

Event FAQs for the Domain / Royal Botanic Garden Sydney

What is the event?

Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour: La Traviata is presented by Opera Australia and is an iconic Sydney event now in its 9th year. With a magnificent stage on the water in Farm Cove, an event village based at Fleet Steps, and featuring fireworks every night, *La Traviata* on Sydney Harbour will be a night to remember.

Held from 27 March – 26 April 2020, performances are every night except Mondays and Good Friday. Ticket holders can access the event site from 5.00 pm for a 7.30 pm performance start time.

Where can I find more information about the event and how to attend?

To find out more information about this event and book tickets, click [here](#).

Which areas of The Domain / Garden are impacted by this event and when?

The event is situated at Fleet Steps in the Yurong Precinct of the Domain.

For visitor safety and event purposes, the Farm Cove sea wall path will be closed from the Yurong Gate between the following dates and times:

- **Bump in phase:** 3 March to 27 March 2020 (includes rehearsals from 17-26 March and opening night 27 March 2020) – Sea wall path closed all day and night
- **Performance days:** 28 March to 26 April 2020 – Sea wall path closed from 4.45 pm to 12.00 am (except Mondays & Good Friday)
- **Bump out phase:** 27 April to 10 May 2020 – Sea wall path closed all day and night

I am not attending the event, will I still be able to access the Domain / Garden on the event day/s?

Yes

What will the traffic and access impacts be?

We encourage patrons to use public transport to and from the event:

- **Train:** exit via St James, Martin Place or Circular Quay
- **Ferry:** walk to The Domain from Circular Quay
- **Bus:** for timetables, maps and trip planning visit www.transportnsw.info
- **Water Taxi:** Taxis will depart regularly from pick up points at Man O' War Jetty (next to Sydney Opera House) from 4.30 pm until 7.30 pm and drop off at The Andrew (Boy) Charlton Pool wharf in Woolloomooloo Bay, which is a 3 minute walk to the venue. After the show, water taxis will recommence for the return trip. Tickets are \$10 each way.
- **Taxi:** Mrs Macquarie's Road will be accessible for patrons travelling by taxi and taxis will be called at the conclusion of the performance to the entrance of the event on Mrs Macquarie's Road. To reduce congestion, patrons are encouraged to catch the free Shuttle bus (see below) and then catch a taxi from surrounding areas.
- **Shuttle bus:** The free pre-performance shuttle service starts at 4:30 pm until 7:30 pm and will loop from the Domain Car Park to the venue entrance on Mrs Macquarie's Road. The free post-performance shuttle service starts from 8:30 pm until 11:50 pm and will stop at both the Art Gallery of NSW and Domain Car Park.

Please note the following traffic changes will occur:

- **Road Closures**

No road closures, however there may be some traffic delays during peak ingress and egress. The performances start at 7.30 pm and finish approximately 10.05 pm.

- **Gate Closures**
Bump in & bump out phase: Yurong Gate to remain closed throughout this period, pedestrians diverted through Victoria Lodge Gate.
- **Footpath Closures ie Sea Wall walkway**
Bump in & bump out phase: There will be no public access along the Sea Wall or Fleet Steps during bump in & bump out phases. Yurong Gate to remain closed throughout bump in/out, pedestrians to be diverted through Victoria Lodge Gate
Event season: Access will be maintained along the Sea Wall until approximately 4.45 pm.
- **Parking restrictions / parking availability**
Limited metered parking is available on Mrs Macquaries Road and the Domain Carpark (operated by Wilson Parking). For prices visit: www.domaincarpark.com.au.
- **Mobility Pass Holder access**
As per standard access
- **Drop Off Zone**
An event drop off zone will be operational on Mrs Macquaries Road each event night near the entrance to Fleet Steps.

Will the Pavilion / Botanic Garden restaurant be open as usual?

Yes

Will the Garden Shop still be operating?

Yes

Will the Choo Choo Express still be operating?

Yes

Will there be any sound impacts related to this event?

Sound checks and rehearsals for this event will be carried out intermittently from 16 March to 26 March 2020 between 1.30 pm and 11.00 pm.

During performance days (from 27 March to 26 April), sound checks will take place from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm and event sound will commence from 5.00 pm until 11.00 pm. Fireworks will take place at each performance.

The Handa Opera Sound Management Hotline is: 0426 228 075

We are committed to complying with all legislation and guidelines covering amplified sound levels at outdoor events. Click [here](#) for our Noise Management Plan.

How can I find out more information on scheduled events held in The Domain and the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney?

Whilst we inform all immediate neighbours of events that may require traffic changes by email, we also provide event information via our website, eNewsletters, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and seasonal What's On Planners.

You can sign up to our eNewsletters [here](#) or join our online community via Facebook and Twitter to ensure you are informed.

What other events are scheduled to take place in in The Domain and the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney?

Visit our [What's On](#) web page to see what other events are happening.

How do I find out about holding an event in The Domain and Gardens?

The Domain and the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney have a range of venues for hire to suit a variety of different events. Please visit our [Venue Hire](#) web page to learn more.