



Matariki ki te Manawa Partner Events and Experiences

Programme:

Mangōpare

By Arama Tamariki-Enua and Angus Muir

Britomart, Takutai Square

Fri 26 June – Thu 16 July, 5.30pm – 10pm

A light exhibition by Arama Tamariki-Enua (Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, Tumu-te-Varovaro, Rarotonga), in collaboration with Angus Muir and Catherine Ellis, and featuring a soundscape by Peter Hobbs, on display in Takutai Square from 26 June to 16 July as part of the immersive ara toi/art trail, Tūhono.

Find out more: [Celebrating Matariki at Britomart](#)

AHIKĀ-Matariki Ahikā | Ngāti Whātua Ahikā

Q Theatre, Rangatira, 305 Queen Street, Auckland City Centre

Mon 29 June, 6pm

Tumutumuwhenua Cultural Trust will elevate and celebrate Matariki and Ngāti Whātua in this intimate yet powerful presentation, AHIKĀ.

Find out more: [AHIKĀ - Matariki Ahikā | Ngati Whatua Ahikā](#)

Matariki Make Days | Memory Stones

New Zealand Maritime Museum

Every Sunday in July, 10am – 2pm

Drop in with your whānau to create a memory stone in honour of someone special.

Find out more: [Make Days at the Maritime Museum](#)

Constellations

Presented by Silo Theatre with support from Q Theatre

Q Theatre, Loft, 305 Queen Street, Auckland city centre

Thu 2 – Sun 19 Jul

Set under the stars of Matariki, this Aotearoa adaptation by Nī Dekkers-Reihana reimagines Nick Payne's award-winning play through a te ao Māori lens.

Find out more: [Constellations | Q Theatre](#)

Matariki Night Markets

Presented by SkyCity

SkyCity Auckland: Atrium & Plaza Cnr Victoria and Federal Street

Fri 3 Jul, Sat 4 Jul, Fri 10 Jul, Sat 11 Jul, 4pm–10pm

Explore a vibrant mix of Māori and Pasifika food stalls and crafts, while enjoying live Kapa Haka, musicians, and interactive workshops.

Find out more: [Matariki at SkyCity](#)

The Stars of Matariki | Ngā Whetū o Matariki

New Zealand Maritime Museum

Sat 4 – Sun 19 July, 10am – 5pm

Drop into the museum and watch the story of Matariki unfold through sand art.

Find out more: [The Stars of Matariki](#)

He Waiata mā Waitā

New Zealand Maritime Museum

Sat 4 July, sessions at 11am & 1pm, Sat 4 July, Sessions at 11am & 1pm

Join Hinekoia Tomlinson from Waiata Mai Vocal Coaching for a fun, inclusive waiata session for the whole whānau.

Find out more: [He waiata mā Waitā](#)

Under the Matariki Stars

Central City Library, 42-44 Lorne Street, Auckland city centre

Sat 4 – Sun 19 July, Mon-Fri: 9am – 5pm, and Sat-Sun: 10am – 5pm

Experience projections of whētū in the night sky at Tāmaki Pātaka Kōrero. Our event space will be transformed into a lower sensory environment, creating a peaceful setting for reflection to look upon the grandeur of Rangi Sky Father.

Find out more: [Under the Matariki Stars](#)

Matariki projections and lighting on the Sky Tower

Presented by SkyCity

Sky Tower, Cnr Victoria and Federal Street

Schedule:

Sat 4 - Thur 9 July-Tower Lighting (rising)

Fri 10 - Sun 11 July-Tower projections

Mon 12 - Sun 19 July-Tower lighting (setting)

Look to the sky for a colourful light display and artistic works over this Matariki period. The Sky Tower will luminate in synergy with the appearance of the Matariki constellation, welcoming in the new year. On 10 and 11 July, animated works by young local artists will be projected onto the Sky Tower, in collaboration with SkyCity Auckland Community Trust.

Find out more: [Matariki at SkyCity](#)

The Whetū of Matariki

Central City Library

42-44 Lorne Street, Auckland city centre

Sat 4 – Sun 19 July Mon-Fri: 9am – 5pm, Sat-Sun: 10am – 5pm

An exhibition of whetū and their stories, featuring artwork by AUT design student Te Awanui-a-Rangi Teresa Clark (Ngāpuhi). Learn about the pūrākau of Matariki, engage with the interactive component, and share your own connection with a Matariki whetū. The exhibition will appear on the ground floor of Tāmaki Pātaka Kōrero.

Find out more: [The Whetū of Matariki](#)

Matariki Herenga Waka-July Holiday Programme

New Zealand Maritime Museum

Mon 6 – Thu 9 July and Mon 13 – Fri 17 Jul, 10am – 2:30pm

Join for a hands-on Matariki adventure exploring waka, star navigation and traditional knowledge.

Find out more: [Matariki Herenga Waka](#)

Toi Ngākau–Raranga

Central City Library, 42-44 Lorne Street, Auckland city centre

Fri 7 July 5pm & Fri 24 July 2pm

A series of workshops with master weaver Te Whāea (Ngāti Whatua Ōrakei), of Te Puāwai Weavers Collective. Join us as we launch this series of wānanga with master weaver Te Whāea (Ngāti Whātua Ōrakei) of Te Puāwai Weavers Collective, who will be sharing her knowledge of raranga using harakeke. This is a free workshop. Participants of all abilities are welcome and materials will be provided. Bookings essential.

Find out more: [Toi Ngākau - Raranga](#)

Te Karanga-a-Hape–Matariki 2026

Karangahape Road, Auckland city centre

Thu 9 July, 6.30am – 10.00pm

Mihi whakatau 5pm

Main stage performances from 5.15pm

A free celebration of community and connection. Te Karanga-a-Hape returns 9 July, transforming Karangahape Road into a free Matariki celebration of light, music, storytelling and connection.

Find out more: [Karangahape Road](#)

Waiata Anthems in Concert

Auckland Town Hall

Thurs 9 July, 7:30pm

Experience the original songs from this iconic multi award-winning 2019 album, as Auckland Philharmonia and the next generation of up-and-coming young Waiata Anthems artists pay tribute to the album that helped start a movement.

Find out more: [Waiata Anthems in Concert - Auckland Philharmonia](#)

Kapa haka performance by Te Kapunga, Te Haikura a Kiwa

Britomart, Takutai Square**Thu 9 July, 5.30pm**

Before Matariki begins, kapa haka performers from Te Kapunga will gather in Takutai Square to perform waiata marking the arrival of the Māori New Year. Guests can enjoy free hot chocolate from Miann and pastries from Amano alongside the performance, while taking in *Mangōpare*, the light exhibition by Arama Tamariki-Enua in collaboration with Angus Muir and Catherine Ellis and featuring a soundscape by Peter Hobbs.

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Matariki Ahunga Nui 2026**Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki****Fri 10 July, 10 am – 5pm**

Join us for Matariki Ahunga Nui at Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki! This free, whānau-friendly event celebrates community, fun and creativity.

Find out more: [Matariki-ahunga-nui-2026](#)

Kāhui Whetū Make Days**New Zealand Maritime Museum****Fri 10 – Sun 12 Jul, 10am – 2pm**

Explore the symbolism of the moana in traditional Māori weaving through this whānau-friendly activity.

Find out more: [Kāhui Whetū – Make Days](#)

Matariki Sunrise Yoga**Presented by SkyCity****Sky Tower: Main Observation Deck, Cnr Victoria and Federal Street****Fri 10 Jul & Sat 11 Jul, 7am**

With 360-degree views over Auckland's CBD, welcome the Māori New Year with a moment of reflection before finishing off with a soul-warming Kawakawa tea included with your ticket.

Find out more: [Matariki at SkyCity](#)

Matariki Kōrero**Te Wharekura, 117 Quay Street, Auckland city centre****Sat 11 July, 11am – 12pm****Sat 18 July, 11am – 12pm**

These sessions invite tamariki, whānau, manuhiri and those beginning a journey into te ao Māori. Framed by the values of taiao ora, tangata ora, Te Wharekura offers an immersive place to listen and reflect.

Find out more: [Matariki Kōrero - OurAuckland](#)

Kapa haka performance by Te Kapunga, Te Haikura a Kiwa**Britomart, Takutai Square****Tue 14 July, 12 – 2pm**

The acclaimed kapa haka performers from Manurewa's Te Haikura a Kiwa return to Takutai Square to share their magic through powerful waiata and kapa haka. Performances will take place at 12.15pm and 1pm bringing energy and pride to Matariki celebrations. DJ G7 will be play before and after the performances while Māmā's Hangi will be serving delicious hangi throughout lunchtime.

Find out more: [Celebrating Matariki at Britomart](#)

Ngā Pātaki ma Matariki

Central City Library, 42-44 Lorne Street, Auckland city centre

Wed 15 July, 1 – 2pm

Kōrero about Matariki in our kaupapa Māori space with our Māori research specialist Mihi Henare (Ngāti Hine, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Porou, Te Whānau-a-Apanui). This is a free, whānau-friendly event to engage and ask questions about Matariki.

Find out more: [Ngā Pātaki ma Matariki](#)

Matariki for Tamariki

Presented by The New Zealand Dance Company

Britomart, Takutai Square

Wed 15 July, 12.15pm

The New Zealand Dance Company brings a free performance to Takutai Square by dancer and choreographer Sean MacDonald (Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Raukawa). The performance showcases the journey of a group of friends throughout Aotearoa during the Matariki season – an annual custom that honours ongoing relationships to place and each other.

Find out more: [Celebrating Matariki at Britomart](#)

Kapa haka performance by Te Wharekura o Hoani Waititi Marae

Britomart, Takutai Square

Thu 16 July, 12pm - 2pm

Hoani Waititi Marae will bring their award-winning energy of kapa haka to Takutai Square. The performance will offer audiences a chance to experience the beauty and mana of kapa haka. DJ Dazzle will play before and after the performance, while Māmā's Hangi will be serving delicious hāngī during lunchtime.

Find out more: [Celebrating Matariki at Britomart](#)

Herenga Waka: where we come from

Presented by Maraki Productions and Basement Theatre

Basement Theatre, 323 Queen Street, Auckland city centre

This Matariki, join us for a curation of kiriata focussed on identity, reflections and inclusion from Aotearoa, Te Whenua Moemoeā and beyond.

Find out more: [Herenga Waka](#)

Manahua–A Weavers' Collective

New Zealand Maritime Museum

Sat 18 July, 10:30am – 3pm

Spend some time with Manahua–A Weavers’ Collective, sit and watch weaving take shape, ask questions, or pull up a chair for a kōrero.

Find out more: [Manahua – A Weavers’ Collective](#)

Celestial Matariki Market

Ellen Melville Centre

2 Freyberg Place, Auckland city centre

Sat 18 July, 12 – 4pm

This Matariki, join us for a warm, vibrant, whānau-friendly indoor experience. Curated by Celestial Corner, a Māori wāhine-led creative kaupapa, this gathering honours the spirit of Matariki. Makers from across Tāmaki Makaurau will offer handmade and uniquely designed works in a cosy, welcoming space. Expect an uplifting atmosphere, live DJ sets, chill-out zones and free creative activities inspired by bespoke Māori artwork that encourages you to stay, explore and connect with friends. Come along with whānau, support local makers and be in to win treats throughout the day

Find out more: [Celestial Matariki Market](#)