

New Year's Eve Picnic

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Where is New Year's Eve Picnic located?

A. The New Year's Eve Picnic is a waterside location, adjacent to Fleet Steps with views of Farm Cove, the Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge. Entry and exit is via Art Gallery Rd, which is closed to traffic on New Year's Eve.



The event site is approximately 800m or a 12-minute walk from the entry on Art Gallery Rd. Pathways are sealed and relatively flat, however there are moderately steep slopes to negotiate.

The entry gate has steps however an alternative accessible entry gate is available.

Ticket holders will be provided with an option to book mobility assistance if required.

Q. What time is the event?

A: Gates open at 5.00pm with last entry at 8.30pm. Entry after this time will not be permitted. The event finishes at 12.15am. **There are strictly no pass outs.**

Q: How do I get there?

A: 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 Station: 1km from the managed access entry gate on Art Gallery Rd
- St James Station: 900m to the managed access entry gate on Art Gallery Rd

For additional transport information visit www.transportnsw.com.au or phone 131 500.

All ticket holders will be sent detailed arrival and transport information via email prior to the event.

The closest car park to the event site is the Domain Car Park. Please refer to Wilsons Parking for further information. www.wilsonparking.com.au

Q: What is included in the ticket price?

A: Your ticket provides exclusive access to stunning waterside views of both the 9.00pm and midnight fireworks. The New Year's Eve Picnic is a BYO food and beverage event.

Every ticket purchased assists Foundation and Friends of the Botanic Gardens to continue our support of the Botanic Garden's vital work in science, horticulture, education and conservation.

Q: What will happen when I arrive?

A: Guests are invited to line up at the entry gate on Art Gallery Rd where your event ticket will be scanned and issued with a wrist band that you must wear for the duration of the event. Guests will then move through to the waiting area at Woolloomooloo Gate.

Q: Can I buy food at the event?

A: No, this is a self-catered event. All food and drinks must be brought into the event.

Q: Can I bring alcohol to the New Year's Eve Picnic?

A: Yes. The amount of alcohol permitted per person must fit into the equivalent of a small handheld esky. The responsible consumption of alcohol will be strictly enforced. If patrons arrive already under the influence of alcohol they will not be permitted entry. Bag searches will also be conducted on entry. **Please note: Any glassware (including wine, champagne and beer bottles) found on entry will be confiscated. Please decant drinks into plastic bottles/containers prior to arrival.**

Q: What items can't be brought into the Royal Botanic Garden?

The following items will not be allowed to be brought into the event site:

- Glassware – any glassware (including wine, champagne and beer bottles) found on entry will be confiscated. Please decant drinks into plastic bottles/containers prior to arrival. Plastic cups and utensils only will be accepted.
- Sharp knives
- Drones
- Balls
- Pets
- Illegal substances
- Weapons
- Aerosol cans
- Sparklers
- Party poppers
- Candles
- Large golf umbrellas (smaller umbrellas no more than 50 cm are permissible)
- Tents
- Portable BBQs are strictly prohibited
- Ground drink holders
- Ground party lights
- Chairs with legs that may sink into lawn – beach chairs are recommended
- Disposing of ice on the grass is prohibited

Q: What are the seating arrangements?

A: The event is a picnic-style event in an open event site, there is no reserved areas and no seating available on the event site, you may bring your own rug and low beach chairs to enjoy sitting on the grass. Please do not bring chairs with legs that may sink into the lawn.

Q: Is there shelter onsite?

A: No. The New Year's Eve Picnic is an outdoor event with no shelter. The event will go ahead in adverse weather conditions, guests should be prepared for all weather conditions and bring a jumper, poncho or spray jacket.

Q: What time are the fireworks?

A: There are two fireworks displays on New Year's Eve at 9.00pm and at midnight. Both displays are synchronised to music which is broadcast at the event.

Q. Is this an accessible event?

A. Yes, the event is wheelchair accessible. For detailed access information for people a disability please refer to the 'Accessibility Fact Sheet' on the website: www.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/nyepicnic.
Ticket holders will be provided with an option to book mobility assistance if required

Q: When do ticket sales close?

A: Ticket sales will close 2.00 pm on Monday 30 December 2019 unless sold out prior.

General Information

Are you Booking from Overseas?

Due to the risk of fraudulent transactions, we have restricted transactions on our website from countries other than Australia. If you tried to process transactions on our website and have failed, please email our office on foundation.friends@rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au, stating your name, address and what event you would like to book. We will then email you back and provide further details on how to book online.

Facilities and Site Details

Smoking: The New Year's Eve Picnic is a non-smoking site. There will be a designated smoking area, away from where patrons are seated.

Pass Outs: There are NO pass outs once a ticket holder has entered

Bag Checks

Please remember you are entering the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney and Domain – a sensitive environment. Please consider the safety of other patrons. **All patrons entering the site will be subject to security bag check and must show valid identification and tickets.** Restricted items may be confiscated, and entry refused to any persons not complying with conditions of entry.

Responsible Service of Alcohol

The responsible consumption of alcohol and Harm Minimisation Practices will be strictly enforced.

- Any patrons under the influence of alcohol on arrival will be refused entry.
- Only people aged 18 and over can drink alcoholic beverages.
- Patrons are also strictly prohibited from supplying alcohol to minors onsite (i.e. persons under 18 years of age).
- You may be required to present photographic ID to security.

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The Royal Botanic Gardens & Domain Trust is committed to achieving best practice in environmental management.

You can help us lessen the impact of NYE celebrations on our environment. How?

- Please use the correct bin when disposing of general waste or recycling
- Reuse your water bottle at the water refill stations provided
- Please bin your butts!