

I200. Arts, Civic and Entertainment Precinct

I200.1. Precinct description

The Arts, Civic and Entertainment Precinct is located at the head of the Queen Street Valley. Auckland's major arts and entertainment venues are situated in or near the precinct, including the Aotea Centre, Civic Theatre, Town Hall, Q Theatre, Art Gallery, St James Theatre, Central Public Library, and private galleries. The precinct also has a number of cafés, restaurants, cinemas, hotels and bars. Aotea Square is the focus for gatherings, processions and celebrations.

The purpose of the precinct is to provide for civic activities, ceremonies, functions, entertainment and performing arts, while ensuring development respects the special character and historic heritage places within the precinct.

The precinct contains a number of historic heritage places with a diversity of styles ranging from classical to modern and post-modern. The character of the older buildings exerts a strong presence in Queen and Wellesley streets and parts of Aotea Square.

The zoning of the land is Business – City Centre Zone and Open Space – Civic Spaces Zone.

I200.2. Objectives

- (1) The Arts, Civic and Entertainment Precinct is used as the primary location for civic activities, ceremonies and functions.
- (2) The precinct is maintained as the focus of performing arts, entertainment and events.
- (3) Built form respects and reinforces the distinctive form and scale of identified special character buildings and historic heritage places.
- (4) Pedestrian linkages through the precinct and to and from other parts of the city centre are maintained and enhanced.

The overlay, Auckland-wide and zone objectives apply in this precinct in addition to those specified above.

I200.3. Policies

- (1) Encourage arts, entertainment, civic functions, and temporary events to occur in the Arts, Civic and Entertainment Precinct.
- (2) Promote Aotea Square as Auckland's main focal point for public occasions by providing for a range of events and activities.
- (3) Require building design to respect the form, scale and architecture of identified special character buildings and historic heritage places.
- (4) Enhance the public function, pedestrian network and public spaces within the precinct.

The overlay, Auckland-wide and zone policies apply in this precinct in addition to those specified above.

I200.4. Activity table

The provisions in any relevant overlays, zone and the Auckland-wide apply in this precinct unless otherwise specified below.

Table I200.4.1 specifies the activity status of development activities in the sub-precinct A – Aotea Square pursuant to section 9(3) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

- The duration of the temporary activities specified below includes the time required to establish and remove all structures and activities associated with the activity and reinstate the site to its original condition.
- All events on public land must obtain an event permit from the Council (and permission from Auckland Transport if required for activities on roads) in addition to any resource consent requirements.

Table I200.4.1. Activity table Sub-precinct A - Aotea Square

| Activity | | Activity status |
|-----------------|--|------------------------|
| (A1) | Temporary activities for up to 21 consecutive days | P |
| (A2) | Two temporary activities for up to 49 consecutive days per calendar year | P |
| (A3) | Temporary activities not otherwise provided for | RD |
| (A4) | Markets | P |
| (A5) | Noise events | P |

I200.5. Notification

- (1) Any application for resource consent for an activity listed in Table I200.4.1 Activity table above will be subject to the normal tests for notification under the relevant sections of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- (2) When deciding who is an affected person in relation to any activity for the purposes of section 95E of the Resource Management Act 1991 the Council will give specific consideration to those persons listed in Rule C1.13(4).

I200.6. Standards

I200.6.1. Sub-precinct A

The overlay, zone and Auckland-wide standards apply in Sub-precinct A, except the following:

- Standards H8.6.2-H8.6.32 of the Business – City Centre Zone; and
- E27 Transport.

All permitted and restricted discretionary activities listed in Table I206.4.1 Activity table must comply with the following standards.

I200.6.2. Noise events

- (1) Up to 18 noise events are allowed in Aotea Square in a 12-month period.
- (2) The noise event including sound checks, shall start no earlier than 9.00am and shall finish not later than 11pm Sunday to Thursday inclusive, midnight Fridays and Saturdays and 1.00am New Year's Day.
- (3) Nine of the allowable noise events may be up to 80db LAeq and 85dBA L1.
- (4) Nine of the allowable noise events may not exceed 85db LAeq and 90dBA L1.

I200.6.3. Measurement of noise events

- (1) The noise levels of noise events must be met when measured from the boundary of 68 Greys Avenue.
- (2) Where the noise levels are found to have been complied with at the specified locations then the noise event will be deemed to have complied with the requirements of I200.6.2(3) and (4).
- (3) The L_{Aeq} noise levels to be met are incidence noise levels averaged over the duration of the event but are not to include sound testing or balancing. No corrections can be made to the measured incident noise level. Crowd noise must not be included in any noise measurement.

I200.6.4. Buildings and ancillary structures

- (1) No temporary signage or lighting shall be placed on or affixed to any trees or heritage buildings within Aotea Square.
- (2) No structures are to be placed within 10m of the scheduled Auckland City Town Hall.

I200.6.5. Trees

- (1) There shall be no pruning of, or structures within, the dripline of any tree located within the grassed areas of Aotea Square unless carried out by Council or its agents.

I200.7. Assessment – controlled activities

There are no controlled activities in this section.

I200.8. Assessment – restricted discretionary activities

I200.8.1. Matters of discretion

The Council will restrict its discretion to all of the following matters when assessing a restricted discretionary activity resource consent application, in addition to the matters specified for the relevant restricted discretionary activities in the overlay, Auckland wide or zone provisions:

- (1) temporary activities not otherwise provided for:
 - (a) refer to the matters in E40 Temporary activities.

I200.8.2. Assessment criteria

The Council will consider the relevant assessment criteria below for restricted discretionary activities, in addition to the assessment criteria specified for the relevant restricted discretionary activities in the overlay, Auckland wide or zone provisions:

(1) temporary activities not otherwise provided for:

(a) refer to the assessment criteria in E40 Temporary activities.

I200.9. Special information requirements

There are not special information requirements in this precinct.

I200.10. Precinct plans

I200.10.1 Arts, Civic and Entertainment: Precinct plan 1 - Sub-precinct A - Aotea Square

