



# Carols to bring early Christmas cheer

Mark Saturday, December 8 on your calendar and get ready as the Police Commissioner's Christmas Carols prepares to entertain Brisbane.

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

Among those performing on the night will be the Queensland Police Pipes & Drums, who have recently returned from a tour of Far North and Central Queensland, and are performing in October with The Australian Army Band at Queensland Performing Arts Centre.

Queensland Police Juvenile Pipes and Drums will also feature on the night, following a successful year which saw them retain the Queensland Pipe Band (Grade 4, Adult) Championship, and be invited to perform at Government House in September.

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 will also perform at the Carols, Beat the Streets is a project that encourages disadvantaged young people to play the drums instead of engaging in substance misuse and anti-social behaviour.

It 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.

Santa will also be in town to make a guest appearance with his dancing elves.

The carols will take place on Saturday, December 8 at the Suncorp Piazza, South Bank, from 6.30pm. It is an all-weather venue, and this year there will also be an option to watch the performance from a big screen in the Rainforest Green at Southbank, which is a grassed area located opposite the Suncorp Piazza.

The event is a free public concert and fundraiser. Any donations on the night will go towards St Vincent DePaul, the Queensland Youth Choir and the Brisbane Regional Youth Orchestra.

