

## New Year's Eve Picnic

Brought to you by Foundation and Friends of the Botanic Gardens

### Accessibility & Inclusion

The Royal Botanic Garden and Domain Trust caters for people with accessibility needs to create a safe, inclusive and enjoyable event for all.

The New Year's Eve Picnic, hosted by Foundation and Friends of the Botanic Gardens (Foundation & Friends), is a ticketed event located on the waterside of the Botanic Garden with great views of the Sydney Opera House. It is a popular event which is open to Foundation & Friends members only.

### **Site Description**

- The event site is approximately 600 metres or a 7-minute walk from the entry gates on Art Gallery Road.
- The site is outdoors and is an open overlooking Sydney Harbour and as such the area has no shade or cover. Please be prepared for all weather conditions, bring a hat, sunscreen, raincoat, umbrella (small personal size only) or spray jacket.
- There are accessible toilet facilities.
- There is onsite security and first aid.
- This is a BYO food and beverage style event.
- There is low level but adequate lighting.
- Pathways are sealed and relatively flat. There are steps through the event gate entry, however and alternative accessible gate is available adjacent to the gate.
- The event site is mostly grassed with limited hard sealed viewing areas.
- 1.5m aisle ways are in place to allow movement from viewing areas to amenities and facilities.
- The event site is unreserved with no seating, please feel free to bring along your favourite rug or low-profile fold-up chair.

### **Booking a Buggy Transfer**

The Royal Botanic Garden and Domain Trust assists guests with accessibility requirements to get to their event by offering a bookable and complimentary buggy transfer service.

As there are limited spots available bookings must be made in advance via the link below and is limited to two people per booking.

[www.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/nye2019/Accessibility-Information/Buggy-Transfer-to-Event](http://www.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/nye2019/Accessibility-Information/Buggy-Transfer-to-Event)

A Gardens representative will contact you via email to confirm the booking and advise further details

### Site Entry Information

- Entry is via Art Gallery Road. There is no access through the Royal Botanic Garden.
- Access is from 5.00pm.
- On arrival, you will be asked to show your event ticket in exchange for a wristband.

### Getting to the Event Entrance

- Public transport is the best way to get around on New Year's Eve.
- From Martin Place station, its 1km to the entry gate. There is a lift between Philip and Macquarie Streets at Martin Place station.
- From St James Station, it is 900m to the entry gate. There is a lift at the Elizabeth St entrance at Hyde Park.
- Trains will not stop at Circular Quay station between 6pm and 1am.
- Driving is not recommended. The nearest public car park is at The Domain. Its open until 3am on the night. [Bookings are essential](#). The car park has 2 lifts. Use the lift closest to the Art Gallery of NSW. It's about 240m to the entry gate.
- Vehicle clearance height in the car park is low at 1.9m.
- There are no drop-off zones with road closures in place from 5am.

### Something Else?

If you have specific requirements, please feel free to contact our NYE Team at

[nye.enquiries@bgcp.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nye.enquiries@bgcp.nsw.gov.au).

### Links

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