



11 December 2020

Dear Auckland residents and businesses,

New Year's Eve is approaching and as Auckland's new economic and cultural agency - Auckland Unlimited - we are preparing for safe and enjoyable celebrations in central Auckland. Auckland Unlimited was recently formed following the merger of Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED) and Regional Facilities Auckland (RFA).

What's happening on New Year's Eve:

Events will be taking place in Britomart and in The America's Cup Race Cup Village at Te Wero Island and Silo Park.

On the stroke of midnight, Auckland will be the first global city to welcome 2021. There will be a fireworks display from the Sky Tower and a lighting display from the Auckland Harbour Bridge, lasting five minutes. There will be no fireworks display from a barge within Queens Wharf this year.

Traffic Management

To facilitate the safety of those that choose to celebrate within the city, road closures will be in place in the central city from **10pm on 31 December 2020 until 2am on 1 January 2021, as outlined on the map**. Other traffic restrictions will be in place on New Year's Eve along the waterfront, Viaduct Harbour and Wynyard Quarter, and are also noted on the map for your reference. Central city road closures marked in **yellow**, **pink** and **dark blue**, will be put in place and managed by Evolution Traffic Management Limited. Auckland Council group including Auckland Transport and Auckland Unlimited, and the New Zealand Police are working together to ensure the city centre is managed safely.

Access

Managed access roads: Residents will be able to enter and exit managed access roads that are marked on the map.

Closed roads (**pink**): Residents who need to urgently leave an area where roads are closed (marked pink on the map) on New Year's Eve should alert a traffic manager on site, recognisable by their vests, who will be able to assist.

General queries on the night should go to the Auckland Transport call centre 09 355 3553.

Parking

Cars parked on the streets and within car parks on the roads outlined in **pink** (closed roads) on the map above must wait until 2am on 1 January 2021 before they will be able to exit

For cars parked within the roads marked as managed on the map, a Traffic Controller will be able to escort you out. As there may be high levels of pedestrian movements within these managed closures it may take some time to exit the roads.

Updated Public Transport Information

Auckland Transport is encouraging the public to plan their travel, and use public transport where possible.

There will be additional bus services after midnight. Bus services will be diverted and different stops will be used, as shown on the map. Buses will replace trains on New Year's Eve due to a full network closure so that significant remedial work can take place. For details or to plan your travel, go to www.at.govt.nz

Covid-19 Alert Level Information

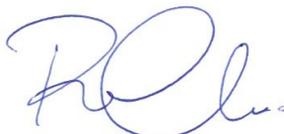
In the lead up to New Year's Eve the Auckland Council Group (including Auckland Transport and Auckland Unlimited) will monitor the country's Covid-19 Alert Level response. Road closures will only be in place under Covid-19 Alert Level 1. Under Alert Level 2 or higher, we will be encouraging people to follow the Ministry of Health guidelines, including limits on social gatherings and events.

We apologise for any inconvenience these restrictions may cause. Thank you for your support and cooperation during this event.

If you require further information prior to New Year's Eve, please contact us at majorevents@aucklandnz.com.

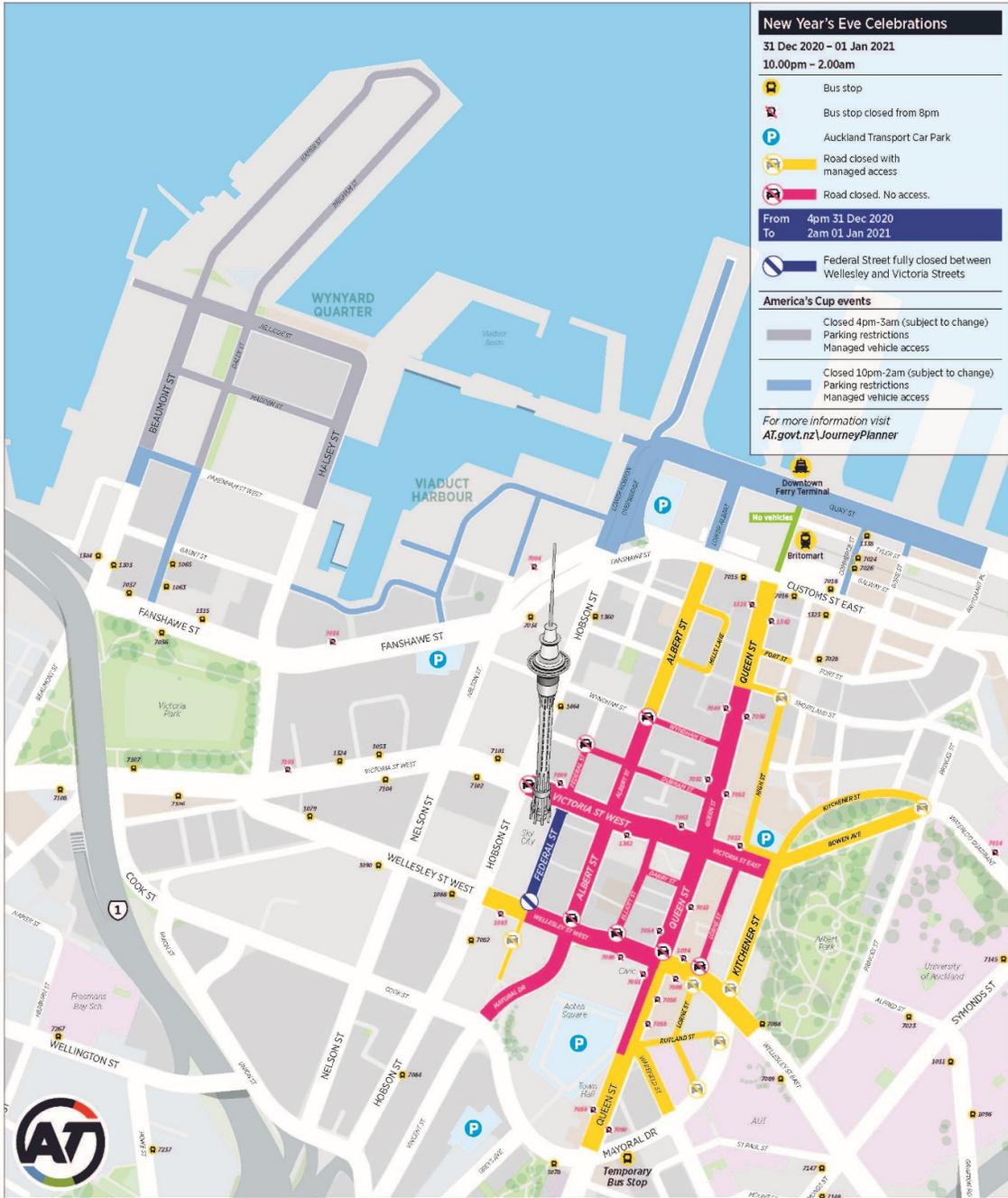
If you'd like to know more about the New Year's Eve events in central Auckland, see www.heartofthecity.co.nz/new-years

Yours sincerely,



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