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Downtown neighbourhood update



4 February 2026,

Kia ora koutou,

Ngā mihi o te tau hou and happy New Year. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable festive break.

As summer gets into full swing, there is plenty happening across the area, alongside a major milestone with the completion of Waitematā Station Plaza and the reopening of its glasshouse entrance, signifying the completion of the first City Rail Link station neighbourhood - [read more on how this is expected to benefit our city centre](#).

Over summer, weekday lunchtime music at Queens Wharf have brought new energy to the waterfront. Make the most of the season with this curated [list of things to discover downtown](#) this summer.

With the Waitematā Station Plaza and station neighbourhood now complete, this downtown eNews will move to a bi-monthly schedule going forward.

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Questions? Contact us**Waitematā Station Plaza completed!**

We're excited to share that Waitematā Station Plaza and the eastern glasshouse entrance have now opened to the public, marking the completion of the City Rail Link's first finished station neighbourhood and the result of nearly a decade of planning, investment and delivery in this area. [Read more here.](#)

This milestone reflects the partnership between Auckland Council, City Rail Link Limited, Auckland Transport, mana whenua and project partners in preparing the city centre for the transformative impact of the City Rail Link.

For many of you, including residents and local businesses who have been part of this journey over the years, this moment brings together multiple stages of city shaping work and interconnected upgrades across the precinct, including:

- The strengthening and enhancement of Quay Street
- The revitalisation of [Galway and Tyler Streets](#)
- The reopening and refresh of the glasshouse entrance, which had been closed for nearly a decade, alongside wider upgrades to the station building
- The restoration of the [historic Chief Post Office](#)
- The creation of [Te Komititanga](#), now a vibrant civic square

- The skylid seating and surrounding plaza area, replacing the former fountain with a generous and accessible public space

Together, these improvements create a more connected, walkable and welcoming environment, designed to support growing foot traffic, thriving businesses and shaping a downtown for the people who live, work and visit here.

Thank you for journeying with us.

Image above: View of the newly opened glasshouse with the skylid in foreground

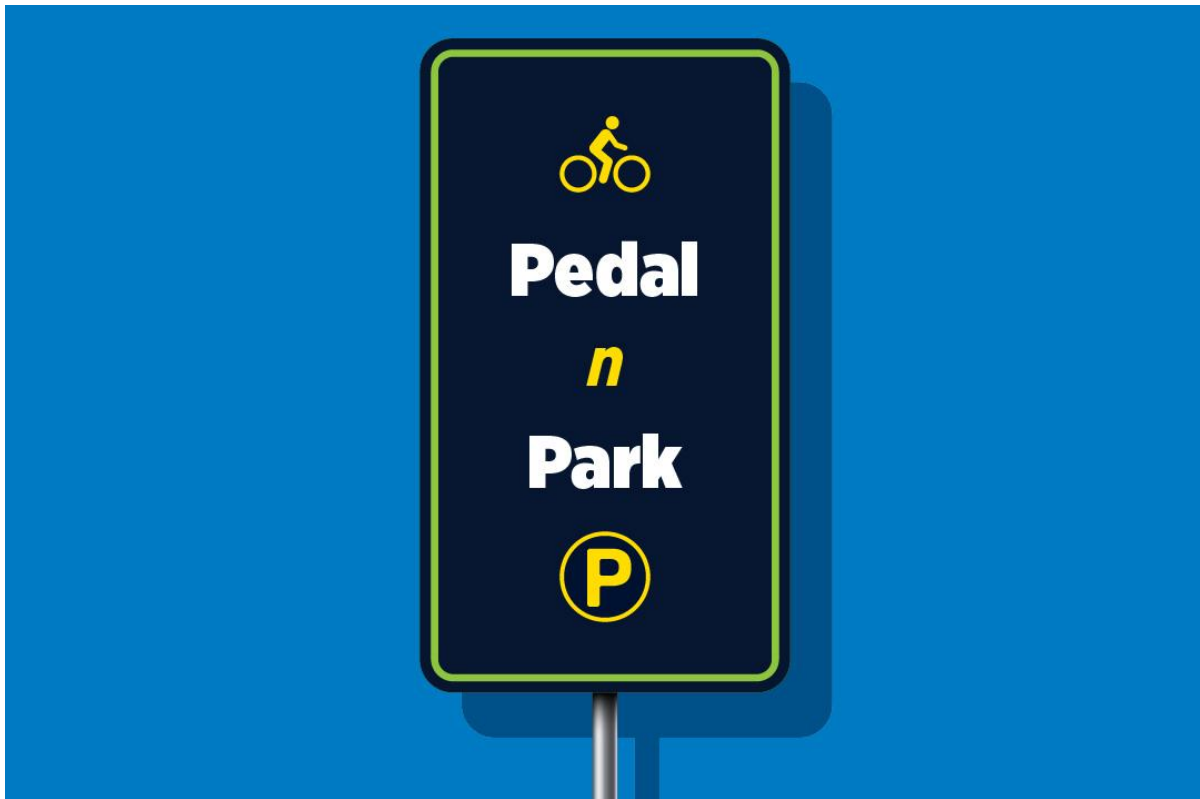
Image below: Local residents and businesses are welcomed in as the first visitors to walk through the newly opened glasshouse doors



New bike shelter coming soon

In addition to the new bike racks in the plaza, there is a new bike shelter that is currently being built by our partners at Cooper and Company, on the Tyler St side of the plaza. This will be a covered and fully secure facility, available to both tenants of the CPO Building as well as general public.

It will have about 50 spots for general public. There will be a fee for use of this shelter, so that cyclists can book and guarantee a space. This facility is expected to be complete and available for use by approximately May 2026.



Park Up, Pedal In: Your City Centre Cycling Guide

Thinking of cycling into the city? Now's the perfect time to roll in - because parking your bike has never been easier. Whether you're commuting, shopping, or grabbing a bite, Auckland's city centre is packed with [bike parking options](#) that fit every trip.

From bike parking with e-bike charging, to classic racks and covered spots you'll find convenient parking options to suit your needs.

Ride in, lock up, and explore with confidence. With the expanding network of cycleways, it's never been simpler to get around Tamaki Makaurau by bike.



What's on in February & March

Sunrise Yoga

Salute the sunrise with free yoga on Queens Wharf. Start mid-week with yoga and waterfront views. Bring your mat, move your body and ease into the morning as the sun rises over Te Waitematā.

Everyone is welcome whether you're new to yoga or well-practiced; sessions are open to all levels.

When: Wednesdays 11, 18, 25 February and 4 March, 7:00am – 8:15am

Where: Queens Wharf

Sunrise Yoga is a free event, but you do need a ticket to attend. This is a popular activity, so we recommend booking early. [Get your free ticket here.](#)

**Queens Wharf Karaoke nights!**

Belt out a banger or release your inner crooner with open-air singing at Queens Wharf! Sing to the city, win vouchers to local shops, and have a bite to eat at the pop-up food truck.

These intimate evenings are hosted by Hazaduz – a dynamic Auckland-based entertainer, DJ, and karaoke host known for his easy going crowd engagement that blends live song-leading with chill party vibes.

When: Friday 14 (Valentines Day) & 21 February, 6pm to 8pm

Where: Queens Wharf

All ages welcome. [Pre-register your song here.](#)



Mermaid Parade 2026

Dive into a sea of colour and creativity as the Mermaid Parade returns to the waterfront on Saturday 28 February. Dress as your favourite merperson, sea creature or ocean-inspired alter ego and join this joyful, all-ages procession celebrating imagination, community and our connection to the moana.

Arrive at Queens Wharf dressed and parade-ready from 1:30pm, with the parade departing at 2:00pm sharp and making its way along the waterfront to Silo Park. Festivities continue with a costume contest, live music, DJs and whānau-friendly fun.

A pre-parade costume workshop, Fins, Flippers and Tails, will also be held in the lead-up to the event at Silo 6 on Feb 21, 11am to 3pm.

When: Saturday 28 February 2026, 1:30pm – 4:30pm

Where: Queens Wharf to Silo Park

This is a free event and open to everyone. All parade participants must be in costume (including parents and caregivers). [Book your tickets here.](#)

**Atamira presents Ka Tiri o te Moana**

Join us for an evening of contemporary performance and waterfront atmosphere at Queens Wharf. Presented as part of the Moana Festival, Ka Tiri o te Moana by Atamira Dance Company is an immersive dance work inspired by our deep connection to the ocean and the stories of te moana.

Before the 8:30pm performance at the northern end of Queens Wharf, the Queens Wharf Village will be activated from 6:00pm with music and a food truck, creating a vibrant space to gather, enjoy some kai and soak up the waterfront setting.

When: Friday 28 February 2026, 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Where: Northern end of Queens Wharf

This is a free event. Find out more and register for tickets via the [Auckland Live website](#).

Keep 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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