



February 19, 2019

Dear Business Owner and Resident,

Auckland Council has requested that we advise you that the St Patrick's Parade and Music & Dance Festival is scheduled for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

The events are part of the annual St Patrick's Festival which celebrates New Zealand's rich Irish connections – [www.stpatrick.co.nz](http://www.stpatrick.co.nz).

We are working closely with various agencies, including Auckland Transport, NZ Police and Auckland Regional Transport Authority to ensure this event is managed in a safe and professional manner. NZ Police will be assisting with a rolling road closure which ensures the road is opened up immediately after we have passed through.

Access for emergency and essential vehicles will be maintained at all times.

A traffic management plan has been developed and will be administered on the day by a professional traffic management company.

Following are details of the Parade Route, road closures and parking restrictions:

**Parade Route:**

Floats assemble from 7am with Parade participants assembling from 9am in Fort Street (between Customs Street East and Gore Street). The Parade steps off from this area at 11.45am, turns left onto Customs Street East then left onto Queen Street. Parade disperses between Airedale Street and Mayoral Drive from 12.45pm.

**Parking Restrictions and Road Closure Times:**

Fort St/Commerce St	8am-1pm
Queen Street between Wakefield Street and Mayoral Drive	9am-5pm
Customs Street East and Queen Street	10am-1pm

**Authorised Parking:**

Airedale Street	9am- 5pm
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Queen Street will be closed as the Parade moves through, and will be re-opened immediately after the Parade. There are parking restrictions in place on Queen Street between 9am-5pm.

Signage will be installed the day prior and the area will be enforced by Auckland Council Parking Services. Unauthorised vehicles will be towed where required.

The Music & Dance Festival will take place in Queen Street between Wakefield Street and Airedale Street, from 12pm to 5pm on Sunday 17 March 2019.

We would like to encourage the businesses located along the parade route to join us in celebrating St Patrick's Day, Ireland's National Day.

We apologise for any inconvenience that the restrictions may cause, and offer our thanks for your support and cooperation during this event. If you require any further information regarding this event please contact Pam Glaser on 0274 599 634, or Ruchita Patel, Event Facilitator Auckland Council on 09 301 0101.

Yours sincerely,

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