



# NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL

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# MEDIA RELEASE

## **NYE 2018 ticket trial in North Sydney**

Ticketing is being trialled at North Sydney's Blues Point Reserve for the first time this New Year's Eve.

As well as spectacular views of the harbour and fireworks, this alcohol-free event will feature a DJ and dancefloor, body art, face painting, and food trucks. Tickets for this event went on sale on 3 October, cost \$40 for adults, \$20 for children with under twos free, and can be purchased via Council's website.

Ticketing is being trialled at Blues Point at the request of NSW Police to assist with managing crowd safety. With a large part of the Blues Point site also taken up by the Metro project, crowd numbers have been reduced to 4,500.

Approximately 80,000 people come to North Sydney's parks and reserves each NYE to watch the fireworks, with tens of thousands more visiting residential properties or commercial venues.

With the implementation of the Federal Government Strategy for Protecting Crowded Places from Terrorism, there is increasing the emphasis on Council to manage crowd numbers and the safety of those who attend public events.

Council is consulting the community from 8 October to 19 November about the potential ticketing of North Sydney sites for NYE in future years. More information is available on Council's website.

Mayor Jilly Gibson said: "Ticketing at Blues Point is being trialled this year at the request of NSW Police. The community can still have their say on whether they would like to see sites ticketed in future years and in different locations when Council's NYE consultation begins."

Transport for NSW is currently using a large section of Blues Point as a retrieval site for the Metro tunnel-boring machines.

## **Ends**

For more information, contact the communications department on 9936 8130.