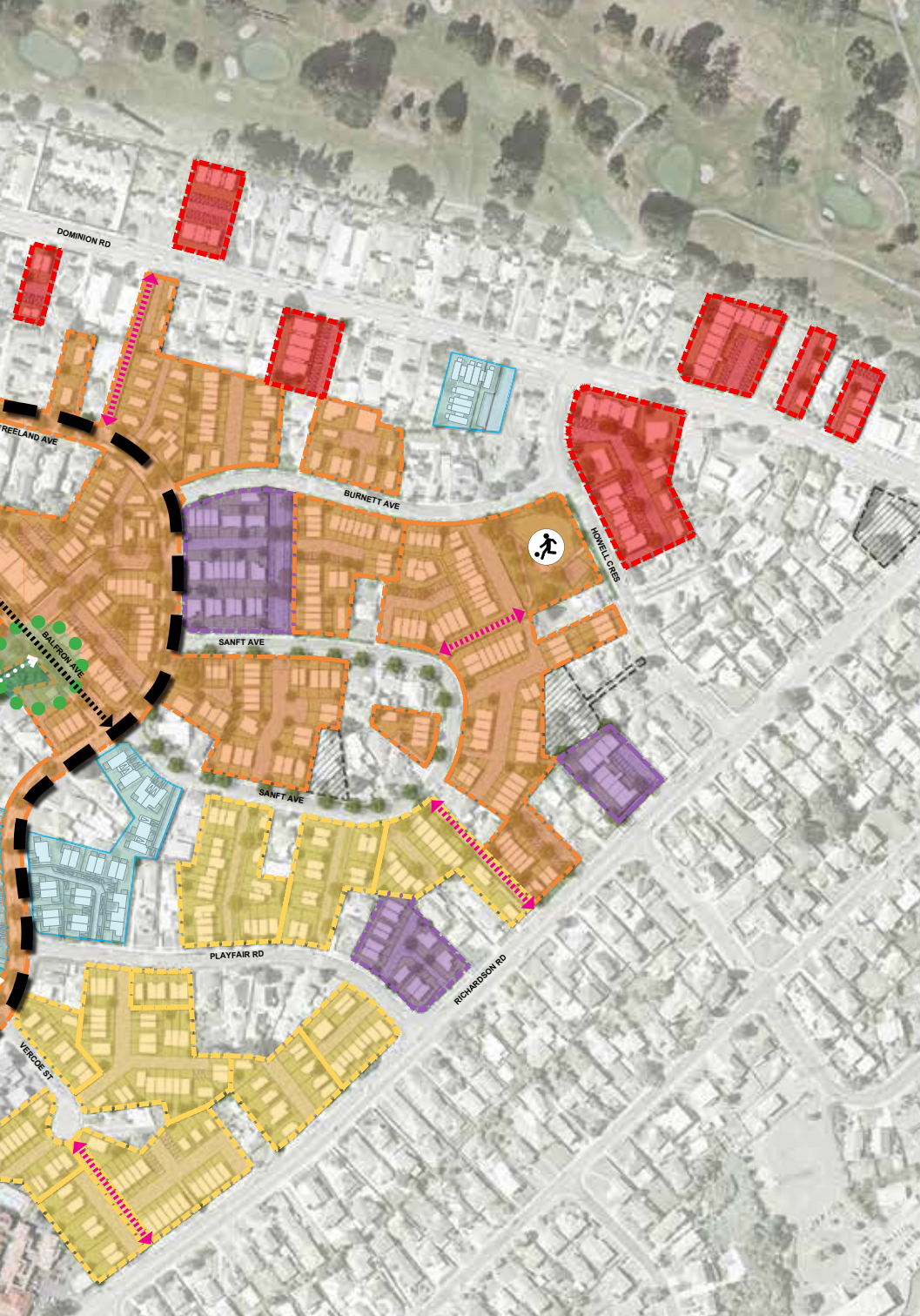
\*Includes around 70 retained state homes that have been more recently built.

## Estimated Development Timeline

Stage 1 (Previously developed)

**Winter 2017**

Construction of Housing New Zealand homes begins on Freeland Ave



- Previously Developed by HN2C
- Stage 1A
- Stage 2
- Stage 3A
- Stage 3B
- Stage 4A
- Stage 4B

**URBAN DEVELOPMENT KEY MOVES**

- Freeland Ave - The 'Backbone' "Safe Route to School"
  - Widened Footpath
  - New Street Trees & Lighting
  - Informal Play Features
- Balfrore Ave & Youth St Upgrade
- Widened Freeland Reserve Entrance
- Proposed New Neighbourhood Park
- Improved and New Pedestrian Links
- Bespoke Neighbourhood Entrances
- MAUNGA**
- Existing Shared User Path
- Existing Informal Track
- Existing Vehicle Access
- Proposed Extension of Freeland Ave Street Upgrade
- Proposed Formalised Path

## Development Timeline

| Developed by HN2C  | Stage 1a   | Stage 2  | Stage 3  |
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| <p><b>Winter 2019</b></p> <p>Move into completed Housing New Zealand homes in the area</p> | <p><b>Autumn 2018</b></p> <p>25 Housing New Zealand homes removed or demolished, making way for 81 new homes</p> | <p><b>Winter/Spring 2019</b></p> <p>Families move into completed homes</p> | <p><b>Winter/Spring 2018</b></p> <p>Tenant moves, house removal and demolition begins for Stage 2</p>                    |
|  |  |  | <p><b>Spring/Summer 2019/2020</b></p> <p>First more affordable and market homes* available for purchase off the plan</p> |
|  |  |  | <p><b>Winter 2019</b></p> <p>Tenant moves</p>  |

\*More affordable homes include KiwiBuild and long term rental options. Around 50% of the market homes will be in a more affordable price range (i.e. priced from \$500,000 to \$650,000 delivered under the KiwiBuild programme. To register your interest in KiwiBuild homes and check your eligibility, please visit [kiwibuild.govt.nz](http://kiwibuild.govt.nz). We will also let you know when homes are available through our website. Sign up for updates at [www.mtroskilldevelopment.co.nz](http://www.mtroskilldevelopment.co.nz)

# A walk through Whitmore

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As part of this year's Molley Green Neighbours Day, Housing New Zealand tenants and members of the community were invited to wander through two of the newly-built Housing New Zealand homes on Whitmore Road.

The 19 new two, three and four-bedroom homes have been designed and built to modern standards and include double glazing, insulation and modern materials and fittings inside and out and should be available to tenants to move in mid-year.



## Meet Kirsten Fryer

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### Introducing your Stakeholder Relationship Manager

#### What does the role of Stakeholder Relationship Manager involve?

In a nutshell, it is being the 'front door' to Housing New Zealand for the immediate neighbours and the wider community around our development sites. This could involve anything from communicating about the changes in the area to answering queries at local board meetings and community events,

and ensuring that the contractors remain respectful and mindful of the neighbours during construction. It will also be me making contact if we need to replace the boundary fence, or gain access to your property for surveyors or drainage works.

#### What do you enjoy most about your role?

Talking to people in the community, learning about the unique characteristics of an area, and helping the locals to understand better the bigger picture behind why we are building more homes. I also enjoy knowing that I have played a part in helping people into warm, dry homes.

#### Before you joined Housing New Zealand, what were you doing?

I have quite an eclectic background, starting with a planning degree but

never having been a planner. I spent many years in a technical field as a Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Specialist, then switched to project management. I feel like I've now come full circle and have returned to planning, but in the engagement space. Most of my time has been spent in local government, or at engineering and environmental consultancies.

#### What's your favourite thing to do outside of the office?

It's very early days but I have recently discovered that I enjoy trail running. Baby steps at present though, and it's surprised me as previously even the thought of running wouldn't have occurred to me. A couple times a year I will also head off on a multi-day hike, to explore parts of New Zealand where many people don't venture.

### Get in touch

**If you're a Housing New Zealand Tenant and would like to get in touch with one of the team please contact the Customer Services Centre on 0800 801 601.**

# Keeping warm and dry with Homestar 6

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While the old Housing New Zealand homes may seem “solid”, there’s a lot more that’s needed to ensure homes are warm, dry and suited to Auckland’s varied climate. That’s why from 1st July new homes built in the Mt Roskill South Development area will carry a Homestar 6 rating.

Homestar is an independent rating system that takes into account energy, water, waste, ventilation, health and

comfort, and other environmental factors of a house. Not all new homes are created equal: a rating of Homestar 6 or higher means the home will be warmer, healthier and more energy efficient than a typical new home that is built only to the building code.

The Homestar scoring system doesn’t necessarily require extra investment; it also rewards good,

simple design choices like orienting the house and placing windows to maximise sunlight, installing a washing line to reduce reliance on the dryer, taps and toilets that use less water, and energy-efficient lighting. Combined with increased insulation, efficient heating and thoughtful landscaping, new houses in the Mt Roskill Development will be warm, dry and more affordable to run.



Homes in Hobsonville Point that carry a Homestar 6 rating

## We need your help Mt Roskill South

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HLC tries hard to avoid vacant development sites for long periods of time by aligning our tenant relocations with the start of construction works. Unfortunately, in some circumstances, there’s a small delay which cannot be helped.

If you see any suspicious activity happening at a vacant property including vandalism or unlawful entry please contact the police. For a non-emergency activity that has already happened, for example, graffiti or broken windows, please dial 105.



# SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for the opening of our new Mt Roskill South Information Centre which opens its doors this month. We'll be celebrating with food stalls, children's activities, music and more. Keep an eye out around the neighbourhood for details!

**Saturday 22 June 2019, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm**  
**Mt Roskill South Information Centre**  
**Corner of Glynn Street and May Road**

## Want to find out more?

Soon you can pop into our new Information Centre. Until then, come and see us at our upcoming Coffee Chat held at May Road School.

We'll be there:  
**Friday 14 June**  
**8.30 am – 10.30 am**  
**Work Room, May Road School**

Keep an eye on our website [mtroskillsouthdevelopment.co.nz](http://mtroskillsouthdevelopment.co.nz) for more information and while you're there, sign up to receive regular updates too. If you'd like to get in touch email us at [info@mtroskillsouthdevelopment.co.nz](mailto:info@mtroskillsouthdevelopment.co.nz)



  
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