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9 GRP Building (formerly Technical Instruction Building)

The GRP building was initially a single storey building but later had an upper storey addition. The building was used to repair engines, airframes, instruments, fitting and turning.

The building is a simple utilitarian structure with concrete post and beam frame and concrete infill panels.



10 The Seaplane Slipway

The construction of the seaplane landing was underway by August 1928 and the seaplane apron, wharf, ramp, hangars, workshops and the Technical Instruction building were all completed in 1930.



11 Sunderland Hangar

In the late 1930s, Tasman Empire Airways Limited (TEAL) were operating out of Mechanics Bay in Auckland. Hobsonville had the only slipway and hard standing area for flying boats in the Auckland area. The decision was made in 1937 to construct a hangar for TEAL's use. The Hangar was built in 1939 following extensions to the seaplane apron.



Hobsonville Airbase was developed from 1925 onwards. It was a combined aerodrome making provision for both aeroplanes and seaplanes.

Since 2001, Defence has gradually been relocating its operations from Hobsonville. The site is now being developed for residential housing and the marine industry.

This brochure outlines the map of the area, providing an overview and location of key heritage buildings, as well as other places of interest.

You are welcome to explore Hobsonville Point. Please keep to the marked paths and formed roads, and comply with all signage. There are construction, defence, industrial activities and equipment on site.

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HOBSONVILLE POINT





1 Sunderland Avenue Houses

Construction is believed to have been around 1937. They were generally occupied by junior officers and their families. The ten houses are a variation on one theme. They are designed in the English Domestic Revival style. Also known as 'Scandal Alley' after an airmen caught his wife misbehaving with the station photographer.



2 Barracks Buildings – currently the New Zealand Traditional Boatbuilding School

The group of four barracks are grouped together as two pairs. The barracks are simple utilitarian buildings constructed in the 1940s to house Air Force personnel. Similar barracks at Whenuapai were referred to as "Mobilisation Huts".



3 The Mill House

Doug Mill set up a flying business at Hobsonville in 1927, establishing Mill's Aerial Survey and Transport Co. He commissioned George Tole (architect) to design a new family home overlooking the Waitemata Harbour. Doug Mill operated his Air Survey and Transport business from a hangar on the base until 1937 when the house and grounds were sold to Defence.



4 Headquarters and Parade Ground – Buckley Avenue

The Headquarters building is constructed in an art deco style. The building has considerable significance due to historic associations with the airbase, landmark values with its flagpole and associated parade ground.



5 The No 4 (Wasp) Hangar

The No 4 hangar was constructed in the 1940s. The number 4 hangar housed Wasp helicopters that were purchased by the government in 1956.

The significant elements of the building are its stepped parapet, eight gables, concrete structural



6 No 2 (Catalina) Hangar

The Catalina hangar was constructed around 1934. Some of the unique architectural forms of the building include its cantilevered design doors and roof form. The building is notable for its art deco influences with the pillars at either side of the hangar doors.



7 Airmens' (later called Catalina) Barracks

The barracks building comprises a series of two storied wings connected by single storey link sections. The buildings were constructed in the 1930s and were purpose built for the military. The building design has Georgian Revival architectural influences.



8 Married Officers Housing

These houses located on Marlborough Crescent were planned between 1925-28 for married officers and their families. The houses were built between 1925 and 1936. The house at number 2 is designed in a bungalow style and the three other houses are designed in the English Cottage style.

frame and the sliding hangar doors with their glazed panels. The building has obvious art deco influences and is currently used for boat building.