

CITY OF YARRA NEW YEAR'S EVE 2015 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



When and where does the ban on alcohol apply?

Alcohol consumption will not be permitted in Yarra's parks, open spaces, streets and other public areas from **9pm, Tuesday 30 December 2014** through to **9am, Thursday 1 January 2015**.

Outside of this period, alcohol consumption is allowed in local parks and gardens from 9am - 9pm.

Can I play music in the park?

Amplified music and drums are not permitted in Yarra's parks and gardens at any time. Penalties will apply.

However, unplugged instruments, such as acoustic guitars, are allowed in local parks.

Can I bring glass to the park?

Council strongly encourages visitors to Yarra's parks and gardens not to bring glass with them. Please leave glass at home.

I want to have a picnic in the park with my family and friends and see the fireworks, will we still be able to do that?

Yes, we are encouraging families to enjoy our parks and bring a picnic. The grandstand in the Peterson Oval is a good place to see the fireworks. Firework times are 9.30pm and midnight.

We do expect this to be a popular spot and we will be managing access to the grandstand to ensure it does not get over crowded.

Can we stay in the park all night?

Yes, local parks will operate as usual and there are no time restrictions on entering the parks.

Visitors to the park are reminded to keep noise to a minimum.

Council is providing additional lighting into Edinburgh Gardens, so it will be well lit with safe travel paths nominated.

How will Council supervise all the parks?

We will be operating a control centre that will coordinate our supervision of the municipality. We are working closely with Victoria Police as well as with other security professionals to ensure we can mobilise our response to any incidents that may occur.

What will be happening in Edinburgh Gardens?

Edinburgh Gardens will have a special focus because of the particularities of the park and because of the events of last year. Council has been planning our operations to manage this park for the last months and we will be putting in additional infrastructure and monitoring the park very closely.

We have developed a site plan for the Gardens and we hope this will help our community in enjoying the park for the evening.

Will there be enough toilets?

Yes, we have hired portable toilets and these will be placed in a number of areas across the park. These will be cleaned regularly during the night.

Is there extra lighting?

Yes, we will have lighting throughout the Gardens.

Is there entertainment?

There will be no entertainment this year, but Council will consider commissioning this in future years.

How will you keep the park clean?

There will be plenty of bins and these can be moved to places that are convenient to the community on the night. We also have event cleaners who will be doing a thorough clean of the park first thing on New Year's Day.

Can I bring my own BBQ?

Yes, you can but we do encourage people to be mindful of others and minimise the equipment you bring to the park. It is a very popular park and it can get crowded.

Will there be food vans?

There will be four food vans operating in the perimeter of the park. Two will stop trading at 4pm and the other two will stop trading at 9pm.

What can I do to make sure we can all enjoy New Year's Eve and keep Yarra beautiful and safe?

- Help us spread the message about no drinking in public places from 9pm 30 December to 9am 1 January
- Keep our parks glass free
- Put any rubbish you make in the bins supplied or take it home with you
- Report any issues to our hotline, whether they are complaints or if you see something that needs our attention

Who can I call on New Year's Eve if I need to report a noise, rubbish or other related issue or make a complaint?

You can call Yarra's call centre any time **9205 5555** and we will direct your call to the relevant people