



Carols to bring early Christmas cheer

Mark Saturday, December 9 on your calendar and get ready as the Police Commissioner's Christmas Carols prepares to roll around for another year.

Each year, the carols attracts thousands of revellers who come together to enjoy a night of free entertainment, festive celebrations and community spirit.

Featuring a stellar cast of performers from the Queensland

Police Service (QPS), its extended family and community groups, this year's carols promises to be a rousing affair with the focus on community involvement and sing-alongs to well-loved Christmas classics.

Among those performing on the night will be the Queensland Police Pipes & Drums which have recently returned from a triumphant appearance at the Edinburgh

Military Tattoo and a performance for the Queen at Balmoral Castle, Scotland.

Police choir Melody in Blue will show off their vocal stylings and police rock band, Band of Blue, will also be on hand to entertain the crowd.

The Brisbane Regional Youth Orchestra and Queensland Youth Choir will contribute their musical

talents along with a host of gifted soloists.

Participants in the Beat the Streets project, including didgeridoo player Police Liaison Officer Henry Nona, will also perform at the carols.

Beat the Streets began last year and encourages disadvantaged young people to play the drums instead of engaging in substance misuse and anti-social behaviour.

The project, which will feature at the carols for the first time, is a successful example of a police-youth program that mirrors the carols aim of bringing the community together to celebrate through music and song.

And of course Santa and his dancing elves will be there as well.

The carols will take place on Saturday, December 9 at the Suncorp Piazza, South Bank, from 6.30pm. It is an all-weather venue.

The event is a free public concert and fundraiser. Any donations on the night will go to towards Community Supporting Police Helping Hand, the Queensland Youth Choir and the Brisbane Regional Youth Orchestra.

The Starlight Foundation will sell glowing star wands on the night, and the Police-Citizens Youth Club will sell glow sticks.



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