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THE SANTA CLAUSE IS COMING TO TOWN AS NEWCASTLE PERMANENT'S CHRISTMAS UNDER THE STARS RETURNS TO KING EDWARD PARK

It’s a Clause for celebration this holiday season as Newcastle Permanent's Cinema Under the Stars returns to King Edward Park on Saturday 12 December, featuring a special free screening of The Santa Clause (G, 1994).

The beloved Tim Allen classic will give those who grew up with the film the chance to revisit a festive favourite while introducing its humour, heart and Christmas magic to a new generation.

The evening will begin at 5pm with Christmas carols performed live by local artists including Matt McClaren, The Quokkas, The Joy Band, Star Struck and Beats Dance Studio.

There will be plenty of opportunities to get into the holiday spirit throughout the night, with free family activities including festive face painting, lawn games, an inflatable soccer target and Christmas craft.

Free popcorn will also be available to enjoy during the movie, while food trucks will also be on site for anyone looking to pick up something for dinner or a festive treat.

And of course, it wouldn’t be Christmas Under the Stars without a visit from the man in red himself, with families able to capture a special Christmas photo on Santa’s throne.

Newcastle Permanent spokesperson Paul Juergens said the event was about giving families and friends an opportunity to come together in the festive season.

"Newcastle Permanent's Christmas Under the Stars has become a much-anticipated date on the calendar for many families across the Hunter during the Christmas period," Mr Juergens said.

“There’s something pretty special about spending a summer evening together in King Edward Park, singing along to Christmas carols before settling in under the stars for a classic festive movie."

Once the sun goes down, the big screen will come to life with The Santa Clause, following Scott Calvin’s unexpected journey from suburban dad to Santa Claus after one very unusual Christmas Eve.

“There are no ifs, ands or Clauses about it, The Santa Clause is the perfect film to round out the evening. It's one that families have returned to for generations and full of Christmas spirit," Mr Juergens said.

"For many people, this movie will bring back memories of the Holiday season growing up, while for younger audiences it might just become a new festive favourite. We can’t wait to share this magical evening with families from across the region.”

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For those driving to the event, a free shuttle bus will operate between Bar Beach car park and King Edward Park, with further transport and event information available via the Newcastle Permanent Facebook page.

Whether you're coming for the carols, Santa, family activities or the movie, Christmas Under the Stars is set to bring a little North Pole magic to Newcastle this festive season.

Event details

Venue: King Edward Park
Date: Saturday 12 December
Carols start time: 5pm
Movie start time: After sundown
Movie: The Santa Clause (G, 1994)
Free shuttle bus

Free activities: Craft workshop (DIY Christmas decorations), inflatable soccer target, lawn games, face painting, Santa appearance, giveaways, free popcorn

Carols artists:
Matt McClaren
Beats Dance Studio
Star Struck
The Quokkas
The Joy Band

To ensure a safe, family-friendly environment for all, Christmas Under the Stars is an alcohol-free event.

Visit newcastlepermanent.com.au/cinema for more information.

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