

# Seats safe after company folds

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Hamilton 400 grandstand ticket holders will still have somewhere to sit, despite seating provider Eventscape being in liquidation.

Eventscape, the company sub-contracted to provide the temporary seating, scaffolding and corporate hospitality structures for this year's Hamilton 400 event, was put into liquidation last week on the request of finance company Cynotech Securities.

Eventscape, owned by Jason Paama and Michael Wyatt, was also contracted to pro-

vide seating for the LA Galaxy football match at Mt Smart Stadium next weekend. Cynotech will take over the business and assets and continue operating the firm under a new company called Seating Events. Eventscape's 12 employees' jobs are also safe.

Auckland liquidator Bernard Montgomerie of Montgomerie and Associates said in a statement the sale protected the seating arrangements for the Hamilton 400 event and the football match, as well as other Eventscape contracts.

Hamilton 400 event organiser Dean Cal-

vert was pleased about the new arrangement. He said: "We are comfortable that the people who supplied us with the seating last year and platform will be doing the same thing for us next year."

The grandstand seating capacity for next year's Hamilton 400 has been increased by 2000 to 25,000.

Auckland scaffolding company Camelspace, sub-contracted by Eventscape to provide scaffolding, said it had a meeting next week to be brought up to date on the situation. It worked with Eventscape on several events.

Phil McConchie, commercial director of Camelspace, said that as far as he understood his company would still be required to provide the scaffolding for the Hamilton 400.

"I'm not a 100 per cent sure of the status, but I have been told to carry on like it is business as usual."

His company was starting to set aside equipment for the event already.

Eventscape is the second company with contracts to supply the Hamilton 400 event to go into liquidation after Bottled water supplier Waipa Water.