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24 June 2025

Kia ora koutou,

Matariki started last week, marking the transition from the old year to the rich promise of a new year. This year, Ngaati Tamaoho presents Matariki Festival 2025 in partnership with Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau (Auckland Council). There is a lot going on in Te Pokapū Tāone/City Centre and particularly downtown. We hope you get to enjoy some of the celebrations.

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What's on at Te Komititanga

Miki Rapu Waiata: Toanga

Saturday 21 June- Sunday 13 July

For Matariki, Te Komititanga becomes the starting point for *Miki Rapu Waiata: Toanga* - a waiata treasure hunt.

Begin your journey at the temporary pavilion in the centre of the square, where you'll set off on an app-guided, interactive audio experience through the city centre. Along the way, you'll uncover rare recordings of classic waiata, as well as modern interpretations by artist Geneva AM

This activation is free and can be enjoyed anytime in the next four weeks by scanning the QR code in the pavilion, either via the PickPath app or web browser.

Flags will remain on display around the whāriki throughout the Matariki Festival.

Tūhono

Thursday 19 June - Thursday 10 July

Tūhono is an ara toi/art trail for Matariki, created by Arama Tamariki-Enua (Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, Tumu-te-Varovaro (Rarotonga), Ara'ura (Aitutaki)). It links a string of culturally significant sites in downtown waterfront Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland.

Tūhono means “to tie together” and presents a succession of works which assume the form of a metaphoric waka.

Linking Te Komititanga with Takutai Square and Te Tōangaroa, the trail draws a visual and spiritual line toward Takaparawhau, the Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei ancestral stronghold where Tumutumuwhenua, their whare tupuna, proudly stands.

It includes:

- An exhibition of colourful and modern mahi toi/art
- A light show within Takutai Square
- Illuminated mature trees of Beach Road
- A 10-storey laser projection on the NESUTO building
- An assortment of fun light designs within Te Tōangaroa including Te Mātahi o te Tau (Tyrone Ohia and Angus Muir Design).

Tūhono light projections will play every evening from Thursday 19 June - Thursday 10 July, with a seven minute light and sound sequence running every 15 minutes from 5pm until 10pm. These displays have been designed to be low-impact for residents.

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Image (below): Tūhono



What's on at Queens Wharf

Rainbow Warrior exhibition

Early July

This July is the 40th anniversary of the bombing of the Rainbow Warrior while it was docked on Marsden Wharf preparing to protest nuclear testing in the Pacific.

To mark this occasion there will be a photographic exhibition on the Queens Wharf fence line. The Rainbow Warrior III will be docked at Halsey Wharf and Greenpeace will have open days during this period.

Image (below): Salvage operations on the wreckage of the Rainbow Warrior, 1985. Credit Gil Hanly/ Greenpeace



Vector working along Quay St

Vector is currently undertaking investigative work on the ducting network on Quay Street between Plumer and Queen Streets.

The work, which involves traffic management, civil work, and duct installation, is scheduled to take place across several stages between 20 June and 20 July 2025.

The team know that the area has experienced disruption over the past few years from various construction projects. The Vector crew are working as efficiently as possible to minimise disruption, noise, and power outages.

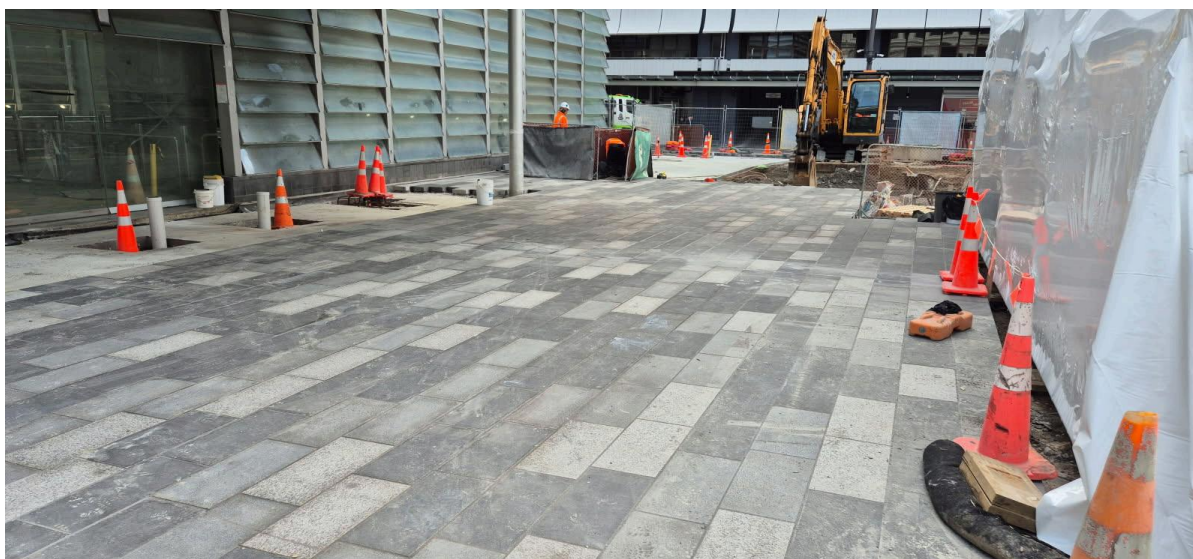
If you have any questions relating to this project, please contact Lisa Jenkins on 021 329 982.

Te Komititanga neighbourhood meeting

Monday 21 July 6pm – 7.30pm

Auckland Council Placemaker Anders Falstie-Jensen and City Centre Place Management Lead, Kenny Dunn would like to invite you to their quarterly residents meeting. This is an informal gathering, an opportunity to reflect on the last three months and hear your thoughts and observations. The meeting is also an opportunity for Anders and Kenny to give you an update on what's coming up on Te Komititanga.

If you would like to come along please email Anders [by clicking here](#).



Waitematā Station plaza and Tyler Street upgrade

Progress continues on the upgrade to Tyler St and Waitematā Station plaza.

Line marking on Tyler Street is now complete and the Galway Street station side entrance to the station has now reopened, improving access through the area.

Construction is underway on the footpath on the western side of Commerce Street. It will remain closed until September.

Work is progressing steadily across Waitematā Station Plaza site, with construction of the tree pits and utilities within the plaza ongoing. Paving works across the plaza are advancing, with larger sections being completed as the upgrade continues.

Stay in touch

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding as we work to create more vibrant and attractive spaces in our city centre.

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