



MEDIA STATEMENT

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For immediate release

Art Deco Festival set to run, whatever the traffic light *Plans in place to give certainty to Festival-goers*

The Art Deco Trust has today released its plan for managing February's Art Deco Festival under the Covid-19 Protection Framework (Traffic Light System), giving as much certainty as possible for the tens of thousands of people making plans to attend the ticketed and free events.

Festival Director of the Art Deco Trust - Art Deco Festival, Greg Howie says planning for the four-day Festival from 16 – 20 February is well advanced, and the Covid Protection Framework means plans are in place no matter what the traffic light settings are at the time.

“The current traffic light settings are in place till 31 January and Hawke’s Bay is in Orange. Cabinet will review the settings for all New Zealand on 17th January and we are ready for any eventuality.”

“With gathering limits in uncontrolled spaces now in place in all settings of the Protection Framework, several of the Festival’s free events have been reimagined so they can still go ahead and provide a safe environment for people.” says Mr Howie.

Special controlled areas have been created for the free events and entertainment over the weekend, taking in the Napier Soundshell, Veronica Sun Bay and the upper and lower lawns adjacent to Marine Parade; Albert Square, Hastings; and Tremain Field at Park Island. Access and entry will be managed, and Vaccination Pass checking will be a condition of entry.

Vaccination Passes will also be required to attend all Art Deco Festival events – including Art Deco Trust events, associated events and independent events – and Pass checking will be a condition of entry at each venue.

Today, the Trust has advised all ticket buyers of this condition of entry. Ticket buyers who cannot or choose not to be vaccinated, will be eligible for a full refund.

Mr Howie explains that if any ticketed events are forced to be changed because of a change in Traffic Light settings (e.g., orange to red), refunds will be available.

We understand people are hesitant to commit to events when there is so much uncertainty around Covid, but the Protection Framework means we can assure people they will be able to safely enjoy the events and entertainment on offer, and they know in advance what will happen if the settings should change.” said Mr Howie.

“The same applies to the hundreds of entertainers, artists, contractors, event venues and suppliers involved in staging this world-class Festival.”

“Once the Government decides any changes to the settings in mid-January, we will update the Art Deco Festival website www.artdecofestival.co.nz with details of any event changes that need to be made.

“In the meantime, we encourage people to get online to make sure they don’t miss out on the many ticketed events and to see the great line-up of free community events on offer during the Festival.” concluded Mr Howie.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Attached please find details of the Art Deco Festival 2022 plans under the Covid-19 Protection Framework. These are also available at www.artdecofestival.co.nz .

ABOUT THE ART DECO TRUST

Napier’s unique heritage is passionately protected under the careful governance of the Art Deco Trust. The Trust drives Napier’s art deco preservation movement, providing leadership, networking, co-ordination, advocacy and promotion.

The Trust is responsible for Napier’s iconic summer and winter Art Deco Festivals attracting thousands of visitors to the city each year and runs guided walks and tours of Napier’s art deco CBD, vintage car tours and the art deco retail shop on the corner of Tennyson and Herschell Streets.

The Trust also has an important role in preserving and protecting Napier’s art deco buildings.

The Trust is funded through public membership, corporate sponsorship, community grants and local government funding support; as well as revenue earned from its walks and tours business and the art deco festivals.

FESTIVAL MAP

-  Performance Areas
-  Toilets
-  Food
-  Festival Garden Bar
-  Controlled Access Event Area
-  Entrance/Exit (Vaccination Pass Required)
-  Art Deco Trust



ART DECO FESTIVAL NAPIER

ENJOYING ART DECO FESTIVAL NAPIER 2022 UNDER THE TRAFFIC LIGHT PROTECTION FRAMEWORK

GREEN

- ALL TICKETED EVENTS PROCEED AS PLANNED.
- ALL FREE EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN A CONTROLLED ACCESS AREA ENCOMPASSING THE SOUNDSHELL, THE VERONICA SUN BAY AND THE UPPER AND LOWER LAWNS.
- VACCINATION PASS IS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY AT BOTH TICKETED AND FREE EVENTS.

ORANGE

- ALL TICKETED EVENTS PROCEED AS PLANNED.
- ALL FREE EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN A CONTROLLED ACCESS AREA ENCOMPASSING THE SOUNDSHELL, THE VERONICA SUN BAY AND THE UPPER AND LOWER LAWNS.
- VACCINATION PASS IS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY AT BOTH TICKETED AND FREE EVENTS.

RED

- TICKETED EVENTS LIMITED TO 100 GUESTS.
- ALL FREE EVENTS WILL BE CANCELLED.
- SOME TICKETED EVENTS WILL BE CANCELLED.
- VACCINATION PASS IS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY TO ALL TICKETED EVENTS.

FURTHER DETAILS AT: www.artdecofestival.co.nz