

# Just a Brick Note from All Blocks

Newsletter 1

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## Auckland and COVID 19 restrictions

As you must be aware, Auckland is experiencing some lockdown restrictions due to a resurgence of the COVID 19 virus.

Simply put, all people in Auckland must practise social distancing of at least 2m and limit gatherings of up to ten people. These gatherings are only for wedding services, funerals and tangihanga. Physical distancing and public health measures must be maintained.

The restrictions may be relaxed in the next few days but they are likely to resemble the Level 2 restrictions for the foreseeable future.

Gatherings and events at Alert Level 2 can be held with up to 100 people in a defined space. A person in charge of a social gathering must ensure records are kept for contact tracing purposes, except where every person in a gathering knows each other. This includes in your home, community hall or other space.

Full details of these restrictions can be found at the [Governments COVID 19 website](#).

## Planned Brick Events

A Zoom meeting was held of Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August to discuss the effect the COVID 19 would have on any brick shows organised by All Blocks LEGO User Group.

These planned events were:

- |  | Planned or tentative date                                    |
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| • Rutherford Primary School Brick Show | 5 <sup>th</sup> or 6 <sup>th</sup> September                 |
| • Ellerslie Magical Fairy Brick Show   | Saturday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> October                            |
| • Auckland Brick Show                  | Labour Weekend, 24 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> October |

The planned Rutherford Primary School Brick Show clashed with Father's Day and the hall has been booked for several weeks prior to the upcoming election (17<sup>th</sup> October).

There is a general embargo for holding events in the weeks leading up to the date of the large Auckland Brick Show.

The consensus from the All Blocks LUG members who participated at the Zoom meeting was that organised All Blocks Brick Shows are unlikely to be permitted during Alert Level 2. Brick pits with free building of loose LEGO would also be prohibited.

Hosting a show places All Blocks LUG at risk of being responsible for a potential location of an outbreak with significant media coverage if such an incident occurred.

It was decided not to pursue the Rutherford Primary School Brick Show or the Ellerslie Magical Fairy Brick Show this year.

The Auckland Brick Show is organised by a special committee from members within AuckLUG and they are closely watching developments and communication with the Armageddon Expo organisers.

## Ellerslie Magical Fairy Street Display

There is one event which could conceivably proceed in Alert Level 2 (or Level 3) conditions: The Ellerslie Magical Fairy Street Display.

- Ellerslie Magical Fairy Street Display 4<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> October

There are twenty-five stores signed up to this event. A selection of the stores can be [seen at this link](#).

The format is to have small LEGO vignettes on display in shop windows along the main streets of the Ellerslie Village. The shop displays are very secure and not directly accessible to the public.

The theme is magical fairies, but that also includes pirates, trolls and just about anything.

All Blocks LUG displayed at Ellerslie last year.

So get building. Make a small vignette that will be displayed in one of the twenty-five stores in Ellerslie.

This will be an opportunity to advertise Vaughan Blok's [The Blocks Museum](#) and also the Auckland Brick Show.

## Next Meeting

The next All Blocks meeting will be on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 6pm.

The intention of this meeting is to drop off any models for the Ellerslie Magical Fairy Street Display.

If permission allowed, this will be in Vaughan Blok's The Blocks Museum at 55A Station Road, Penrose.

If social distancing is still being enforced, this will be an opportunity to deliver your LEGO models in a contactless way to Vaughan.



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