

# Christmas Extravaganza gets bigger and bigger

The much-loved Eumundi Christmas Extravaganza has joined forces with Hinterland Carols and is set to be the biggest, best and most extravagant ever thanks to a host of local sponsors! Save the date for Sunday 12 December from 2.30pm to join in the fun.

After being inundated with rain last year, this year there will be a massive marquee to cover the stage and hundreds of chairs in the viewing area. Sponsored by Wythes Real Estate, stage show entertainment will include performances by Noosa District Concert Band, Eumundi State School, Coast Academy of Dramatic and Musical Arts, Good Shepherd Lutheran College, Santa's Festive Show and the Kitty Kats. Special guest and actor Russell Krause is MC for the night.

Checkin Qld App onsite. See: Facebook @ EumundiChristmas or [www.eumundichristmas.com.au](http://www.eumundichristmas.com.au).



## Meet Donata

**President of Eumundi & District Historical Assn (EHA) Donata Page talks with *Eumundi Voice's* Janet Millington about the Christmas event on Sunday 12 December.**

***Why did EHA decide to do a large Christmas event when few organisations would take it on during Covid?***

The Eumundi Christmas Extravaganza has been running for more than 25 years under different formats and is much loved by the community and an important part of our history. It has

grown into one of the region's best festive season events and we didn't want to lose that momentum. With our event management team from Firefly Solutions we have experience running events during Covid. As the community has lost so many events it is important to connect and support the entertainment industry.

### ***What are your hopes for the event?***

We hope this is the biggest and best year ever and that people can celebrate the festive season in an alcohol-free, family-friendly environment. We've added so much to this year's program it will live up to being an "extravaganza". We have free rides this year for all ages, fantastic food and market stalls and fireworks to finish off the night! This year a marquee will cover the stage and audience to ensure the show will go on even in wet weather.

### ***What were the risks and constraints you dealt with?***

The biggest risk is cancellation due to community Covid outbreaks. It is heartbreaking to do all the work and then not get the results. There are lots of constraints and difficulties that Covid has brought to running events – insurance difficulties, suppliers that have closed due to lack of work, and constantly changing government requirements – but we just work through them. It is all worth it when you see the smiles at the event.

### ***What support did EHA get from other associations, businesses and organisations?***

We've had fantastic support with a record amount of sponsorship and new sponsors. EHA contributed the majority of funding but an enormous thank you goes to: Hinterland Carols, Wythes Real Estate, EDCA, Imperial Hotel, Original Eumundi Markets, SPV Accounting, Nicholsons Solicitors, Cooroy RSL, Experience Eumundi, Dan Purdie MP, Noosa Hinterland Realty, Equip4Hire, Rotary Club of Eumundi, *Eumundi Voice*, CWA, Zest Factor, Woombye Dental, Ikatan Spa, Eumundi Chamber of Commerce and Zinc 96.1FM. This project has also been proudly supported by SCC's grants program.