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## Christmas Lights to Brighten the Coast

The Mt Penang Gardens is delighted to present Christmas Lights in the Gardens. Families from across the Central Coast are being urged to mark Friday 12 December in their diaries as the date when Mt Penang Gardens will officially switch on its Christmas lights display.

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 a 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. Everyone is invited to come and view the lights with family and friends.

"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. Stroll with your sweetheart through the dazzling Christmas lights or explore the magical world of lights with your little one. It's all very exciting and we hope to see as many local families as possible join us," Ms Neilson said.

Adding to the festive mood, the nightly celebration of lights includes an array of entertainment and experiences perfect for all ages. Visitors can enjoy the food and beverage market stalls, nativity scene with live farm animals, face painting, roving entertainment by Switcharoo Circus, balloon making activity by Rock Sloth and the glow stick/novelty stall. Come early and enjoy a Segway ride before dark, followed by a family picnic in the garden.

### Christmas Lights in the Gardens at Mt Penang Gardens

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

Entry: \$10 Family Pass (2 adults & up to 3 children) \$5 addition/single tickets

Proceeds from the event will go towards the maintenance of the Gardens, which are free entry throughout the year.

For more information on the Christmas Lights display or event updates, members of the public may call (02) 4340 1002 or go to Facebook/Mt-Penang-Gardens-Event-Park.

### Segway

Segway Central Coast will be operating every evening from 5:30-7:30pm on 12-16 December (excluding Sunday 14 December) during the Christmas Lights in the Gardens event. Rides last 15 minutes and cost \$10/person. For bookings contact Ron on 0416204641 or drop by on the day.

### CCRDC

The Central Coast Regional Development Corporation (CCRDC) is a State Government entity and part of the Department of Planning and Environment NSW cluster. CCRDC is a self-funded entity and does not rely on annual allocations from the State budget to fund operations.

CCRDC owns the land known as Mt Penang Parklands. The Corporation is charged with securing the on-going management of public open spaces and community facilities at Mt Penang. The Corporation is tasked with protecting and enhancing the broad Mt Penang Parkland Precinct, including remnant bushland and ensuring that over one hundred years of Central Coast history is preserved and enjoyed by the community.

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