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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.

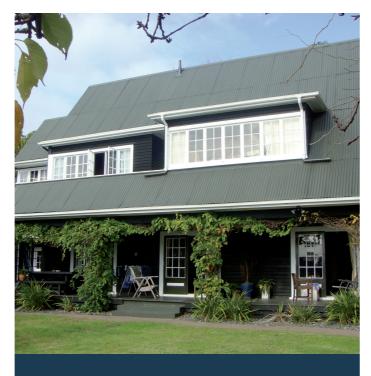
The building is a simple utilitarian structure with concrete post and beam frame and concrete infill panels.



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.



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



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.