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Free Vantage Points to watch 2009 Sydney New Year's Eve

More than 40 prime spectator spots are now part of the 2009 Sydney New Year's Eve vantage point map, ensuring there are plenty of places to catch the world's greatest fireworks show.

The City of Sydney has worked with surrounding Councils to include important information about access and restrictions for most parks around the harbour so people can plan their night.

"There are now more than 40 parks and public spaces around the harbour which are absolutely free to access on our updated online Sydney New Year's Eve vantage point map," said Lord Mayor Clover Moore MP.

"To plan ahead visit www.sydneynewyeartheve.com so you know about each site and can secure your viewing space early."

The City of Sydney provides three free serviced sites at Pyrmont Point Park, Bicentennial Park in Glebe and Embarkation Park in Kings Cross, which allow people to enjoy food and beverages from vendors at some of the city's best viewing locations.

For the first time the State Government will open Barangaroo for 2009 Sydney New Year's Eve for up to 10,000 ticketholders from 7pm to 1am as a family friendly viewing area.

Tickets are free, but limited to 10,000 and must be booked in advance through Ticketek, which will attract a small booking fee.

For a safe and enjoyable 2009 Sydney New Year's Eve:

- Pick a vantage point and be aware that popular areas fill up quickly
- Plan ahead if you're heading to the Harbour foreshore and take public transport
- Remember not to take glass to the event and place rubbish into bins provided
- To get the full multimedia Sydney New Year's Eve experience, tune your radio to 104.1 2Day FM to hear the synchronised fireworks soundtracks
- People at home won't miss out with Channel 9 broadcasting the fireworks spectacular live from 8.30pm and again at 11.30pm.

For more information or images of Sydney New Year's Eve celebrations, visit the website www.sydneynewyeartheve.com

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The official charity for 2009 Sydney New Year's Eve is the Australian Conservation Foundation. For more information and inspiration, and to make your Green Leaf commitment visit www.newgreenleaf.com

The event is powered by Green Power

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2009 Sydney New Year's Eve is part of Vivacity.

Kicking off with the spectacular 2009 Sydney New Year's Eve fireworks, the celebrations continue with Sydney Festival, including Festival First Night and the not to be missed AR Rahman concert at Parramatta Park, the Eliasson exhibition at the Museum of Contemporary Art, the prestigious Medibank International Sydney tennis and Australia Day. To make the most of your New Year in Sydney visit www.vivacitysydney.com

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