

Report by Joe Sumegi, Communications and Cultural Services Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report the 2011 Christmas Tree and Christmas Carols.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Council with an overview of this year's Christmas Tree and Carols.

REPORT

Council will be holding two events to mark Christmas this year.

Like every year, a Christmas tree will be installed at Strathfield Town Centre where the fountain is currently located.

The lights, which have been used for the last eight years, have reached the end of their serviceable life and therefore new LED lights have been fitted to the tree.

The tree will be installed on 30 November, with an official "tree lighting ceremony" taking place on Thursday 1 December from 7.30pm. The lights will officially be turned on by the Mayor, Cr Paul Barron.

The tree lighting event will also be used to promote the Strathfield Christmas Carols at Strathfield Park on Saturday 10 December from 6.30pm.

The event will feature performers including the Australian Youth Choir and Meriden's Elevate Performing Arts. There will also be entertainment for the kids, with a petting farm, face painters and a jumping castle. The night will end with a fireworks display.

REFERRAL FROM OTHER DEPARTMENT

Referral was provided by Technical Services regarding the Christmas tree installation, and Operations regarding the Strathfield Christmas Carols.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Estimated expenditure:

Christmas tree - \$9,841 (including purchase and installation of new lights)

Strathfield Christmas Carols: \$25,905

Funding has been provided in the current budget for this purpose as set out below:

Program	Approved Budget	Expenditure to Date
Communications and Cultural Services	\$979,700	\$452,567