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20 February 2025

Kia ora koutou,

In this issue, we bring you an overview of some of the things happening in your neighbourhood as the warm weather rolls on.

In this update:

- Events coming up
- Update on City Rail Link
- Update on Waitematā Station Plaza and Tyler Street

Questions? Contact us

New in Te Komititanga

Flags reintroduced

You may have seen that flags have returned to Te Komititanga. There will be new flags in the posts frequently to mark key events and public holidays in February and March. So far, this has included acknowledging Waitangi Day and the Pride Festival. Coming up are the Moana Festival, St Patrick's Day and more.

More spaces to gather

Over the summer period, we've placed a couple of extra picnic tables in Te Komititanga to create extra outdoor eating and seating spaces.

Give your feedback

Both the flags and additional seating are the result of positive feedback from the pilot Eke Panuku ran last year. We'll keep an eye on how they are received this summer, and if all goes well, we'll look at an expanded set-up for next summer.

In April, Eke Panuku will organise a neighbourhood meeting to get your feedback on how our summer has been as we (believe it or not) begin planning for the summer of 2026.

If you have any thoughts, questions or feedback on what is happening on Te Komititanga - get in touch with us **here**.



What's been going down on Queens Wharf

Yoga, Mermaids, Dance, and Play!

The Summer on Queens Wharf programme kicked off in pouring rain over Anniversary Weekend. However, a bit of bad weather won't stop us!

This month will see **free Sunrise Yoga sessions on Wednesdays**, and the return of the **Mermaid Parade** on February 22.

On March 7 we'll have the world premiere of **Ka Tiri o Te Moana by Atamira Dance Company**, weaving together dance, storytelling, and environmental awareness to explore the impacts of Antarctic ice melt on communities globally and nationally. **Book a free seat for the show here**.

Last, but not least, The Open Fort will take over Te Komititanga on March 9 with their **Play Café** as part of Auckland Arts Festival's whānau day, which will offer a plethora of whānau friendly games and activities. The Play Café is a twist on The Open Fort's set

up that some of you may have seen on the square last year in October as part of Play Week.

Protests

Alongside planned activities, Te Komititanga is also regularly a gathering point for protests.

Auckland Council does not issue event permits for protests, as it is guaranteed under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 - which gives the right to freedom of expression and freedom of peaceful assembly.

Protest organisers usually notify Auckland Council and NZ Police about their intent, so we are aware that they are happening. If there are any issues on the day please contact NZ Police in the first instance.

Image above: Sunset Sessions on Queens Wharf, Feb 2025



First test train through City Rail Link tunnels

A test train has made its first trip through the full length of the City Rail Link tunnels.

The 3.45-kilometre-long inaugural journey ran south from Waitematā Station (Britomart) under central Auckland past the new underground stations at Te Waihorotiu and Karanga-a-Hape to Maungawhau Station on the Western/North Auckland Line.

The journey through the tunnels took approximately two and a half hours, making its return journey via the northbound tunnel to platform 1 at Waitematā Station.

This achievement marks the transition from a construction site to an operational railway and signals the start of a major testing programme that will continue until the

project's completion. The successful test run brings Auckland one step closer to a more connected and efficient transport system.

Image above: first test train through CRL tunnels

Watch the successful train journey

Waitematā Station Plaza and Tyler Street upgrade

Progress update

The Tyler Street upgrade is taking shape, with large sections of new pavers laid over the past two weeks. We're on track for most of the upgrade on Tyler Street to be complete in April.

At Waitematā Station Plaza, progress continues with ducting and drainage installed, along with additional concrete pours.



Image: New pavers being laid on Tyler Street, February 2025

Until April, vehicle access along Tyler Street will largely remain the same as in recent months. Please stay alert and take extra care around construction activities.

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

What's coming up

As we move through February and March, work will focus on:

- Laying pavers in Tyler Street and starting to add the finishing touches - including signage and street lighting, preparing for completion in April.
- Continuing work in the plaza, including underground services installation and 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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