



Revel in the lap of luxury

Getting a prime position on the Harbour for NYE can be an expensive business

TIRED of the exhausting combination of crowds, drink queues and chaos around Sydney Harbour New Year's Eve?

There is another option — but it comes with a hefty price tag.

Sydneysiders who don't mind splashing out plenty of cash to celebrate the new year in style have a host of high-class events to choose from on Saturday night, some costing \$1000 a head.

Glenn Reid, 28, has paid his \$1000 to attend Fort Denison's New Year's Eve cocktail event.

"My biggest criteria was the view of the Harbour," he said.

"Considering you can easily spend \$700 at a restaurant, I think the price is OK. This is the place to be for New Year's Eve. It's not (going to be) crowded."

Mr Reid will attend the event with his mother and partner, for an all-up cost of \$3000. Fort Denison offers revellers 360-degree views, a four-course dinner with drinks and live entertainment.

"My mum comes from Canada

and she's never seen the fireworks here before. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity and it's just an awesome view," Mr Reid said.

The Sydney Opera House will be the backdrop for three exclusive parties, all in the name of having the experience of a lifetime.

The Luminale Supperclub event will give patrons access to the private balcony of the Opera House, offering prime viewing of

the Harbour Bridge fireworks.

Songstress Marcia Hines and an array of jazz, opera, blues, rock and soul musicians will welcome in 2012 in grand style.

Again, the opportunity to be among the partygoers will not come cheap — \$990 a head.

The Opera House will also host 11.12, a house music party which, for \$695 a ticket, offers a display from house music guru Jamie Principle.

Premium quality meals and an open bar will be in demand on Saturday night. With that in mind, cashed-up revellers can pay \$599 to attend an all-inclusive "cocktail cruise" around the Harbour.

"It's a dream for many people to attend these style of events," Bella Vista Cruise general manager Jihane Mangano said.

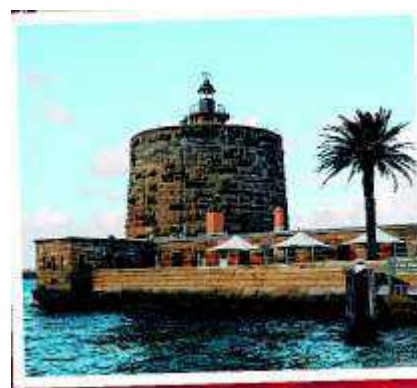
"People pay a premium but they have a memorable time.

"Patrons are in prime position for the fireworks and they want to treat themselves for the new year."

The Deck Restaurant at Luna Park is hosting an exclusive event, providing a three-course meal and a private DJ. The \$649 entry fee includes unlimited access to all venues and rides.

Cafe Sydney has a six-course degustation menu with accompanying wine, which will set patrons back \$640.

New Year's Eve in Sydney has become big business.



Class act:
Marcia Hines
and (far left)
Fort Denison



Best places to party on New Year's Eve

IVY
UK DJ Eric Morillo heads up the entertainment roster for this year's festivities, a full list of which can be found on the Merivale website. Tickets start at around \$150.

THE TARONGA CENTRE
Only the giraffes will have a better view of the fireworks as you enjoy a BYO picnic in the zoo's picturesque grounds, amid the lions, tigers and elephants. There will be live music and entertainment if the animals aren't enough fun already. Tickets start from \$450 for a family of four.

HARBOUR PARTY AT LUNA PARK
Hard to go past a NYE at this Sydney institution. Entertainment (aside from the

unlimited rides and rollercoaster) includes Wynter Gordon and Yolanda Be Cool. Tickets from \$165.40.

THE OPERA BAR
A harbourfront institution that comes with a steep price tag but is worth it given that, at the very least, there are accessible public toilets. The front-row seat to the midnight fireworks is also a bonus, plus '70s and '80s music all night. Tickets are \$285 but drinks are not included.





THE VICTORIA ROOM

A Casablanca-themed celebration in the swanky Darlinghurst bar and restaurant that will offer a change of pace for those looking for something with a class twist. Tickets are \$135 and cover canapes, four courses and a live seven-piece jazz band. Drinks not included.

BLU BAR, THE SHANGRI-LA HOTEL

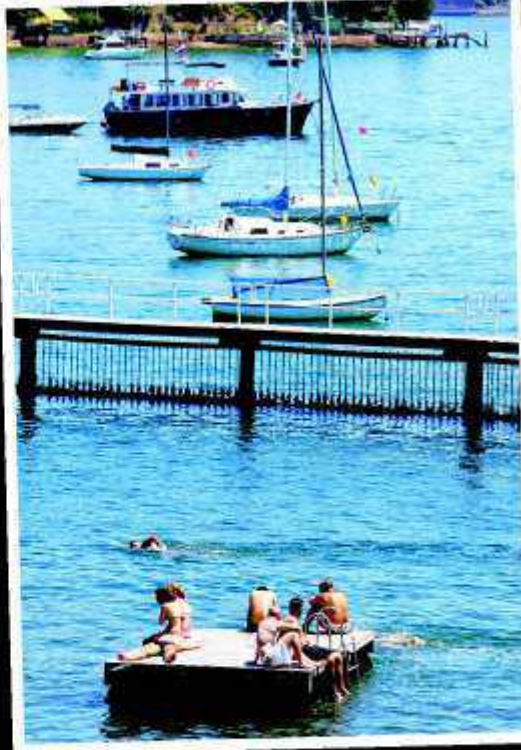
Another pricy ticket but one that offers panoramic views of Sydney including the harbour, plus drinks on arrival and at midnight. A high-end soiree at \$600 per person.

H2O WATER TAXIS

A true front-row seat to the fireworks, leaving Woolloomooloo (opposite the Woolloomooloo Bay Hotel) at 11pm sharp for the big bang Sydney Harbour midnight fireworks spectacular, returning at 12.30am. BYO drinks. \$165 per person but tickets sell fast.

THE ARGYLE, THE ROCKS

Headlined by house mixmaster Sonny Fodera. Doors open at 7pm and tickets are \$60.



REDLEAF GARDENS AND BEACH, DOUBLE BAY

One of the only fireworks vantage points in the city where you can drink alcohol and bring pets without paying any entry fees. Will fill up quickly.



JONAH'S, AVALON BEACH

A five-course set menu will be served at this northern beaches institution, which also offers accommodation. Dinner only is \$170 per person, with a glass of wine on arrival included.



ROCK LILY AT THE STAR

Sydney's live music hub boasts a rocking New Year's Eve line-up of bands and DJs headlined by Australian rock outfit Little Red and supported by Jinja Safari. Rock Lily's bar is stocked to the ceiling with the world's most sought-after tequilas. Entry is \$30 at the door from 6pm.

THE OPERA GALA AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Herald the arrival of 2012 in true operatic style, in the company of a spectacular array of artists performing the greatest hits of opera. Afterwards head out on the concourse to watch the fireworks and enjoy an after-party. Show tickets start at \$220 plus \$250 for the after party.

COCKATOO ISLAND CAMPING

Small amount of tickets still available. Family friendly. \$362.10 for one night and \$587.20 for two nights.

CRUISE BAR AT THE OVERSEAS PASSENGER TERMINAL

Seven bars split over three levels, with floor to ceiling windows to watch the fireworks and international DJ's Mo' Funk, Sean Doyle and The Italian Job.

WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY HOTEL

Black and white party. Tickets are \$110 each.





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BONVILLE GOLF RESORT

Tuesday, December 13:

Today's event was a Ladies Single Stableford. The winner was Bambi Houlton (38) with 36 pts from runner up Di Happ (31) with 35 pts. The Nearest the Pin Winners were: Michelle Smith (3rd), Vienna Schoeffel (5th), Pam Rooney (8th), Vienna Schoeffel (11th) and Pam Rooney (17th).

Ball winners were: J Daymond & P Rooney with 34 pts C/B.

Wednesday, December 14:

Today's event was a Men's Single Stableford plus Aggregate. The Aggregate winners were Mark Johnston (17) and Phil Campbell (14) with 81 pts. The individual winner was Bob Cunningham (16) with 43 pts. The runner up was Paul Crane (20) with 42 pts C/B from third placed Malcolm Miller (16) with 42 pts C/B.

The Nearest the Pin Winners were: Bruce Vickery (3rd), Rob Grieve (5th), Arthur Shepherd (8th), David Aramayer - Pennant Hills (11th), Brian Balding (17th).

Ball winners were: B Cunningham, P Crane, M Miller, M Johnston, D Featherstone, P Campbell, R Grieve, R Pensch & J Kirkman - Coffs Harbour with 38 pts.

Friday, December 16:

Today's event was the Mens Tiger Tee - Single Stroke from the Black Markers. The winner was Chris O'Brien (11) with 70 nett C/B from runner up Scott Geddes (27 - Coffs Harbour) with 70 nett also. Third place went to Nick Bostock-Ling (19 - Sawtell) with 71 nett C/B from fourth placed Trent Mitchell (24) with 71 nett also. The gross winner was Paul Gallagher with 72.

The Nearest the Pin Winners were: Robert Kalmar (3rd), Paul Gallagher (5th), Daniel Ryan (8th), Peter Happ (11th), Wayne Parker (17th). Long Drive on the 7th went to Ben Heywood from Wingham.

Ball winners were: C O'Brien, S Geddes, N Bostock-Ling, T Mitchell, J Mannall, P Gallagher, G Smede, L Parkes, T Smith, B Daymond, A Wood, T Lawrence, D Harper, P Owen, L Feltis, T Schoeffel, P Atkin, T Baker, M McComas, G Harvison, J Jones & J Ryan with 77 nett C/B.

Saturday, December 17:

Today saw the Mens Foursomes Championships played over 27 holes. The winners were Adam Wood and Peter Owen with 117

gross. The gross runners up were Paul Gallagher and Brad Daymond with 120. The nett winners were Brian Beattie (22) and Rod Fisher (10) with 110 nett. The nett runners up were Howard Winchester (15) and Brian Middleton (11) with 113½ nett.

The Nearest the Pin Winners were: David Featherstone (3rd), Chris O'Brien (5th), Ian Llewellyn (8th), Tony Gray (11th) and Andy Bowles (17th).

Ball winners were: T Smith/D McBaron, G Smede/C Gray & I Llewellyn/B Cook.

There was also a separate Medley Single Stableford played today. The winner was Peter Happ (24) with 38 pts from runner up Derek Shirlaw (2 - Armidale) with 37 pts.

The Nearest the Pin Winners were: Greg Nelson (3rd), John Blackman (5th), Michael Fishburn - C/H (8th), John Blackman (11th).

Ball Winners were: P Happ, D Shirlaw, J Blackman, J Myers & G Nelson with 33 pts.

Sunday, December 18:

Today's competition was a Medley Single Stableford. The winner was Kevin Schuhmann (19) with 38 pts. Runner up went to William Allott (11 - Killara) with 36 pts.

Nearest the pin winners were: Jo Schuhmann (3rd), Jeff Myers (8th) & David Harper (17th).

Ball comp: K Schuhmann, W Allott - Killara & G Rickwood with 34 pts.

Sunday afternoon also saw the final of the Topgun competition that was run throughout the year. 10 players teed off the 1st hole, and one person was eliminated each hole. Congratulations to Peter Owen who won for the second year in a row. Peter beat runner up Geoff Smede on the 18th hole. Third placed was Pam Rooney, 4th place Don Kennedy, 5th place Mark Johnston, 6th place Phil Campbell, 7th place Wayne Parker, 8th place Paula Palin, 9th place Tony Palin & 10th place was Carolyn Garland.

Starting on Saturday, January 14, 2012, Bonville Golf Resort will be holding its 20th Birthday Celebrations. We will be holding a 7am shotgun start for competition and social play, as well as a 1pm shotgun start for competition only. The week of celebrations will conclude on Sunday, January 22, 2012. A special price of \$99 includes green fee, twin share cart hire, a commemorative logoed polo shirt, and competition fee for those playing in the competitions. Please call the Proshop on 66534 544 to make a booking.