

Sydney New Year's Eve Accessible Viewing Area

Mrs Macquaries Point

Royal Botanic Garden & Domain Trust

Mrs Macquarie's Point has panoramic views of the harbour, Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge. This is a popular viewing spot and it attracts large crowds. The general viewing areas are most suitable for people with good mobility or mild physical impairment who can move within crowded spaces.

ABOUT THE SITE

Site description

- Picnic style event which is wheelchair accessible, but movement is restricted as guests are seated on the lawn.
- Aisle ways are in place to allow movement from viewing areas to amenities/facilities
- Mostly grassed site with limited hard sealed viewing area
- Up to a one kilometre or a 15-minute walk from queuing area and entry gate to viewing areas –.
- Moderate slopes to access some of the general viewing areas but the accessible platform is on level ground.
- Minimal shelter or shade protection in queuing or viewing areas – bring a hat, sunscreen, rain jacket or umbrella.
- Accessible toilets.
- Onsite security and first aid.

Site access

- Patrons enter via Art Gallery Rd.
- The event site is approximately 900 metres from the entry point.
- The event site opens at 10am.
- The event finishes at 12.30am, with last drinks served at 11.45pm.
- If you require a buggy transfer to the event site, you must pre-book your seat via >> <https://www.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/whatson/newyaresevesydney2018/buggy-tranfers>

Bookings will not be taken on the day.

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Seating

- Patrons can bring their own picnic blanket and low-profile beach chairs
- General viewing areas are unreserved and fill on first in basis
- Guests with limited mobility who cannot sit on the lawn can pre-register for access to seating in the designated viewing area via www.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/NYE2017/Accessible-viewing-area
- Limited number of outdoor chairs in the accessible viewing area, bookings are essential

Food and drinks

- Guests are invited to bring a picnic. Sealed (un-opened) beverages can be brought in as well (strictly no glass bottles or containers).
- Food trucks available and will accommodate most dietaries.
- Licensed cash bars to purchase beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages available)

GETTING THERE

Public transport

This is the best way to get around on New Year's Eve.

Due to extensive road closures and high pedestrian traffic in the city, public transport is the easiest option to get to the event. There are additional trains, bus and ferry services available and transport hubs are within easy reach of this site.

The closest train stations are:

- **Martin Place Train Station:** 1 km from the managed access entry gate on Art Gallery Rd.
- **St James Train Station:** 900 m to the managed access gate entry gate on Art Gallery Rd.

To plan your trip, visit transportnsw.info or call 131 500.

Driving and parking

Driving is not recommended. Extensive road closures and clearways are in place around the city on New Year's Eve. See livetraffic.com.au for details.

If you do need to park, we would recommend pre-booking your spot at the Domain Carpark. Buggy transfers are available from this car park

https://www.wilsonparking.com.au/park/2303_The-Domain-Car-Park_St-Marys-Road-Sydney

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Nearest drop-off zone

The nearest access drop-off / pick-up zone for guests with limited mobility is located on the corner of Art Gallery Rd, and Hospital Rd.

AUDIO DESCRIPTION

Listen to a live audio description from 8.30pm on ABC Extra on digital radio and on the ABC Listen app and also through your radio reading service 2RPH on AM 12.24 or FM 100.5 in Sydney and Newcastle.

Highlights include Welcome to Country, 9pm family fireworks, Harbour of Light Parade and midnight fireworks display. Bring your own radio with headphones to tune in.

FIND OUT MORE

Plan a great night out with the official Sydney New Year's Eve website [sydneynewyourseve.com](https://www.sydneynewyourseve.com)

