

# EVERYDAY Northcote

## SHOP, WALK, EAT

First look at the new town centre draft plan.

## DIGGERS RULE

Northcote kids get up close to giant machines.

## GREEN LIGHT

Time to shine for Jessie Tonar Scout Reserve.

CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY



# Welcome

What an excellent summer and autumn we've had! The good weather has helped our civil works partners get lots done. We've finished restoring the land in the sites we cleared last winter in Tonar Street, Lake Road, Fraser Avenue and Richardson Place and we'll be beginning building new homes in June. This is Stage 2 of the Northcote Development and will be the first stage to bring homes to the market for sale, including KiwiBuild homes.

If you'd like to learn more about these homes coming up for sale, please visit the Northcote Development Information Centre in the town centre car park. If you're a potential KiwiBuild buyer then it's particularly helpful to get involved in the process early and do your preparation so you're approved and can move quickly when something that suits your needs comes on the market. Check out the KiwiBuild website to see whether you're eligible.



Robert Graham, Project Director, HLC

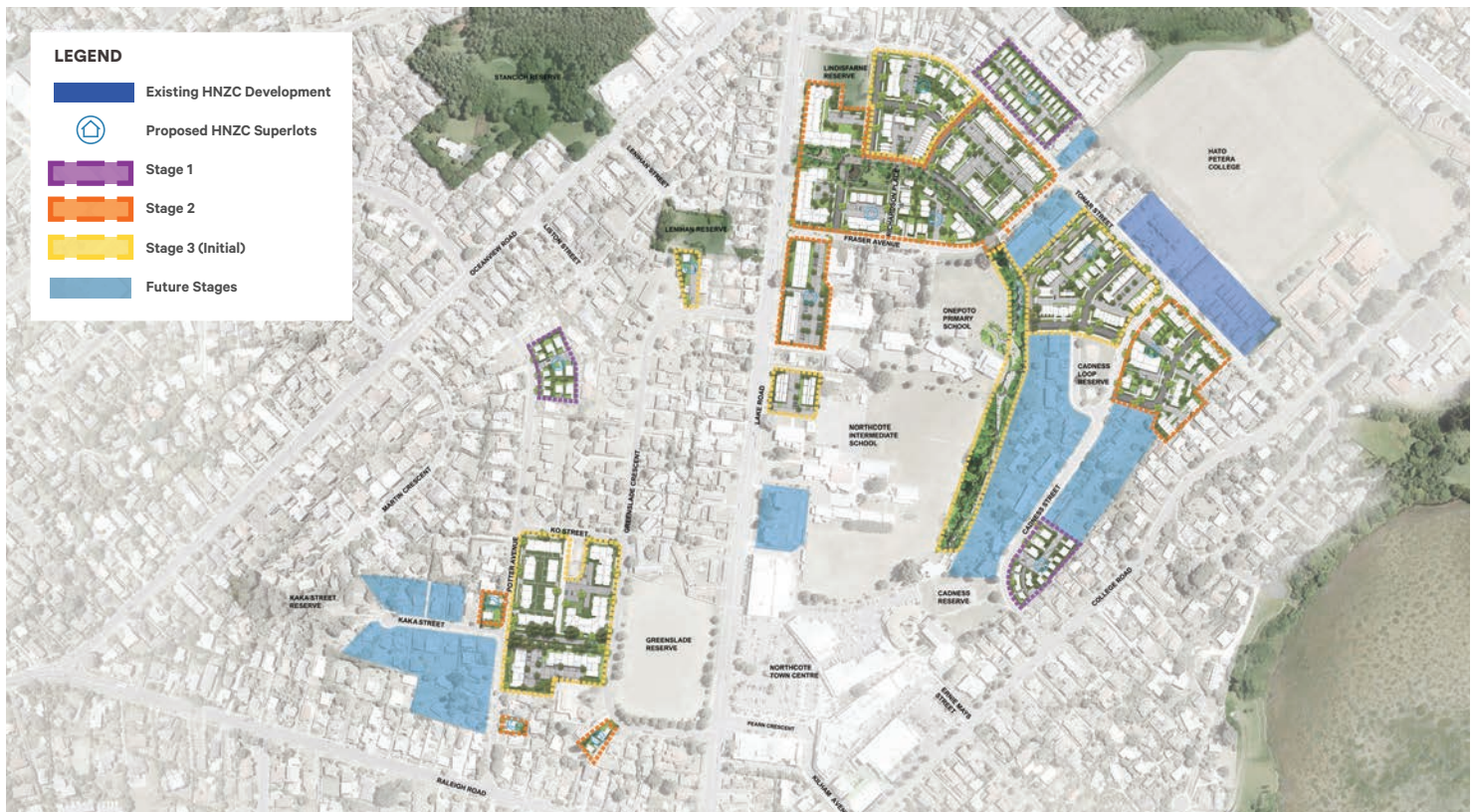
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Below Northcote Development Masterplan







# Nice one, Northcote

A random selection of some of the everyday good stuff going on in our community.

## KIDS DIG DIGGERS

Thanks to those of you who came to our Digger Day in Cadness Reserve on the 19th of January. With so many giant machines in the neighbourhood, it's too good an opportunity to miss. The kids loved getting up close to the kind of equipment they see in some of their favourite story books. Children had the chance to sit at the controls of Dempsey Woods' excavator, truck and roller, and to play with toy diggers and a concrete mixer in a big pile of sand Kaipatiki Community Facilities Trust brought in for the day.

Special thanks to Dempsey Wood and Kaipatiki Community Facilities Trust for partnering with us on this one. Thanks too, to Housing New Zealand, Panuku, Healthy Waters and Auckland Libraries for making it a great day for the whole family.

We'll hold another Digger Day later this year, so keep an eye out for the next one.



## BIG BIRDS ON THE MOVE

Tonar Street's albatross sculpture is on the move. The big birds are being moved to a new home, but first it's back to the workshop for some maintenance. Grant Williams, sculptor (on left in the pic), returned to Northcote to help dismantle the sculpture. The sculpture was installed in 2009 and paid for by Housing New Zealand. Not everyone in

the community thought it was a good use of funds at the time, in a neighbourhood with state houses that needed insulating. Fortunately the Northcote Development is addressing the need for warm, dry state homes in Northcote.

The albatross will be back, in a new spot, soon. Watch this space.



# Panuku releases draft masterplan for the town centre

Like the rest of Auckland, Northcote continues to welcome new residents. To accommodate this growth Panuku Development Auckland has revealed a plan for the urban renewal of the Northcote town centre.

The newly released Northcote Town Centre Benchmark Masterplan shows how the town centre will be refreshed. The new plan will offer the things that locals need including eateries, shops and public spaces while retaining a distinctly Northcote flavour.

The plan will be brought to life over the next seven to 10 years. During this time the town centre will continue to be a place for people to shop, eat and meet.

The development will make it easier for people to get around by bike, on foot and on public transport, while also providing sufficient car parking.

New public spaces including a sunny town square, the Awataha Greenway project linking existing and new green spaces, and a large community facility are also planned. Safety will be a key priority across the neighbourhood.

Councillor Richard Hills is excited about this important milestone for Northcote.

“This is one of the most significant urban regeneration projects in New Zealand,” he says. “It’s great to see the comprehensive plan take shape after many years of work and engagement with our community.”

“Northcote will become an even more people-focused community. The upgrade will celebrate the rich diversity of our community while increasing the number of people living, working, and enjoying the new spaces.”

Kaipātiki Local Board supports the plan, having worked closely with Panuku on it over a number of years. The Local Board will continue to work collaboratively with Panuku on the detailed design.

Check out the plan at [www.panuku.co.nz/northcote](http://www.panuku.co.nz/northcote).

## NORTHCOTE TOWN CENTRE DRAFT MASTERPLAN











# Greenway Update

Panuku Development Auckland and HLC has been working with the Northcote Greenway Community Reference Group, the Mana Whenua Kaitiaki Project Working Group and the Kaipātiki Local Board to gather a wide range of input for the Awataha Greenway Project. Valuable insights have emerged from these sessions and are informing the ongoing design of the Awataha Greenway.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The design work is at its most advanced for the Schools' Edge part of the Greenway and the Greenslade Reserve improvements. These two areas will be built/ upgraded first. You can see concept plans for these parts of the Greenway at the Northcote Information Centre in the town centre car park. Open Wednesday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm.

## Awataha Greenway Project Masterplan



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| ① Jessie Tonar Scout Reserve (Kākā Reserve) | ⑥ Cadness Reserve             |
| ② Kākā Street                               | ⑦ Schools Edge                |
| ③ Kākā Street extension                     | ⑧ Cadness Loop Reserve        |
| ④ Greenslade Reserve                        | ⑨ Link to Hato Petera College |
| ⑤ Indicative Town Centre                    | ⑩ Linear Park                 |



## WORK BEGINS ON JESSIE TONAR SCOUT RESERVE

Jessie Tonar Scout Reserve at the end of Kaka Street marks the point where the Awataha Stream surfaces above ground. This small council-owned reserve, which forms a part of the Awataha Greenway Project, has been in need of some care and attention for a while.

On the morning of Saturday 2nd March Hau Rawiri of Ngāti Paoa blessed the reserve in a ceremony attended by locals and representatives of HLC, Panuku, Kaipatiki Local Board, Isthmus and Kaipatiki Project. After Hau's blessing and morning tea people stayed to clear the land of some unwanted bamboo.

Council Parks and Panuku have contracted Kaipatiki to begin restoration work on the reserve and the community has been invited to volunteer their time and labour to remove weeds, plant natives, monitor water quality, and generally contribute to improving the ecology of the reserve.

Contact Sam Tu'itahi if you'd like to get involved – [community@kaipatiki.org.nz](mailto:community@kaipatiki.org.nz).



# New face at the Information Centre

**Got a question about what's happening in Northcote?  
Jennifer Pescini at the Information Centre in the  
town centre car park can't wait to hear it.**

Sometimes a job is just made for you. Jennifer Pescini jumped at the chance to take up a role at the Northcote Information Centre after working on a casual basis at a similar centre in Hobsonville Point. "I really enjoy being in this environment and interacting with people," says Jennifer. "The Info Centre is an integral part of the connection between the Northcote Development (HLC and its partners) and the community we serve. We provide information on the development and later this year we'll also be able to help people interested in buying property in the development area."

Jennifer says she gets all sorts of questions about the development, but the hot topics are housing, the new town centre, the Greenway

and cycle lanes. "The residents of Northcote are very positive about the community and really engaged and enthusiastic about the Northcote development." The Information Centre has become a bit of a community hub in its own right, and the staff involves the centre in local events. For example, during the last two Saturdays (in April) the Info Centre was the final destination for Panuku's Easter treasure hunt. At the time of writing Jennifer was looking forward to handing out easter eggs to the children.

Jennifer is married with four grown children and nine grandchildren. When she is not at the Information Centre she is studying psychology part time.



## Coming Soon

### HOMES FOR SALE

The first of the homes for sale in the Northcote Development, including KiwiBuild homes, are coming soon.

If you're interested in these homes, please go to [northcotedevelopment.co.nz](http://northcotedevelopment.co.nz) and sign up for updates so we can keep you informed of new property releases. Or follow Northcote Development on our new Facebook page.

**My Place**

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**Toku Wahi**

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**Hoku Fiefia'anga**

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