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This is the eighth Christmas E-News, so yet again I find myself wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a relaxing, sun-filled summer break.

This issue includes a variety of activities city centre residents could choose from over summer, ranging from the passive to the active, e.g. joining a book club at the library or taking up Tai Chi. If so inclined, you could also devote some holiday time to making a submission on the resource consent application for Skypath, due January 23.

I've continued the bird theme for the Locate this Scene competition and encourage all readers to try their luck. I know that a number of city centre people have chosen not to own a car, but you could always give the prize to a neighbour who is a vehicle owner.

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These Christmas trees down at Britomart support the For Everyone Charitable Foundation ,which gives community grants to other trusts, schools or charities, helping New Zealand communities with financial grants in the range of $500 - $5,000. On 12 December the 100th grant was given to Assistance Dogs NZ.

Locate this Scene

To win a WOF from JD Car Clinic email the editor audrey@writeaway.co.nz

Winners are ineligible to enter for the subsequent three issues.

The last scene was cnr Cruise Lane & Shortland St and the winner is Wendy Rutherford.

Thank you to JD Car Clinic for providing the prize.

WOF in ♥ of the city
136 Fanshawe Street
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Masthead photos : Audrey van Ryn, Rouan van Ryn (centre photo), sketch by Murray Dewhurst

UPDATE: Proposed DRAFT Local Alcohol Policy (LAP) & *RAG* Submission (2321)

RAG's verbal support of its earlier written submission on the Auckland Council Proposed Draft Local Alcohol Policy (LAP) was heard 19 September before the formal Hearing Panel of Councillors. *RAG*'s submission No 2321 may be viewed at dedicated website www.shapeauckland.co.nz

On 24 November, having read and heard the submissions to date, the Hearings Panel decided to complete its deliberations in early 2015, this to allow more time to work through the vast amount of feedback received on the proposed draft Auckland Council LAP. Council received 2,688 written submissions on the draft policy, with more than 400 requesting to speak. Speakers included representatives from large industry groups and owner-operators through to health experts and community associations.

Waiting until early 2015 will also enable the Hearings Panel to consider the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority (ARLA) decisions on appeals against the Wellington City Council and Tasman District Council Provisional LAP's, these to be released in late December or early 2015. This will assist the Hearings Panel with its deliberations next year before making final recommendations back to the Council's Governing Body for a provisional LAP. Once the provisional LAP is determined there will be another submission round for appeals on the provisional policy, after which the Council Governing Body will consider for approval the final LAP to be submitted for ARLA review and decision.

RAG Submission Auckland Council Proposed Local Approved Product Policy (Legal Highs)

RAG made its written submission on 28 November on Council's proposed policy to determine where psychoactive substances - commonly known as legal highs - can be sold once they are licensed by central government. The submission period has closed and Council will be evaluating submissions with a view to formal public hearings in the early 2015.

A reminder to *RAG* members - and readers - this enewsletter's *frequently* quoted fact that 41% of Auckland City Centre (CBD) residents speak English as a second language offers you the opportunity to reach out and become a good neighbour to your apartment building's *new-comer* residents. Gestures of welcome and friendship go a long way to help these *newcomers* become familiar with and navigate New Zealand's everyday life. A cup of tea shared between neighbours can start a better connection, which can build a relationship that flourishes all year round. Getting to know your neighbours can also help make your neighbourhood - including your city centre apartment building - a safer place to live, play and work.

Remember also the Auckland-wide government agencies and NGO services provided for *newcomer*-Aucklanders, starting with Immigration New Zealand *Settlement Support* (www.ssnz.govt.nz) and *Auckland Migrant Services Charitable Trust (ARMS)* (www.arms-mrc.org.nz). Auckland Regional Migrant Services offers all newcomers job search support, settlement support information and advice, English language assistance through their clinics and volunteer workplace experience placements.

You can contact ARMS Team by email at reception@arms-mrc.org.nz or tel. 09 625 2440. They also have latest workshops and events available on www.settlement.org.nz

提醒RAG会员及读者，这个电子通讯经常被引用的事实：41％奥克兰市中心（CBD）的居民英语为第二语言。这是你有机会接触并成为一个好邻居欢迎您的公寓楼的新来的居民。欢迎和友好的态度可以帮助这些新人熟悉新西兰的日常生活。邻居之间共享一杯茶饮可以启动一个更好的连接，它可以建立一个良好的关系。认识您的邻居也可以帮助你的邻里 - 包括你所在的城市中心的公寓楼成为一个更安全的住，玩和工作的地方。

再次提醒奥克兰范围内的政府机构和非政府组织的服务提供对新奥克兰人的帮助，新西兰移民局支持中心（www.ssnz.govt.nz）和奥克兰移民服务慈善信托（ARMS）（www.arms-mrc.org.nz）。奥克兰地区移民服务(ARMS)为新来者提供找工作的支持，移民支持信息和建议，英语通过和志愿者职场实习工作经验。您可以通过电子邮件reception@arms-mrc.org.nz或电话09 625 2440联系他们。还可以在www.settlement.org.nz上查找最新的研讨会和活动信息。

Tim Coffey

RAG year forward 2014-2015

Since *RAG*'s 8th AGM 6 October resolutions, confirmed at Core Group meetings 3 November and 1 December, *RAG*'s 2014-2015 Officers, executive Core Group committee members (with additional portfolios and external body accreditations), and quarterly e-newsletter editor/production committee chair are *RAG* Members:

Tim Coffey, *Chair & Secretary*, ACCAB Rep
Dick Ayres, *Treasurer*, ACCAB Rep, *A Clean CBD* Portfolio, *AKL Inner City Network Steering Group Alternate*
Grant Chilcott, *RAG* Core Group
John Sweetman, *RAG* Core Group
Mik Smellie, *RAG* Core Group, *Auckland Inner City Network Steering Group RAG* Rep
Peter Healey, *RAG* Core Group
Stephen Greenfield, *RAG* Core Group
Tim Hannah, *RAG* Core Group
Audrey van Rijn, *RAG* E-newsletter Editor/Production Committee Chair.

RAG's 2015 schedule of monthly 1730-1930 meetings is: Mondays 2 February, 2 March; *Tuesday* 7 April; Monday 4 May; *Tuesday* 2 June; Mondays 6 July; 3 August; 7 September; 5 October; 2 November; 7 December 2015. All *RAG* Members are welcome at all meetings and are sent the upcoming meeting's agenda beforehand. *RAG* Members may advise the *Secretary* (ak.cbd.rag@gmail.com) when they want a relevant item discussed so it may be included in the next agenda; or, each meeting's agenda has a "General Business" item in which attendees can table for discussion their matter in hand.

Tim Coffey

Madison-on-the Square's flourishing garden overlooking St Patrick's Square - an inspiration for other City Centre apartment buildings.

This month the Auckland City Centre Advisory Board held its last meeting in the old Council building. Our next meeting will be held in the new Council premises at 135 Albert Street.

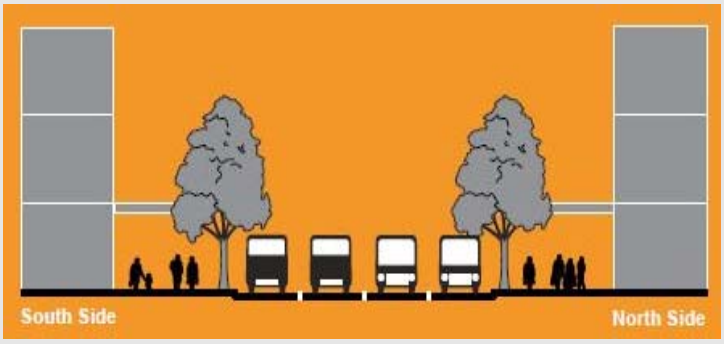
The last few meetings have been influenced by the new oversight organisation, the Auckland City Centre Integration Group, which now is our direct link with Auckland Council. Our new Chair, Dr Lucy Baragwanath, is now firmly in control of our meetings and they are progressing well.

The main projects that are still in front of us are framework plans for the Downtown and Wharf, the Aotea and arts and culture, Learning Quarter and Victoria Quarter precincts. We have highlighted the importance of City Centre residents; both old and young, being factored in to any planning initiatives that may be forthcoming.

We have been presented with an overview of the new Auckland Transport new City Centre Bus Infrastructure Programme which is proposed to streamline the public bus services throughout the region. Auckland Transport has also provided verbal undertaking to provide higher areas of cleaning and maintenance regimes to some of the completed developments which were funded by the targeted rate. These new regimes have not yet come into play.

We can report that the new Karangahape Road long-term redevelopment plan has been approved by the Waitematā Local Area Board. O'Connell Street and Federal Street upgrades are now completed, along with stage one of the Myers Park development. Work is continuing on preparing for the upgrade of Freyberg Place and the Pioneer Women's and Ellen Melville Hall. The Bledisloe Lane upgrade is well advanced and is due for completion by the end of the year.

No definite response has come from Auckland Transport regarding the choice between Victoria Street or Wellesley Street as the linear park option. There is strong pressure from a number of the Advisory Board stakeholders that Wellesley Street becomes the linear park and Victoria Street the bus-way.



Dick Ayres

Auckland Inner City Network - for City Centre Residents

Addressing the challenges identified in the growing body of professional research, in particular Parnell Community Centre's commissioned AUT published 2012 research paper *Connectedness in Auckland's Inner City*, the *Inner City Network* was formally launched on 13 November in the Town Hall Council Chamber.

With the goal of a connected and community-friendly city centre, it will engage with identified city centre issues such as: the isolation of some apartment living, the lack of recreational opportunities, transport challenges, language barriers, lack of local event opportunities at which to meet, and accessing information. Many other areas of Auckland have networks of social and community service organisations and local leaders who meet regularly to network, share best practice and work together to resolve issues in their locality.

Led by the Auckland District Council of Social Services (ADCOSS), a networking organisation of social and community service organisations, it will engage constructively to fill identified gaps in the form of an Inner City Network. It is being supported and resourced by Auckland Council and the Department of Internal Affairs; and has the Auckland CBD Residents' Advisory Group Inc (*RAG*), SPLICE, Parnell Community Centre, CAB, local business associations and a range of other local organisations represented on its steering committee.

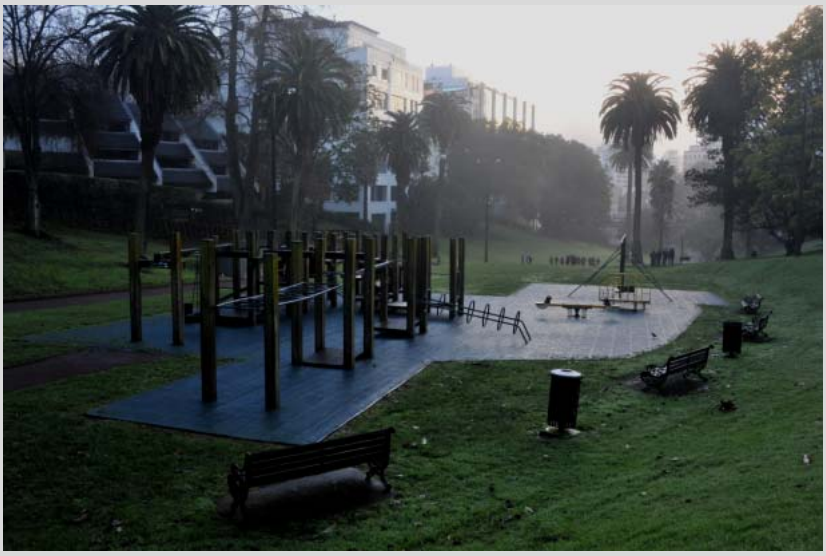
The *Inner City Network*'s purpose is to initiate the creation of two-way social and service networks that adequately serve and reflect the evolving needs of city centre (aka CBD) daily life for the ever-growing multi-lingual numbers of residents. For city centre residents - and all parties either following and/or commenting on the city centre's rapidly evolving face - the *Inner City Network* will provide a concentrated strategic vehicle and service seeking to bind the disparate elements of the rapidly growing and changing residential population.

The Inner City Network had its first meeting on 11 December and will meet monthly in 2015, starting with 22 January. All enquiries, to add an event or join an online directory: Sharon Ryan, Inner City Network coordinator, adcoss@adcoss.org.nz.

Myers Park Progress to 2015 Centennial

The first stage of the capital works renovation of Myers Park continues and is on schedule for completion by this year's end. The new play park – work started 14 July – was blessed on 26 November and overseen by Waitematā Local Board Chair Shale Chambers. About 200 waiting students from the Myers Park Kindergarten and the Greys Avenue Kadima School (overlooks the park) then energetically "target group consumer-tested" and put the all new myriad of equipment through its paces. Visually there are lots of primary colours on equipment, including climb on, through, over and up bird, insect and plant forms and more - all encased and/or surrounded with the latest safety standard mandated surfaces. Well worth a look if you've not recently been in Myers Park.

Marking its first century, Auckland Council's Myers Park Centennial Celebration will be 12 - 4pm Sunday 15 February. Starting 12pm with a civic ceremony on the main stage, there will be a variety of family friendly fun, entertainment, games and activities. Please bring your own picnic and rug/blanket as there will be no food stalls on site. Also featured will be the opportunity to sport old fashioned circa 1915 fancy dress – come dressed in yours! More centennial celebration news will be circulated in January.



From south, Myers Park early morning sod-turning for new Play Park 14 July - photo, Auckland Council

In Myers Park, Waitematā Local Board Chair Shale Chambers at the new Play Park 26 November - photo, Auckland Council

January - February 2015

Sign up for a class this summer from 12 January - 6 February at Parnell Community Centre, 545 Parnell Road, Parnell. Many social activity groups start up in January too.

ESOL Conversation Intensive Workshop - Pre-Intermediate and above
Monday 12th – Thursday 15th January from 9.30-1.30pm. four days, $150

Everyday English - Beginner/Elementary
Tuesday 9.30-11.30am and Thursday 11.30-1.00pm for three weeks starting 20th January, $120

Everyday English - Pre-Intermediate
Tuesday 11.30-1.30pm and Thursday 1.00-2.30pm three weeks starting 20th January, $120

Pilates
Mondays 12 + 19 Jan from 9-10am or 10-11am OR Thursdays 15 + 22 from 9-10am or 10-11am
Two sessions for $30 or four sessions for $50.

Look out for Parnell Community Centre's programme Community Classes and Activities for January to June 2015. The brochure will be online soon and flyers will be available at Parnell Community Centre and Auckland Libraries from mid-January.

Enrol online or in person at Parnell Community Centre Reception, Level 1, 545 Parnell Road, Parnell

Phone 555 5164

www.parnell.org.nz

Central City Tai Chi

The origins of Tai Chi are said to have been the observation by a Taoist monk of a skirmish between a crane and a snake in the Wudang Mountains of China. Since that early observation it has developed into one of the most popular forms of exercise for the body and mind.

Visit any significant city in the world and with a little effort you will find people practicing Tai Chi somewhere within the city centre - Beijing, New York, Dublin, London, Mumbai, Havana, Sydney - and Auckland.

Starting this year at the Pioneer Women's Hall (above Pumpkin Patch) on Freyberg Place, High St, the Central City Tai Chi group is a mixture of the central city's residential community and the working community. For an hour (5.30 – 6.30pm) it is time to switch off the energy of the vibrant city and the active mind and take refuge in the tranquillity of the forms and movement of Tai Chi and Qigong.

A quick google of Tai Chi will produce a wealth of websites all extolling the virtues and health benefits of Tai Chi. Certainly in my own experience if you want improve your balance, lower your blood pressure, rid yourself of a bad back (read "herniated disc"), learn how to quiet the mind and more, then this is an activity worthy of enjoyable pursuit. The communal aspect of meeting central city neighbours and making new friends is a very pleasant additional by-product.

If you are interested in joining this group on Thursdays at 5.30pm, taught by a highly experienced teacher, then please contact Mik at kairosmik@orcon.net.nz. They do say that "a 1000 mile journey starts with a single step" but email seems to work too.

Learn how to - wave your hands like clouds, repulse monkeys, part the wild horse's mane, while meditating in motion, without ever having to leave the neighbourhood.

Mik Smellie

New Year's Eve app attack
When: Wednesday 31 December, 1pm - 4pm
Where: Whare Wananga
Ring in the New Year with glittering screens and the jingle of iPads. Console games will be available for your to play, as well as iPads loaded with a bunch of apps and games. Come along and discover something new or share your favourites with friends.

For the Love of Books - an exhibition
When: 20 October - 22 February
Where: Sir George Grey Special Collections, Level 2
This exhibition will inspire lovers of books with the inventiveness, imagination and technical skill of the work of contemporary book artists and fine press printers. The books on show are a selection of the best international and national examples of fine book making held in Sir George Grey Special Collections. They are usually printed by hand or produced in very limited editions, often with unusual structures or 3D elements.

Minecraft Game Jam
When: Saturday 6 January & Saturday 17 January, 1pm - 3pm
Where: Level 1 makerspace
Booking: 09 307 7785 or makerspace@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz
This will be a great opportunity to interact with other like-minded crafters. Play in a laidback environment and swap tips and tricks. Please bring your own device and Minecraft registration. Appropriate for children, tweens, and teens. This workshop will take place twice, on consecutive Saturdays.

Stop-motion Animation Workshop
When: Tuesday 23 December & Tuesday 13 January, 1pm - 3pm
Where: Level 1 makerspace
Booking: 09 307 7785 or makerspace@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz
A fun hands-on workshop for tweens and teens where you will learn the basics of stop-motion animation. No experience required. Bring your own device or use one of the library's. Props will be provided, but feel free to bring your own (small toys, household objects, etc). Arrive with your creativity and leave with a fun animation that you can share with friends. In this session you will build your project from the ground up. Working in small teams you will have the opportunity to storyboard, photograph, and then edit your animation. Learn some basic principles of photography, film making and editing in the process.

Book Club
When: Fourth Tuesday of the month, 5pm - 6pm
Where: Central City Library
RSVP: ana.worner@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz
Do you love talking about the books you've read? Would you like to hear about books others have enjoyed? Join this "everybody reads the same book" type of book club.

Chinese Readers' Group
When: Last Thursday of each month, 10.30am - 12pm
Where: Level 2
Booking: 09 307 0209 or yan.wang@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz
Chat about favourite reads, discover new titles and authors, make friends and share your life experiences with other enthusiastic readers. At each session you will also learn some new English vocabulary and customs.

讀書座談會
歡迎參加普通話中文圖書座談會,分享彼此圖書心得及館員推薦書目.
每個月的最後一個星期四, 上午10:30-12:00.
市中心圖書館Central City Library, 44-46 Lorne St, CBD, Auckland

Christmas and Fashion in the City

You can tell it's Christmas time in the central city – the Albert Park pohutukawa are in full bloom, festive decorations are in place throughout the city's streets and Santa is once more in his spot on Whitcoulls corner, thanks to the kind folk at Mansons TCLM and SKYCITY. If you haven't finished your Christmas shopping yet and want to support city retailers – check out the gift guides on the Heart of the City website: we've got all of your friends and family covered!

Right now, along with planning for the de-installation of the city's Christmas decorations (and our own Christmas holidays!), the Heart of the City team are also setting the wheels in motion for our next big event. From 27 February – 8 March, fashion fever returns to the central city with 10 Days of Fashion in the City, presented by Resene. Shoppers can look forward to stocking their wardrobes with special offers in over 100 stores, and residents and visitors alike will be inspired by the colourful line-up of fashion events set to take place.

www.heartofthecity.co.nz/christmas

photos - Audrey van Ryn

SOOM

Until 11 October 2015 - free entry
Edmiston North Sculpture Terrace level 2

SOOM, a specially commissioned work by Korean-New Zealand artist Seung Yul Oh, is constructed from a thin skin which is constantly aerated. It is the first of the artist's large-scale inflatable sculptures to comprise a modular configuration. 'Soom' is Korean for 'breath' and in this outdoor setting the sculpture appears to breathe as it responds to fluctuations in temperature and wind.

SOOM extends Oh's work with inflatables and explores his interest in expansion, growth and the possibility of explosion,' says Chartwell Trust spokesperson Sue Gardiner. 'There is an element of something playful, active and instantaneous – and ever so slightly threatening — with his work.'

'The idea for *SOOM* came from Oh observing people sitting together and connecting this with the way bubbles instantly join up and connect in an organic way,' says Auckland Art Gallery Acting Curator, Contemporary Art, Stephen Cleland.

photo - Audrey van Ryn

The Cubic Structural Evolution Project

Until Sunday 1 March 2015
Free entry

photo - Audrey van Ryn

Children from the Parnell Community Trust holiday programme busy with the project, 17 December

Light Show

Until 8 February
Ground and level 1
Admission charge applies
Book online via Eventfinda
#lightshow NZ

Open daily 10am - 5pm www.aucklandartgallery.com

TÜR presents ILLUSTRATE
13 designers interpret work by 13 local fashion designers

Opening Thursday, 18th December at 6pm

TÜR Open Studio is proud to present a selection of works on paper by emerging local illustrators:

Erin Forsyth illustrating Jimmy D
Toni Gill illustrating Anthea
Lucy Han illustrating Harman Grubisa
Electra Sinclair illustrating Nymphets
Frances Haszard illustrating Lela Jacobs
Linda Jones illustrating Christopher Duncan
Jeremy Kyle illustrating Pardon My French
Hyung Ho Lee illustrating Vaughan Geeson
Rhianna May illustrating Dmonic Intent
Dirk Peterson illustrating Blue Blank
Shayna Quinn illustrating Ovna Ovich
Rebecca ter Borg illustrating Kingdom
Emma Zanelli illustrating Jason Lingard
Deborah Zhong illustrating Thyen

Special thanks to the K'Rd Business Association and Sawmill Brewing Company www.kroad.com www.sawmillbrewery.co.nz

Image - Emma Zanelli
www.emmazanelli.com

Time to send 2014 off in style!

Join us in Beresford Square for a night of jazz with members from the Auckland Prohibition Jazz Band while they play jazz and swing tunes into the night.

Thursday 18th December, Beresford Square

Free event - lots of food specials and a good time to be had by all.

The Auckland Community Law Centre (ACLC) is a community-based organisation and non-profit charitable trust staffed by an administrative practice leader, staff solicitors, administrative staff and Auckland law firms' volunteers. It provides free generalist community legal services – legal advice, assistance, education and information – and representation to people with insufficient means to pay for a lawyer, with priority given to Auckland City Centre residents and communities. It is committed to providing legal education, particularly for community advocates, volunteers and not-for-profit organisations.

ACLC main areas of legal assistance include: domestic violence; family (e.g. care arrangements, paternity); immigration; employment; WINZ; HNZC; ACC; tenancy; civil; minor criminal; consumer (e.g. debt problems including hire-purchase, repossession); neighbourhood disputes (e.g. trees, fences, noise); and referral services to private legal practitioners for types of legal work outside its eligibility criteria and scope. For those eligible for legal aid it can refer applicants to a legal aid lawyer.

There are by appointment (tel. 09-377-9449) free legal advice clinics Thursday evenings 6-8pm for Auckland City Centre residents who fall within ACLC eligibility criteria. Initial advice is only given at face-to-face interviews arranged by prior telephone call.

Auckland Community Law Centre, Tasman Building (level 1), 16-22 Anzac Avenue, Auckland City Centre phone 09-377-9449 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm www.aclc.org.nz

City Centre CBD Residents

Use this telephone number 24/7: **09-301-0101**
Auckland Council Call Centre

For all complaints and reporting:

Noise Control – all occasions
CityWatch – report rowdiness and vandalism as it happens
Public Health Dangers - streets, footpaths, public spaces, squares, parks

(And Mon-Fri during business hours for all other Auckland Council services – including rubbish, recycling, rates info, Waitematā Board enquiries, graffiti removal and much more.)

After making a complaint or report, write down the *incident number* the operator gives you. If you need to call back should your problem repeat, it will help trace back to the first call.

城市中心商业区的居民
请全天使用如下电话号码：**09-301-0101**
奥克兰市政府呼叫中心

对于所有的投诉和报告：

所有场合的噪声控制。
CityWatch – 报告吵闹和破坏，因为它有时发生。
公共卫生安全 – 街道，人行道，公共场所，广场，公园等。

（周一至周五在营业时间内对所有其他奥克兰市政府服务 – 包括垃圾处理，回收，价位信息，“*Waitematā Board*”查询，涂鸦清除等等）。

提出投诉或报告后，请写下接线员给您的“事发号”– 如果相同情况复发您需再次联系呼叫中心，这将有助于追溯到您之前拨打的第一个电话内容。

SeePort POAL 24-26 January
10am-6pm Anniversary Weekend

Ports of Auckland (POAL) will again be opening its gates to Aucklanders to host SeePort - their annual open weekend. SeePort is a celebration of the port, shipping industry and Auckland's maritime heritage. The free event offers interactive displays, music, food, and loads more.

Activities include: bus and boat tours of the port (pre-booked); a supply chain mini golf course; storytelling sessions for the entire family, where you can hear the story of Auckland and its port (pre-booked); displays from Navy RHIBs, an air force helicopter, and, of course, the ever popular tugboats; and excursions to the Maritime School to visit their ship simulator (pre-booked).

On Sunday 25 September, SeePort will be open late as a chill-out zone for people to enjoy the concert being held on board the *HMNZS Otago* at Queens Wharf and the fireworks after. The displays will be closed but the kids' activities and the food stalls will remain open.

Celebrate 175 years of Auckland and its port this coming anniversary weekend at SeePort 2015.
For more information - and booking where required - visit www.poal.co.nz

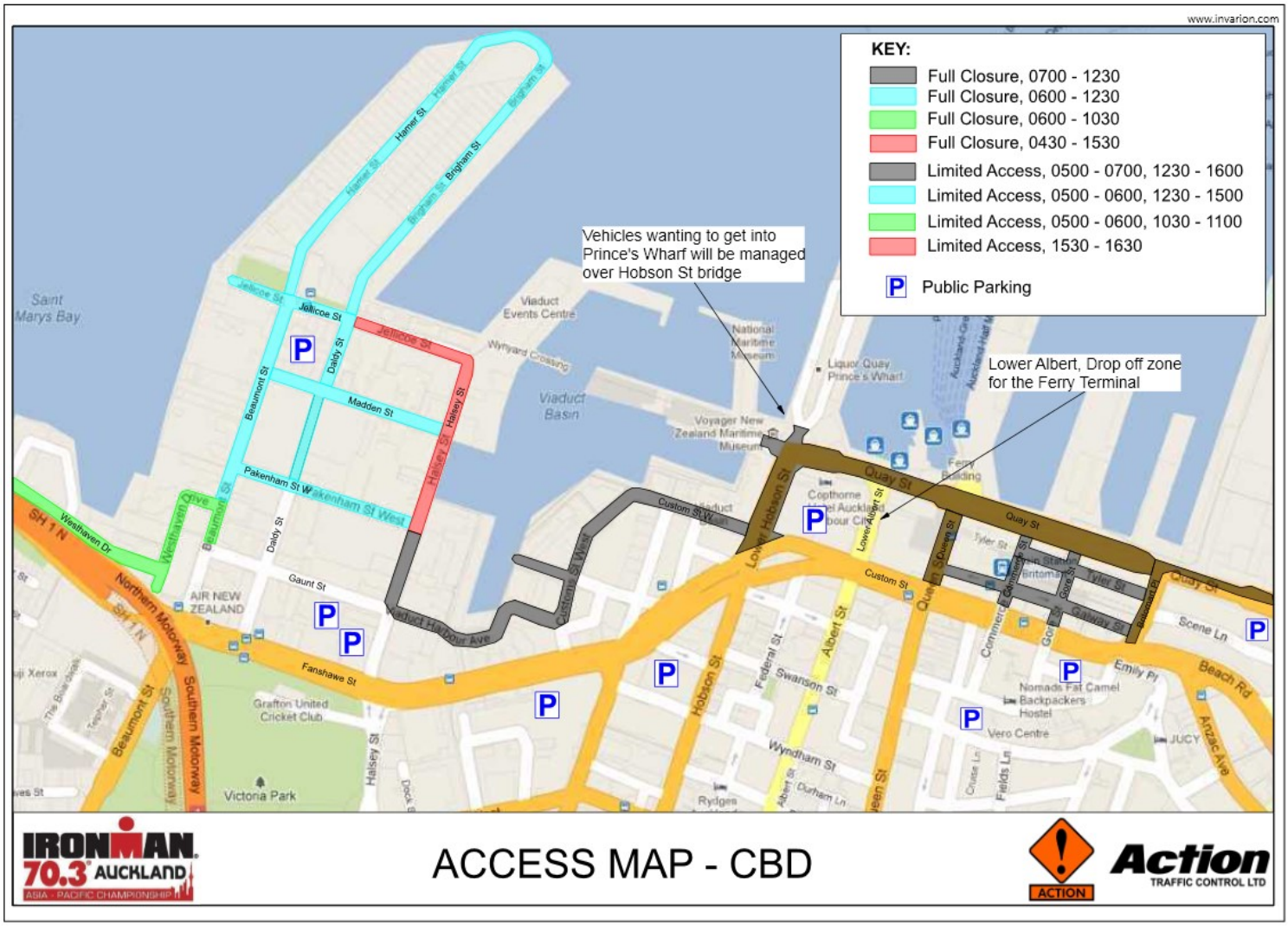
photos - POAL SeePort 2014

City Centre Road-Closures: 18 January 2015 Ironman 70.3 Auckland Triathlon

The Sunday 18 January 2015 Ironman 70.3 Auckland Triathlon will see staggered road-closures 0615–1500 hours in the city centre's Viaduct Harbour, Wynyard Quarter and along the waterfront. It includes a 21.1 km run along Auckland waterfront and a return cycle section over the Auckland Harbour Bridge southbound clip-ons.

There will be a city centre residential apartment letter-drop along the affected routes 6 & 7 January.

General event and access information is available at www.ironmanauckland.com or 09-303-4412.



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