



## Media Release

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### Share in Valerie's Gold Medal Moment

ANZ today announced further details of how people can get hold of tickets to Valerie Adams' Gold Medal ceremony at the Cloud on Auckland's waterfront.

The Olympic champion shot-putter will receive her Olympic Gold Medal in front of a home crowd on Auckland's waterfront on Wednesday 19 September.

The medal ceremony has been developed in conjunction with the New Zealand Olympic Committee as well as Adams and her team. Adams herself is looking forward to enjoying the public celebrations.

More than 2000 free tickets will be available to the event. Today, ANZ posted details of how to get hold of these tickets on its New Zealand Facebook page [www.facebook.com/ANZNewZealand](http://www.facebook.com/ANZNewZealand).

For those not able to attend the event, ANZ will also stream the ceremony live on its ANZ New Zealand Facebook page and it will be televised on channels 1 and 3.

The ceremony will be followed by spectacular 7 minute fireworks displays over both Auckland and Wellington Harbours and the public are invited take advantage of the numerous natural vantage points around both cities.

"We're thrilled to be hosting this ceremony for a true New Zealand champion," says David Hisco, Chief Executive of ANZ in New Zealand.

"As a sponsor of the New Zealand Olympic team we were determined that Val was presented her medal in a way that reflected her tremendous achievement at the London games and showed the wonderful pride of all New Zealanders.

"We encourage everyone in Auckland and Wellington to get to a good vantage point, watch the fireworks and celebrate the success of all our Olympic athletes," he says.

Adams will be presented her medal by His Excellency Lieutenant General The Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae. Also at the event will be gold medallists Mahe Drysdale, Eric Murray, Hamish Bond, Jo Aleh and Olivia Powrie as well as other medallists and members of the 2012 New Zealand Olympic team.

New Zealand Olympic Committee Secretary General Kereyn Smith said the event would be outstanding.

"This is the very first time an Olympic gold medal will be presented in New Zealand and is an incredible opportunity for Kiwis to be proud and get involved."

Organisers are asking people not to turn up without a ticket because the venue is at a maximum but to enjoy the ceremony on television and Facebook. Auckland and

Wellington residents are encouraged to watch the spectacular display from spots around the harbour.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

### ***Timing***

- 6:45pm Live streaming of the event begins on ANZ's New Zealand Facebook page
- 7:10pm Medal ceremony, including medal presentation, national anthem and some words from Val.
- 7:25pm Fireworks displays in Auckland and Wellington.

### ***How to watch the event***

The entire event will be streamed live on ANZ's New Zealand Facebook page [www.facebook.com/ANZNewZealand](http://www.facebook.com/ANZNewZealand)

TVNZ and TV3 will screen live coverage from 7:00 to 7:30pm.

### ***How to watch the fireworks in Auckland and Wellington***

There are some good vantage point suggestions on ANZ's New Zealand Facebook page [www.facebook.com/ANZNewZealand](http://www.facebook.com/ANZNewZealand)

### ***How to get your tickets to the event***

The Radio Network has come on board to help distribute these tickets for ANZ, they will give away 2,000 tickets to watch the event live at The Cloud.

The participating stations are Classic Hits, Newstalk ZB, ZM, FLAVA, Radio Hauraki, Radio Sport and Coast.

A limited number of tickets are also being given away on the ANZ's New Zealand Facebook page.

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