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22 January 2025,

Kia ora koutou,

Ngā mihi o te tau hou – happy new year! We hope you were able to make the most of the sunshine over the holiday

Welcome to the first downtown neighbourhood update for 2025. As summer kicks into gear, there's a lot going on in the area. To make sure you know what's going on in your neighbourhood, we'll be sending out a regular newsletter.

Our city's downtown is a busy and vibrant place. We know that keeping you informed and connected is vital – both for your experience as users and locals, and in terms of how the spaces work. After all – neighbourhoods are known best by the neighbours that make them.

In this update:

- What's on in January
- Share your thoughts on Te Manaaki (giant Christmas tree)
- Progress update on Waitematā Station Plaza and Tyler Street

Questions? Contact us

What's on in January

Buskers Festival - Te Komititanga

At Komititanga, the Auckland International Buskers Festival will be back over Auckland Anniversary Weekend (Friday 24 January - Monday 27 January):

- Performances will feature various circus acts suitable for the roadside.
- Set-up time: 10.30am, Friday 24 January
- Pack-down time: 6.00pm, Monday 27 January
- Performers start at 12.00pm each day, with final performances starting by 7.00pm
- On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, there will be some amplified sound until 9.00pm

See the full schedule here: [Schedule / Auckland International Buskers Festival](#)

Summer on Queens Wharf

Soak in the sunshine and celebrate the season with Summer on Queens Wharf, starting Saturday 25 January:

- Each week until 11 March, Queens Warf will feature free live music, sunrise yoga, and activities by the moana.
- The all-ages programme is an initiative supported by Eke Panuku Development Auckland, Interesting Things and Moana Festival Auckland.

See the full schedule here: [Schedule / Summar on Queens Warf](#)



Share your thoughts on Te Manaaki

Do you live or work near Te Komititanga? Heart of the City and Precinct Properties want to hear from residents and businesses about Te Manaaki, the new giant Christmas tree, which was in place from 23 November - 5 January.

Complete a quick survey and go in the draw to win a **\$100 Commercial Bay voucher**. The survey closes on Friday 24 January.

Image above: Te Manaaki, the new giant Christmas tree, in Te Komititanga - December 2025

Take the survey

Waitematā Station Plaza and Tyler Street upgrade

Progress update

The upgrade of Tyler Street and Waitematā Station Plaza continues to take shape, with progress now more visible.

In December, large sections of concrete were poured on Tyler Street, and new channel drains were installed along the boundary of 148 Quay Street. A big thanks to drivers entering and exiting the basement car park, your patience and consideration helped this work happen quickly.



Image: preparation for concrete pour within Waitematā plaza, January 2025

Our focus for January is laying more concrete in both Tyler Street and the plaza – with the first small sections of pavers being laid next week.

Vehicle access along Tyler Street will largely remain the same as it has been over the past two months. Please stay alert and take extra care around excavators and concrete trucks.

For people walking through Tyler Street, a designated pedestrian path is provided on the southern side of the street. Please continue to use the path so you're safely protected from vehicles that use Tyler Street.

What's coming up

In February, our main focus will be installing pavers on Tyler Street. In the plaza area, we will continue pouring concrete in sections.

Any questions?

If you have any questions about construction at Tyler Street or Waitemata Plaza, you can reach JFC's Stakeholder Liaison Manager Sally Logan at Sally.Logan@jfc ltd.co.nz or 021 420 794.

For any other questions, you can reach the Auckland Council team at citycentre@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

Useful contacts and opportunities to stay involved

- For **community safety and support** – [click here](#)
- Eke Panuku's Placemaker for Te Komititanga and Queens Wharf will host a **residents meeting** on Monday 14 April. Further details to come in upcoming newsletters.

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

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at citycentre@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

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