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Kia ora,

Spring is on the way and there's plenty to look forward to downtown.

In this issue you will find more information about what is happening in September:

- [Miki Rapu Waiata: Ka Mua Ka Muri](#) brings interactive waiata to Te Komititanga (pictured above)
- [Lupe I Vao Ese | LIVE at play lightboxes](#) brighten Te Komititanga
- [Take 10](#) opens a safe late-night space
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What's happening in Te Komititanga

Miki Rapu Waiata: Ka Mua Ka Muri

10 September - 5 October

A collaboration between Geneva AM (Ngāti Ruapani mai Waikaremoana, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairoa, Aitutaki, Palmerston) and Binge Culture, *Miki Rapu Waiata: Ka Mua Ka Muri* blends treasure hunts, technology, and taonga in a unique, self-guided experience.

Anchored in the themes of reflection, remembrance, and renewal, the experience embodies the whakataukī (Māori proverb) “Ka mua, ka muri” - walking backwards into the future - *Miki Rapu Waiata*, invites the public on an app-led interactive audio journey beginning at a pavilion in the middle of Te Komititanga.

[Find out more](#)

Lupe I Vao ESE | LIVE at play lightboxes

12 September - 2 October

“Lupe I Vao ESE” is a poetic metaphor from Gagana Sāmoa meaning “doves in different pastures.” It expresses how measina – the cultural treasures of Moana Oceania – travel across time and place, carrying the voices of ancestors into the present and beyond.

As part of Heritage Festival, Lupe I Vao ESE | LIVE at play lightboxes will brighten Te Komititanga with this year’s theme “Auckland at Play,” showcasing Tangata Moana at play using Auckland Libraries Heritage Collections.

This work is part of the free [Pasifika Heritage Exhibition “Lupe I Vao ESE”](#) opening from 17 September at Central City Library.

Supported by the city centre targeted rate.

[Find out more](#)

Take 10 opens a safe late-night space

Fridays to Sundays, 10pm - 3am between 22 August - 22 September

Auckland Council is supporting a pilot initiative aiming to keep rangatahi and others safe on nights out in Auckland's city centre.

The [Take 10 initiative](#) first launched outside the Ellen Melville Centre in July and will now move to Te Komititanga until 22 September.

Run in partnership with the Vulnerable Support Charitable Trust (VSCT), it offers a drop-in space with water, phone chargers, beanbags, and friendly volunteers trained to offer support.

To learn more or sign up to volunteer, visit the [VSCT website](#).

Flags on Te Komititanga

10 September - 5 October

Flags will return to Te Komititanga to celebrate the Auckland Heritage Festival and Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week), positioned around the edges of the whāriki.

Find out more about [Heritage Festival events](#) and [Māori Language Week](#)



What's happening on Queens Wharf

Music on Queens Wharf

14 - 20 September, 12pm - 2pm

Enjoy free, small-scale live performances as we test the new performance container in the Queens Wharf village next to the Bike Hub.

Heritage Steps

The viewing platform at the end of Queens Wharf is almost ready and expected to open mid to late September. Come down to experience the ocean up close - and don't miss Michael Parekōwhai's *The Lighthouse* while you're there.

Other upgrades

You may have spotted a few changes behind the red fence. Road markings have been refreshed to help make it easier for both people and vehicles to get around.

Repairs are also underway on the heritage lighting along the waterfront (image above). These upgrades aim to make the space safer, easier to navigate and more welcoming.

Waitematā Station plaza and Tyler Street upgrade

What's happening

Work is progressing steadily across the Waitematā Station plaza, with all tree pit structures now constructed.

The planting of eight new native trees has started, bringing shade and greenery to the edge of the plaza. The final trees are scheduled to be planted in the next month.

Utility and skylight works are currently underway, and paving continues across the plaza.

Construction is also progressing well on the footpath along the western side of Commerce Street. The footpath between Galway Street and the mid-block crossing is complete and the area near Tyler Street is expected to be finished by mid-September.

What's coming up

Next month, you'll start to see the new skylight lid and central seating area taking shape in the centre of the plaza - designed in partnership with mana whenua to reflect the history of the Waitematā foreshore, both past and present.

On Sunday 14 September, a crane will lift the two halves of the skylight lid into place. This requires a closure of Galway Street between Commerce Street and Te Komititanga Square from 2pm to 10pm. This date is weather dependent - the backup date is Sunday 21 September.

There will be some noise as vehicles manoeuvre the skylid panels into place. The team will be mindful of residents nearby and will be reminded to keep noise to a minimum in the evening hours.

Find out more about the project at [ProgressAKL](#).

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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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