



The Toroa sculpture, Carter Fountain, City to Sea Bridge Paratene Matchitt sculptures, and the Michael Fowler Centre will be lit up to acknowledge the Māori New Year, and guide your journey.



Matariki ki Pōneke

Nau mai, haere mai! Celebrate the Māori New Year with a stunning free whānau experience.

Matariki is a time for remembering the past, celebrating the present, and looking to the future. Enjoy an immersive walk-through journey on the Wellington waterfront. Start your hikoi through one of the Waharoa.

Find out more at
wellington.govt.nz/matariki

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Me Heke Ki Pōneke

Matariki ki Pōneke Map key

- Waharoa
- Projections
- Performances
- Installations

- 1 Waharoa
- 2 Waharoa
- 3 Reclaimed Moana
- 4 Te Arawhiti Rama
- 5 He Moana Whairepo & Amplify
- 6 Hiwa-i-te-rangi by Jamie Berry
- 7 Te Ahi kā. Nō Rua, nō Mango, nō runga i te rangi
- 8 12 stage percussion sonic wave by Te Kōki - New Zealand School of Music
- 9 Puanga ki Matariki - Te Tau Hou Māori (performances and activities)
- 10 Waituhi mural by Tane Morris
- 11 Waituhi flags
- 12 Te Umu Kohukohu whetū, is lit for warmth and to signify remembrance
- 13 Pou Rama light sculptures
- 14 Ahi Pou, a uniquely crafted fire Pou by artist David Hakaraia



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Ahi Kā

A journey through fire, imagery, and stories
6pm–9pm, Thursday 23–Sunday 26 June
Wellington Waterfront

Matariki Fireworks

7.15pm, Friday 24 June
Wellington Waterfront
(postponement dates, 25 or 26 June)



Programme:

Thursday 23 June

- 6pm-9pm Ahi Kā - a journey through fire, imagery, and stories.
- 6pm Karakia outside Te Papa, followed by a multi-performer Drum Wave, created by Te Kōki - New Zealand School of Music Director Sally Jane Norman, in collaboration with composer Riki Gooch, celebrating the University's 125th anniversary and connection to the capital.
- 6pm-8pm **Puanga ki Matariki - Te Tau Hou Māori**
Musical performances by Amba Holly, Nai McGregor, and Aja Wairere, on Te Ngākau Civic Square.
- 7pm Drum Wave on waterfront.

Friday 24 June

- 1pm-6pm **Puanga ki Matariki - Te Tau Hou Māori***
A free CubaDupa Toi Māori programme for whānau of all ages, including performances by Māori artists, a weaving wānanga, art activities, storytelling, porotiti making, and more. Presented by Creative Capital Arts Trust in collaboration with the Council, E Tū Whānau, and Te Wharewaka o Pōneke.
- 4pm-8.30pm Food trucks (fireworks night only).
- 6pm-9pm Ahi Kā - a journey through fire, imagery, and stories.
- 7.15pm Matariki Fireworks.

Saturday 25 June

- 6pm-9pm Ahi Kā - a journey through fire, imagery, and stories.

Sunday 26 June

- 6pm-9pm Ahi Kā - a journey through fire, imagery, and stories.

*See full programme details at wellington.govt.nz/matariki