

CHRISTMAS IN THE MOUNTAINS

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'Christmas in the Mountains' has become a wonderful tradition, that for many people in the Mountains, is synonymous with celebrating Christmas.

'Christmas in the Mountains' was born in 1986 when Blue Mountains City Church took its Christmas celebrations outdoors on its site at Blaxland and invited the local community to join in. From those humble beginnings with a few hundred people it has grown to be a truly spectacular and eagerly anticipated event that brings together over 7,000 people of all ages from the Mountains community and beyond to hear a message of hope and joy and to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas amidst the busyness and challenges of 21st century living.

Blue Mountains City Church has hosted the event since its inception and draws on the talent, expertise and dedication of its 800 plus members as well as involvement from various local schools and community performance groups.

The cast and crew plan and prepare for months in advance to ensure that each year's event is special and that it is presented in an excellent and professional way.

'Christmas in the Mountains' is one of the largest events in the region. It brings together state of the art technology, a 50 voice choir, big band, brilliant costumes and a large cast that includes, singers, dancers, children, camels and other live animals...and of course 'baby Jesus'.

The event will once again be held at Glenbrook Oval, near the Great Western Highway at Glenbrook on Saturday 9th December. It will be a family fun packed programme with activities from 4.00 p.m. in the afternoon and the main programme commencing at 7.00 p.m. with live stage performances, Christmas carols, fun items for the children, and the re-enactment of the Christmas story, culminating in a spectacular fireworks display at 9.30 p.m. This year, being our 20th Anniversary there will also be a special celebration segment.

'Christmas in the Mountains' is a gift to the community from Blue Mountains City Church.

For more information, contact Blue Mountains City Church on 47392233 or visit the websites www.christmasinthemountains.com or www.bmcitychurch.com.