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November 2025

Kia ora,

Downtown is getting ready for the festive season. This short update is to keep you informed about what's happening over the next few weeks.

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Kirihimete / Christmas in Te Komititanga & Downtown

Christmas is almost here! Christmas installations across Downtown and the city centre are now being completed, bringing festive colour and energy into our public spaces.

Te Manaaki – Auckland’s Christmas tree

The giant tree has been installed this week in Te Komititanga.

The celebration event will take place on Saturday 22 November, 7.30–8.30pm, with live music, carols, and the tree lighting at sunset. This event is expected to draw a large crowd with increased foot traffic in the surrounding streets.

Please note: Set-up will take place from 10.45am with pack-down running until 10pm. Sound check is expected to be from 4-5pm.

Christmas Markets

These free, family-friendly markets brings together Auckland’s finest artisans, makers and retailers with curated stalls perfect for holiday gifting. Soak up the festive atmosphere, browse handcrafted goods, grab a bite to eat and soak up the Christmas cheer.

Karanga Plaza — 6 & 7 December - 10.00am–4.00pm

Takutai Square — 13 December - 8.00am–3.00pm

Te Komititanga — 13 December - 10.00am–3.00pm

Please note: For the Te Komititanga market, setup will take place from 7am on Friday 12 December, with pack-down running until 8pm on Saturday 13 December. You may notice increased vehicle access and low-level background music during market hours

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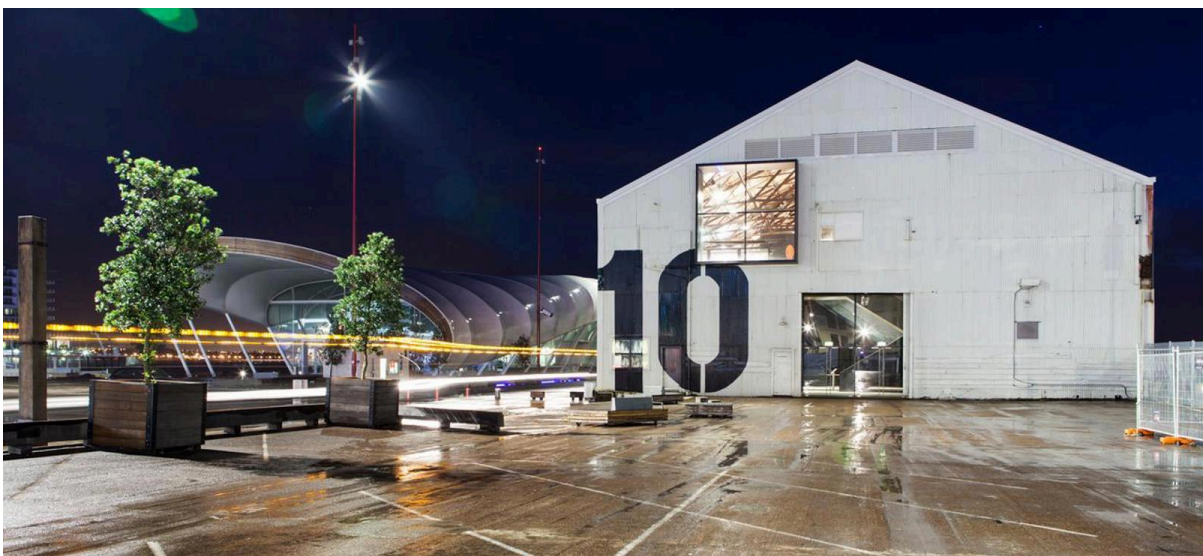
Florence Saves Clothes

We're welcoming Florence Saves Clothes to the Queens Wharf Village – right alongside EcoMatter's Bike Hub.

Florence will be offering clothing mending and repair services every Thursday between 10am - 2pm for the four weeks, helping to keep garments in use and out of landfill.

It's all part of our shared kaupapa of repairing, reusing and reducing waste - keeping what we have in good shape for longer.

Pop by the Queen's Wharf village to find out more or book a repair!



Resident's Meeting

Come along for an informal catch-up with Anders Falstie-Jensen, the Auckland Urban Development Office (AUDO) Downtown Placemaker.

6pm, Monday 8 December

Queen's Wharf Container Village (inside venue if raining)

This is a chance to share any thoughts or observations about the area, hear updates on recent activity across Queen's Wharf and the city centre, and learn more about what's coming up over the next few months. Everyone is welcome.

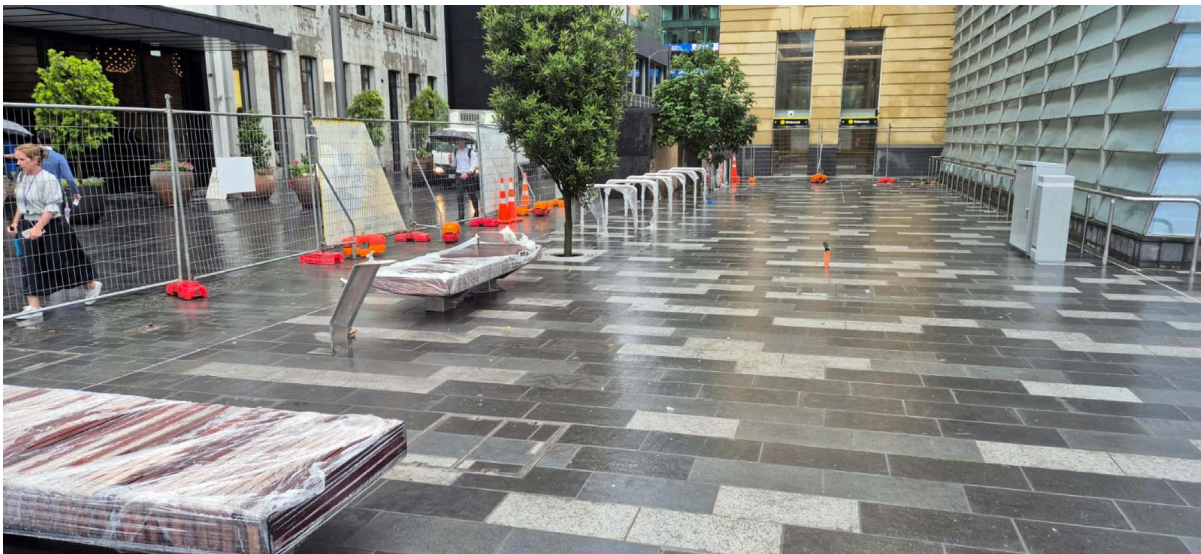
Please RSVP to Anders [here](#)

Waitematā Station plaza & Tyler Street coming to completion

Work at Waitematā Station Plaza is almost complete. Paving has been completed and furniture installed. The project is making finishing touches and is on track for the removal of some of the fencing in early December. This will open up areas of the Plaza to the public in time for the busy summer period.

Auckland Transport's contractors continue to complete work around the transformer building (north eastern corner of the plaza) and the glass house. Fencing in these areas will remain until expected completion from mid December to late January.

Thank you for your patience while these improvements have been delivered and we hope you enjoy your new space very soon.



Pōhutukawa replacement in Te Komititanga

From 25 - 27 November (weather dependant), a small team will be replacing the northern pōhutukawa tree in Te Komititanga. The existing tree was badly damaged during a high-wind event and has suffered root loss below ground.

Work will take place between 7.30am and 6pm, with a fenced-off area around the tree and some machinery on site. This mahi is part of our ongoing programme to care for the city centre ngahere and keep our public spaces welcoming and well maintained.

If you have any questions, please contact citycentre@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



Quay Street - Nightworks for planter boxes

Contractors will soon be carrying out night works on Quay Street to reposition and secure planter boxes to improve safety, prevent vehicle intrusion and protect the area from damage.

Works are expected to start on the 7th of December and to take 5 days. To minimise disruption, teams will aim to complete drilling and other noisy work by 10.30pm.

Please see [notification letter here](#) for full details.

For questions, please contact citycentre@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



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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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