

MEDIA RELEASE

PREPARATIONS BEGIN FOR NORTHERN GOLD COAST'S BIGGEST CAROLS EVENT

ORMEAU, GOLD COAST (21 OCTOBER, 2024) – It's two months out from the most wonderful time of the year, and preparations for the Northern Gold Coast's biggest Christmas event are in full swing in anticipation of a crowd of up to 20,000 people.

Performers held their first rehearsal of the program just days ago and set design has already begun, while full permits for 2024 have now been granted by the City of Gold Coast. Soon, a small army of around 200 volunteers will be assembled, covering areas including parking, face painting, glowstick sales, security, set up and pack down.

The free event will take place on Brien Harris Oval at Ormeau on 8 December 2024, with the following program:

- Meals and drinks can be purchased from food vans from 4pm
- On-field entertainment from 5pm
- Pre-show entertainment starts from 6pm
- The carols program kicks off from 7pm, featuring a guest appearance from Santa and the event's famous Carolokee competition
- Fireworks will finish the event at a family-friendly time of around 8.20pm

"It is humbling to see how our event has grown with our community since it began as a small gathering of Ormeau locals in 1997. We prepare for greater attendance every year and we regularly welcome people from the Southern Gold Coast and Logan areas to the Northern Gold Coast Carols," said event organiser, Kristieanne Smith.

"To maximise the numbers able to attend, Yatala Bus and Coach are again providing a park-n-ride service, which will enable people to catch a bus at one of three locations and be dropped off inside the gates at the oval. We would encourage our community to check out this convenient mode of transport on our website, northerngoldcoastcarols.com.au," she added.

The future of the event has been secured with a multi-year sponsorship with local business Empire Industrial Estate at Yatala, and enjoys the support of Division 1 Councillor Mark Hammel and logistical support provided by Highway Church. Funds raised through sponsorships go entirely toward the provision of the event.

"As a proud lifelong resident I have been attending these carols since they started in 1997. I am now proud as the local councillor to support this event and to ensure it remains an important part of our local community," said Councillor Hammel.

"The event has also grown every year thanks to the generous support of our local business community, and I can't wait to see what 2024 brings," he added.

Right now, budding artists have the opportunity to win an ultimate carols VIP experience including a family photo with Santa and a catered picnic in a premium stage-front location

through the Northern Gold Coast Carols colouring competition. The sheet can be downloaded from the [website](#).

To find out the latest updates from the event, please follow our [Northern Gold Coast Carols Facebook](#) page or visit the [website](#).

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