

Stonefields Community Newsletter



Updates from Todd Property

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Artist impression of the communal barbecue area at Bellus Apartments.

New residents at Stonefields

Stonefields is to welcome a host of new residents later this year, following the completion of Bellus Apartments at 189 College Road.

Designed by award-winning architects Warren and Mahoney, the five-storey building is the fifth apartment block to be constructed at Stonefields, and the largest.

Containing 80 units, there are one, two and three-bedroom apartments, all with access to a fully equipped gymnasium, a communal barbecue area and residents' meeting room. There are also covered bike racks at each end of the building, making it easy for residents to store their bikes and enjoy the benefits of cycling.

Todd Property has formed a Body Corporate on behalf of Bellus residents, with a chairperson and committee to be appointed by property owners at their first AGM.

Historic walkway to open at Stonefields

An abandoned quarry road cut into the western rock face of Stonefields has been transformed, with an historic walkway set to open there for the first time next month.

The Stonefields Heritage Trail was planned in the early days of the Stonefields development, a scenic 1.2km walkway to link the Waiatarua Wetlands Reserve with Maungarei/Mt Wellington. "This historic trail will be part of a larger network of walkways running throughout the city, and I think it's going to be really exciting for the community," said Ōrākei Local Board Chairman, Colin Davis.

The walkway, transferred into public ownership by Todd Property and developed by the Local Board, is in keeping with the site's unique geographical and archaeological values. The walkway's existing natural rocky surface has been preserved and three Maori pouwhenua (carved pillars) will be installed to reflect the site's history.

Construction wasn't without its challenges with large rocks having to be chipped out in order to create a smooth walking surface. Workers also had to wear safety harnesses tethered into the rock to install safety fencing, protecting walkers from drops of up to seven metres. "The trail is in a great position and provides improved connectivity for residents who want to access the mountain and Lunn Ave. We think they're really going to enjoy it," said Todd Property Managing Director, Evan Davies.

The trail, winding between Gollan Road and Magma Crescent, also provides an access point to Lunn Ave near the Coffee Club at around the halfway mark. The trail is expected to open in September.



The new Heritage Trail set to open at Stonefields.

Future development at Stonefields

It's been ten years since work began to transform a long-disused quarry into the new urban community of Stonefields, now home to about 4,500 people. Most of the 1,400 standalone homes and terraced houses have been completed, along with five multi-storey apartment buildings near College Road.

Future development in the neighbourhood will continue to focus on terraced housing and apartments, with Todd Property currently assessing several sites for potential construction. They include Lot 802 on College Road to the south east of the town centre, and a site called Stage 9 at the north eastern tip of the community, where terraced housing is likely to be built. Todd Property has set aside plans for development at 80 Korere Cres in the immediate future.

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An artistic impression of the new early childhood centre under construction at Stonefields.

Aquatic life at Stonefields

A giant tank, six metres high and teeming with exotic tropical fish, the kind of attraction you'd usually expect to find at a public aquarium.

But that's exactly what children will discover inside one of Auckland's newest early childhood centres, currently under construction at Stonefields.

Peacocks Early Learning Centre, located at Purchas Hill Drive, will feature a 6x3m aquarium at the centre of the development, allowing children in different parts of the building to enjoy the fish and learn more about aquatic species.

"We're very excited for the children, and all the wonderful learning opportunities this aquarium will provide," said Peacocks Director

Vandana Bhatia, whose company is developing the site at Stonefields.

It will be Peacocks' sixth centre in Auckland, a green star-rated building offering care for up to 100 children from three months to five years old. There will be four separate classrooms for different age groups, along with a dining room providing organic food to children throughout the day.

"We believe all children have strong potential for development, and we take great pride in offering high quality care with a diverse range of active learning experiences for the kids, each and every day," Mrs Bhatia said.

The centre, which is due to open in January, will be open from 7.30am to 5.45pm



New housing at Stonefields Stage 8B will be in keeping with the style of existing terraces on Barbarich Drive. Artist impression.

Apartment living in Barbarich Drive

The first apartment building to be constructed near the Maungarei Springs Wetland Reserve is now underway as part of a Fletcher Living development in Barbarich Drive.

Resource consent has been given for four apartment buildings and terraced homes to be built at Stonefields Stage 8B, constructed in a similar style to existing terracing on Barbarich Drive.

The apartment buildings will contain between eight and 18 units, offering both one and two-bedroom apartments with views out across the community. The first apartment block, containing eight units, is expected to be complete in May next year.