

# Information about New Year's Eve on Cockatoo Island

Dear ticket holders, as New Year's Eve 2009 edges closer, here is some important information to help you plan for this special event.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Cockatoo Island and hope you enjoy the celebrations. Further information, including details on food and beverages, can be found on our website: <http://www.cockatooisland.gov.au/events/nye.html>.

Remember this is an all weather event. There will be no cancellation for poor weather conditions.

## Some reminders:

### Check your arrival date

Please check whether you purchased your ticket to arrive on 30 December for a two-night stay (30 and 31 December) **OR** whether you purchased your ticket to arrive on the 31 December for a one-night stay.

### Bring your ticket – no ticket, no entry!

Your Moshtix ticket includes up to four people. Make sure you print your ticket and bring a copy with you as this will be scanned for entry. You will also need your ticket for travel via Sydney Ferries to and from the island. Moshtix tickets will need to be shown to Sydney Ferries staff, and will be required for entry to the island. Tickets will be scanned on arrival at the island and wrist bands issued.

You only need to bring one copy of the ticket per site unless your group is travelling separately. If you booked multiple sites in your name, you will need a ticket per site or package. You will need to notify us in writing by 27th December if your group is arriving separately - email [camp@cockatooisland.gov.au](mailto:camp@cockatooisland.gov.au).

### Bring your ID

The ticket holder (i.e. the person whose name the booking is under) must show ID on arrival. Any changes to ticketing can be done **via the Moshtix website** and must be completed by the 22<sup>nd</sup> December. No name changes can be accepted after this date.

### Check your ticket

Check which ticket type you have purchased and what camping gear you will need to bring:

- Camping Package – includes site, 2.4 x 2.4m dome tent, two sleeping mats, two chairs, one lantern. Sleeps up to two adults and two small children, or three smaller adults. If there are more than two people, you will need to bring extra mats etc. BYO sleeping bag and pillow (no other equipment available for hire).
- Tent only – includes site and 2.4 x 2.0m oz tent. Sleeps up to two adults and two small children, or three smaller adults. BYO sleeping mats, chairs, sleeping bag etc.
- Site only – includes site only. BYO tent and camping gear. All sites are 4 x 4m. Tents must be contained within this area (max four persons per site). Sites are allocated on arrival.

### Check-in

- Check-in is open from midday, 30 December until 6pm
- Check-in is open from 9am, 31 December until 6pm

Also please be aware that Sydney Ferries services cease from mid/late afternoon on 31 December.

## Groups/Late Arrivals

- If group bookings were made under different names, you will need to arrive together for your camping sites to be grouped together.
- If you are arriving after 6pm or if your group is arriving separately we will need to be informed of this in writing by the 27 December – email: [camp@cockatooisland.gov.au](mailto:camp@cockatooisland.gov.au).

## Ferries

Cockatoo Island is serviced by two Sydney Ferries routes: Balmain/Woolwich and the Parramatta/Rydalmere RiverCat service. Ferry travel is included in your Moshtix ticket.

We strongly recommend arriving early at Cockatoo Island to avoid mainland road closures and harbour traffic. The weekday ferry timetable applies on New Year's Eve, but **please remember that all scheduled ferries on Sydney Harbour cease mid to late afternoon on New Year's Eve due to harbour congestion and exclusion zones.** The exact time depends on harbour conditions on the day, so try to travel as early in the day as possible.

For departures on New Year's Day, Sydney Ferries will be operating a public holiday ferry timetable.

To confirm ferry times and to check for updates regarding travel on New Year's Eve please see [www.sydneyferries.info/timetables.htm](http://www.sydneyferries.info/timetables.htm).

## Food

A wide range of food and beverages will be available on the island. You can also pre-order BBQ packs. Your order will need to be faxed to Belinda Franks Catering or the Campground Office prior to **23 December 2009**.

Check website for menus or BBQ pack details: [www.cockatooisland.gov.au/events/nye.html](http://www.cockatooisland.gov.au/events/nye.html)

## What's On

Enjoy the following activities on the island over the New Year period. See further details at [www.cockatooisland.gov.au](http://www.cockatooisland.gov.au)

- free guided tours (hourly from 12.45-3.45pm, 30 & 31 Dec)
- free children's activities (12pm-5pm, 30 & 31 Dec)
- swimming area (bring your plastic sandals as seabed can be rocky)
- audio tours for hire
- free viewing of William Kentridge's art installation (10am-4pm, 31 Dec)
- tennis court for hire.

## Other things you should know

- No ATM available on Cockatoo Island.
- Campers are not permitted to bring alcohol onto the island – a bar will operate during New Year's Eve 11am – 1pm . Wine and beer by the glass or bottle can be purchased.
- There will be bag searches on arrival.
- Credit card facilities are available at the Cockatoo Island Café where you can purchase your food vouchers for use around the island. The bar will accept cash/credit card; no vouchers at bar.
- Ice is available on the island for \$6 per 5kg bag.
- No public telephone available on the island.
- No lockers available – consider bringing a small lock for your tent.
- The upper island will be closed at dusk.
- Feel free to bring musical instruments.

## Feel like beating the rush?

There are still sites available prior to the 31 December should you wish to arrive earlier than your current booked date. Call 02 8898 9774 for more information.