



## **MEDIA RELEASE & PHOTO/INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY**

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### **A new home for Carols lights up the Coast!**

The curtain was lifted on an exciting new family and community event today with the announcement of a brand new, unique Christmas carols event on the Central Coast.

The very first '**STAR 1045 Central Coast Carols**' will be on Sunday 14 December and will be hosted by breakfast team Craig and Mandy. The line-up will feature former Australian Idol – Paulini, Jason Owens, Greg Gould and a host of incredible local talent taking to the stage to spread the Christmas spirit, and there will of course be a very special guest who is coming all the way from the North Pole.

Host Mandy Coolen says "STAR 1045 is thrilled to be hosting this unique event, it will be a fantastic family night of entertainment plus the added bonus of the Christmas lights for families to enjoy, and the best part - all ticket proceeds for the Carols event will be donated to Cancer Council NSW so this is a community event in every sense of the word and we are really excited to be a part of it".

**STAR 1045's Central Coast Carols** will be held at Mt Penang Gardens as a feature event in a week long Christmas lights spectacular held in the gardens for families to enjoy.

Naomi Neilson, Property and Events Manager for the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation, says the Gardens at Mt Penang will be getting into the holiday spirit with the Christmas lights display running from Friday 12 December through to Tuesday 16 December. Each evening the lights in the Gardens will be turned on from 8:00pm until 10:00pm.

"We are delighted to be holding the first Christmas lights display in Mt Penang Gardens. This is such a special time of year and what a better way for the community to spend the evenings leading to Christmas. Everyone is invited to come and view the lights **with family and friends**. Funds raised will go towards the maintenance of the Gardens, which are free entry throughout the year."

We are also a proud sponsor of the Central Coast Carols being held in the Gardens. **Singing Christmas carols is a special tradition for many and adds to the festive mood," Ms. Neilson said.**

#### **STAR FM 1045 Central Coast Carols**

Sunday 14 December

4pm-9.30pm

Entry: \$20 Family Pass (2 adults & up to 3 children) – includes entry to Christmas Lights

Contact: Jayne Moloney or Sarah Russell of Cancer Council NSW on 4336 4500

#### **Christmas Lights in the Gardens @ Mt Penang Gardens**

12-16 December 6.30pm-10pm (Lights turn on @ 8pm)

Facebook/Mt-Penang-Gardens-Event-Park

Entry: \$10 Family Pass (2 adults & up to 3 children)

\$5 addition/single tickets

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**About Cancer Council NSW**

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We are completely independent charity that receives no government funding and rely of the generosity of the NSW community to fund our programs and services.

We are the only cancer charity that works across all cancers.

We are also the only charity that provides prevention, support, education and awareness programs to our community.

We are the largest funder of cancer research outside the government.