

# Media Release

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## Docklands to fire up at 9.15pm & Midnight this New Year's Eve

Melbourne City councillors have unanimously decided to retain the 9.15pm fireworks at Docklands this New Year's Eve.

Councillor Kevin Louey, Chair of the Docklands Coordination Committee said the record crowds at last year's event had lead to Council reviewing the best approach in accommodating both families and revellers.

"It is tradition for many families to head to the city to enjoy the magnificent fireworks and we will be working on a program that will allow families to enjoy the early evening whilst minimising the crossover of revellers hitting the city in the countdown to midnight.

Yarra Park has been introduced as the main venue for family celebrations for 2009.

"We will retain the 9.15pm fireworks at Docklands this year and review this decision in future years as we develop and progress our new event format.

"By activating Yarra Park we are also able to utilise Richmond Station as an additional transport hub.

"We will provide a range of family entertainment at Yarra Park, including a main stage, carnival rides, roving entertainment and children's activities.

"In addition to the 9.15pm fireworks, Docklands will be a major feature of our midnight fireworks spectacular.

"The midnight show will see a corridor of fireworks fired from city's skyline, stretching from Spring Street all the way down into Victoria Harbor, in the heart of Docklands," Cr Louey said.

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