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Kia ora,

Spring is here, and so is Play Month - a series of free activities bringing fun, connection and creativity to the city centre.

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Play Month kicks off

This October you may notice more people and activity in Te Komititanga and Queens Wharf as part of Play Month. These are free, short activations designed to bring more life and connection into the city centre.

Board Games on the Waterfront

Classic games like chess, backgammon, go and xiangqi (Chinese chess) will be set up at Te Komititanga Square and Queens Wharf, Thursday 2 October to Saturday 1 November.

[Find out more](#)

Back in the Day Play

On Sunday 5 October, 10am–2pm, Te Komititanga will host Back in the Day Play – a free, family-friendly event filled with classic school yard and retro games.

Expect 4-Square, egg and spoon races, elastics, wooden puzzles, card and board games, and plenty more. You might notice more people and activity around the square during the day as people come together.

[Find out more](#)

Play in the Square

On Saturday 25 October, 10am to 3pm, The Open Fort will bring back their Play Café to Te Komititanga. Similar to last year, the day will offer a wide range of family friendly play activities in the middle of the whāriki.

[Find out more](#)

If you have questions about these activities, please contact Anders Falstie-Jensen, the Downtown Placemaker, anders.falstie-jensen@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



Testing initiatives at Queens Wharf village

During September, we teamed up with RepFM to test different ways of bringing the container village to life with a mix of lunchtime music (both DJs and short live performances), basketball and t-shirt printing demonstrations.

It was very well received, with people dropping by to share lunch with friends and colleagues, shoot a few hoops, or simply sit back and enjoy the sun.

With summer on the way, we're looking at more small activations like these to keep Queens Wharf buzzing – making it a welcoming spot for residents, commuters, and visitors.

Have an idea for what you'd love to see at Queens Wharf? We'd love to hear it. Get in touch with Anders Falstie-Jensen, the Downtown Placemaker, anders.falstie-jensen@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



Downtown electric ferry charging project begins

This month, Auckland Transport kicks off their project to install equipment on Queens Wharf to enable electric ferry charging.

The project will enable piers 2, 4 and 5 for charging, 4 electric and electric-hybrid ferries, and charging equipment on Queen's Wharf. The first low emission ferries are expected to arrive from 2026.

What to expect

Under wharf works start this month - installing cable trays to hold electrical cables. Next month, above-wharf works begin to install a charger building to house electrical equipment (pictured above).

Queens Wharf will remain open to the public throughout construction. Piers 2, 4 and 5 will be out of operation at times during construction. Ferry services will operate from alternative piers.

The project is expected to be completed in mid-2027.

Who to contact

For construction-related enquiries, please contact Rochelle Gill on 021 205 7379 or email rochelle@engagementmatters.co.nz

For all other enquiries, please contact Aaron Hutching on 021 802 495 or email info@at.govt.nz

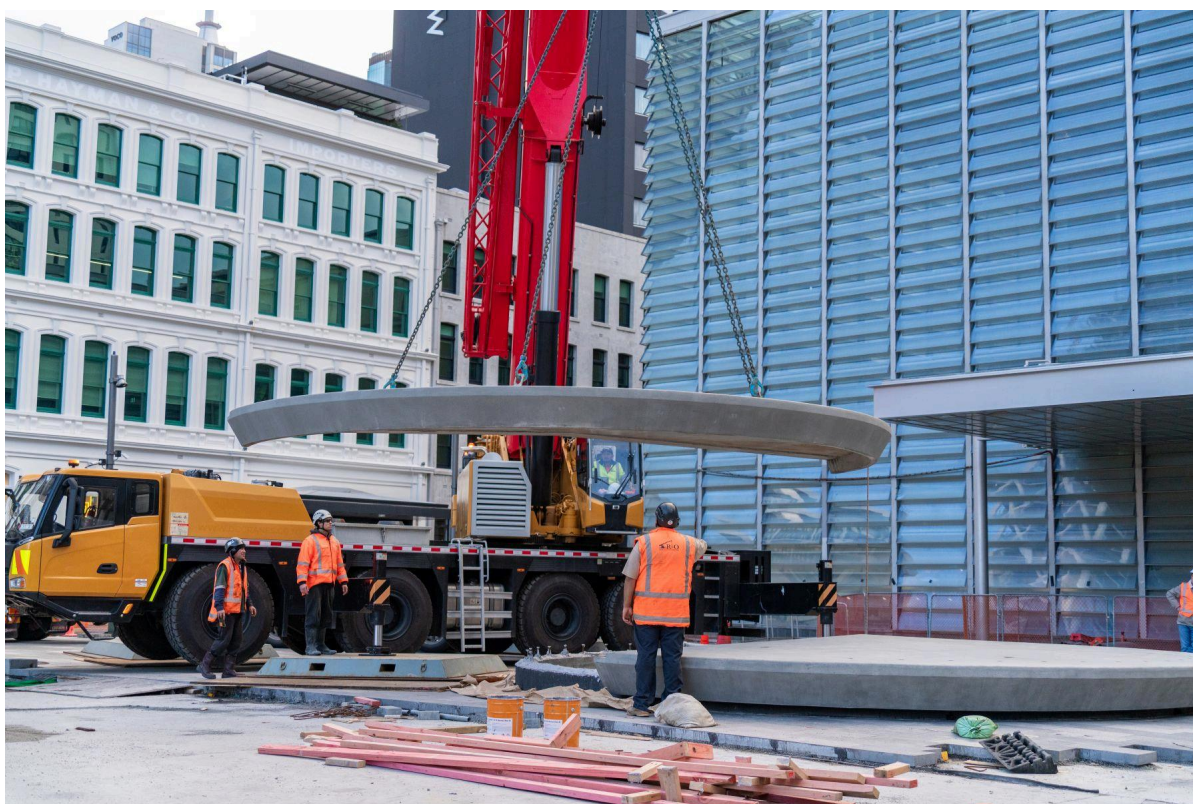
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Waitematā Station plaza and Tyler Street upgrade

What's happened

Work is progressing steadily across the Waitematā Station plaza. All eight native trees have been planted, large areas of paving have been completed and street furniture is starting to go in.

In September, the skylight lid was installed in the centre of the plaza (see image below). Designed by mana whenua artist Graham Tipene (Ngāti Whātua, Ngāti Kahu, Ngāti Hine, Ngāti Haua, Ngāti Manu), this is a central feature of the square's design, symbolising the meeting of Te Waihorotiu Stream and the Waitematā Harbour, honouring the life that thrives from their coming together.



Night works on Commerce Street

We'll be resurfacing the western side of Commerce Street over **five nights**, starting *Monday 13 October 2025, 9pm–5am*.

- Noise is expected on the first two nights, as we remove the old road surface and prepare the base for the new one.
- We know this may be disruptive for nearby neighbours and will do our best to finish the work as quickly as possible.
- Commerce Street will be one-way traffic during the works, returning to two-way traffic during the day. Pedestrian access will be maintained.
- Vehicle entry from Quay Street will stay open, but there will be no entry from Customs Street East. Vehicle access to Tyler Street and Galway Street will be maintained.

[Read the works notification letter for more detail.](#)

What's coming up

Paving will continue through the month, with the remaining street furniture being installed over the coming weeks.

Next week, the last of the old kerb on Commerce St between Galway St and the signalised pedestrian crossing will be removed. For safety, pedestrians will be directed to the other side of the road. Once complete, the full footpath on the edge of the Plaza between Tyler St and Galway St will be opened.

Other work in the plaza

Alongside our works, Auckland Transport's contractors will be completing upgrades to the ventilation shafts until the end of December.

Cooper & Company's contractors have set-up their site on the Tyler St side of the plaza to support the fitout of the Chief Post Office (CPO) Building.

Find out more**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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