

City of Sydney NYE Event Guide 2017

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Welcome to the official 2017 Sydney New Year's Eve guide

"We invite you to celebrate SydNYE - the world's most admired New Year's Eve event. With more than one million people watching our spectacular event from the harbour foreshore, this guide has everything you need to plan your night."

Lord Mayor
Clover Moore

Sydney New Year's Eve for everyone. One night, many ways to celebrate.

Watch ABC will broadcast live from 8.30pm from Sydney Harbour

Stream Fireworks will be live streamed on sydneynewyeartheseve.com and ABC iview

Listen to KIIS 1065 for the exclusive soundtrack at 9pm and midnight

Experience If you're heading to the harbour, plan your night using the vantage point map or visit **whatson.Sydney** to buy tickets to harbour events.

Program of events on Sydney Harbour

It's not just about midnight. The Sydney New Year's Eve program keeps you entertained from sunset to the final countdown.

6pm and 8pm	Air displays Flyovers with aerial displays by flying ace Matt Hall.
7pm	Fire tug water display Port Authority of NSW fire tug blasts tonnes of water into the skies.

8.38pm	<p>Welcome to Country ceremony</p> <p>Reflecting our respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage, this ceremony honours the relationship between traditional custodians and the land. During the five minute ceremony, flares are released and spectacular images on the pylons celebrate Eora country.</p>
9pm	<p>9pm family fireworks</p> <p>Enjoy a dramatic eight-minute fireworks display at a family-friendly time, complete with soundtrack for children on KIIS1065 and the full effect of five firework barges and the underside of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Projections and lighting will continue throughout the evening.</p>
9.15pm	<p>Harbour of Light Parade®</p> <p>An illuminated flotilla of vessels sails through the harbour.</p>

Midnight	<p>Midnight fireworks</p> <p>At the stroke of midnight, Sydney's world-famous fireworks bring in the new year in spectacular style. The 12-minute display is synchronised to the soundtrack on KIIS 1065, with the full effect of seven barges, the Sydney Harbour Bridge and four sails of the Sydney Opera House. Each year the design of the fireworks brings surprises and wows millions of viewers around the world.</p>
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Plan your night

Free vantage points

Our map is the best way to plan your New Year's Eve and find the best spot to watch the show. If you're celebrating the festivities at one of these prime positions, make sure you plan your night. These conditions apply at all our free vantage points:

- No BYO alcohol and no glass. Bag searches are a condition of entry
- Sites will close when they reach capacity. This is usually earlier in the day, so get there early and have a backup plan

Some sites will sell food, drinks and alcohol.

Sites will have toilets nearby.

Where to drink alcohol

You can't bring alcohol into official vantage point sites, but you can buy alcohol at some sites. See the 2017 vantage point map for details. You can also drink alcohol at licensed premises across the city.

New Year's Eve is unique, so the lockout laws do not apply.

Hotels, clubs and small bars in the city and King Cross will stop serving alcohol at 3am as usual. Takeaway alcohol sales stop at 11pm. For more details visit liquorandgaming.justice.nsw.gov.au

Access for people with disability gg o

- Check the 2017 vantage point map and transport options
- Details of accessible features and routes for some sites at sydneynewyearth.com/accessibility
- For wheelchair-accessible taxi bookings call 02 8332 0200 or visit Zero200.com.au
- You can book a designated accessible viewing area and enjoy the event with family and friends
- Contact us for assistance with planning your night

Sydney New Year's Eve Accessibility Officer:

nyedisability@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

02 2 9265 9333

If you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment you can contact us through **relayservice.gov.au** You will need to provide them with our number 02 9265 9333.

If you need an interpreter call the Telephone Interpreting Service (TIS) on 13 14 50. Ask them to call the City of Sydney on 02 9265 9333.

Live audio description

Listen to our live audio description on ABC Extra on digital radio and through the ABC Listen app.

You can also listen through your radio reading service 2RPH on AM 12.24 or FM 100.5 in Sydney and Newcastle.

The 9pm family fireworks, Welcome to Country, Harbour of Light Parade and midnight fireworks are described live from the harbour foreshore. This brings the New Year's Eve program to life for people with blindness or low vision, and those who'd like to enjoy an enhanced experience.

Visiting Sydney

You can find information for all budgets and places to visit in greater Sydney at **Sydney.com**

For more information about getting around in Sydney, visit **transportnsw.info**

Want to know more about NYE?

Visit an **information booth** at Circular Quay and QVB from 27 to 30 December, 10am to 7.30pm. Check the map for all booths open from 10am to 11.30pm on New Year's Eve.

Capturing the wonder

The Royal Australian Mint has come together with City of Sydney to capture an evening of wonder in one vibrant moment with the 2018 \$1 Fine Silver Coloured Frosted Uncirculated Coin.

This limited edition coin depicts Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Sydney Opera House at its most vibrant moment. A wonderful reminder of the year that was and to welcome the New Year ahead!

Visit our eShop to secure your limited edition memento.

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- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- YouTube
- 1300 652 020
- eshop.ramint.gov.au

How to get there

Public transport is the best option for New Year's Eve.

Visit **transportnsw.info** to plan your trip - detailed information will be available around two weeks before the event. You can also use one of the many real-time apps available. Visit **transportnsw.info/apps** to download one today.

With thousands of extra services on the night, catching public transport is easy.

Some train stations will work differently

You won't be able to get off at Circular Quay station from 5pm for crowd safety. You can get off at Wynyard, St James or Martin Place instead and walk. There will be extra trains.

If you are on a citybound train and travelling to Bradfield Park and surrounding vantage points, you won't be able to get off at Milsons Point station from 6pm. You can get off at North Sydney station instead and walk.

Trains will not stop at International Airport and Domestic Airport stations from 1am to 5am on New Year's Day.

Bus stops will change

Temporary bus stops with pink signs will be in place throughout the city.

When the Sydney Harbour Bridge is closed from 11pm to 1.30am, the last stop for southbound buses to the city is North Sydney station.

Ferries will stop during the fireworks

Some routes will stop running in the early afternoon. After the midnight fireworks, extra ferries will run. Ferries are a very popular option. Make a plan b and consider the train or bus.

Light rail

Light rail services run regularly between the inner west and city suburbs. On New Year's Eve, services will run throughout the day and past midnight to help you get home.

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Opal cards

You need an Opal card or single trip ticket to travel on public transport. Once you have yours, just add value then tap on and off to travel.

Adult and Child/Youth Opal cards are available over the counter from 2,100 Opal retailers. To find one near you, look out for the Opal symbol at nearby stores or visit **transportnsw.info/opal-retailers**

Top up your Opal card by downloading the Opal Travel app online at **opal.com.au**, at a top up machine or at an Opal retailer. It's a good idea to top up online before New Year's Eve.

Visit **transportnsw.info** for more information.

There will be widespread road closures

The city is no place for cars on New Year's Eve

- Major roads will close in the city from as early as 3pm until New Year's Day. Special event clearways will make parking very limited
- The Sydney Harbour Bridge will close from 11pm to 1.30am
- Anzac Bridge will close for city-bound traffic from 8.30pm to 9.30pm and 11.30pm to 1.30am.

See **transportnsw.info** for the latest information closer to the time.

You can also see an interactive map at **sydneynewyourseve.com/road-closures**

Your street may be closed for safety

Vehicles cannot enter closed roads without NSW Police approval. This includes residents and vehicles exiting car parks.

Taxi and ride-sharing pick-up and drop-off may be restricted

Taxi ranks and pick-up and drop-off zones will be different. See **transportnsw.info** for the latest information closer to the time.

Cyclists and pedestrians are affected too

Cycleways and walkways on the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Western Distributor and Cahill Expressway will close until after the midnight fireworks.

IT'S ON! IN SYDNEY DARLING HARBOUR NEW YEAR'S EVE

Celebrate Sydney New Year's Eve at Darling Harbour. With free flame and light shows every hour from 7pm and fireworks shows on Cockle Bay at 9pm and midnight, Darling Harbour is the family friendly place to welcome in 2018.

Plan your trip in advance, use public transport and arrive early! Site opens from 11am and is an alcohol free event.

To find out more go to sydney.com

How to get home

Travelling home later is a good option

It will help you avoid the crowds, so make sure you plan your trip at **transportnsw.info**

Everyone leaves after midnight

Extra public transport services will run but trains, ferries and buses closest to the harbour will be busy, so allow

extra travel time. Your best bet is to head for transport options at Central which will be less crowded.

All city-centre roads north of Goulburn Street will be closed by 11 pm and will reopen from 1.30am to 4am while crowds make their way home.

If you've parked in the city you may not be able to leave the car park until roads reopen, so plan your night.

The way you leave might be different to the way you arrive

Some train stations will have changed entry and exit points, bus interchanges will be relocated and some major roads will be closed to vehicles and pedestrians. You may need to walk further than usual to catch a train or bus.

On the day

Get real-time information

Check sydneynewyearthseve.com or check our Facebook event page.

Twitter, Instagram, facebook, @CityofSydney

Get live transport information

Follow NSW Public Transport on Facebook or Twitter at **transportnsw.info/social**

Stay connected with a real-time transport app from **transportnsw.info/apps**

You can also follow:

Twitter

- @TrainsInfo
- @BusesInfo
- @ FerriesInfo
- @LiveTrafficSyd

Top tips for a safe and memorable night

- Follow the signs and listen for announcements
- Look for our spectator services volunteers. They can help you with information about toilets, transport, food and drink options, alcohol restrictions and accessible services
- Look out for your mates and plan a meeting place in case you get separated
- Don't forget to top up your Opal card before New Year's Eve

- Make sure your mobile is charged so you can contact your mates
- Non-alcoholic drinks must be in sealed plastic containers Many sites will sell food and drinks
- Please help keep Sydney beautiful and use the bins provided or take your rubbish home with you
- Don't forget to bring your radio. Tune in to KIIS 1065 for the 9pm family fireworks and midnight fireworks soundtracks and enjoy the full fireworks experience
- Take Kare Ambassadors will be out and about from 10pm providing support to young people in vulnerable situations
- Phone 000 in case of emergency

While you're in town...

Sydney in summer is the place to be, and New Year's Eve is just one night in a packed season of events.

- **Sydney Festival 7-26 January**
sydneyfestival.org.au
- **Australia Day 26 January** australiaday.com.au
- **Sydney Chinese New Year Festival 2018**
16 February - 4 March
sydneychinesenewyear.com