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SYDNEY SOLSTICE TO BRING A NEW DAWN TO HARBOUR CITY

The new winter event series Sydney Solstice launches today and will bring thousands of people into the Harbour City over the next 13 days and nights.

Created by the NSW Government and managed by Destination NSW, Sydney Solstice will continue to revitalise Sydney's CBD and surrounding precincts through the staging of 200-plus events in more than 150 venues.

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said the NSW Government was committed to the revitalisation of Sydney CBD.

"The CBD revitalisation program, one outcome of our two CBD summits, is proving to be a turning point for many local businesses, venues and creatives, giving them new opportunities, a reason to re-open their doors and see a boost in revenue while bringing Sydney back to life," Mr Perrottet said.

"This new series aligns with our other initiatives such as Culture Up Late Winter in the Domain, as well as with our statewide stimulus program Dine & Discover. Sydney is really shining right now and there's so much on offer – there's nowhere better to be than right here."

Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said tickets for Sydney Solstice events were selling fast, proving there is a real appetite among Sydneysiders and visitors to explore and enjoy the city.

"The winter solstice is a great time of year - we know it's winter, but winter in Sydney is just better than winter in every other city in terms of weather and our great line-up of events from Sydney Solstice to Vivid Sydney," Mr Ayres said.

"The solstice period is such an important time; it's the longest night but every day after the solstice is full of more light. It's a time to renew and refresh and Sydney really needs that right now, so it's about getting out and enjoying our city at its absolute best.

"The NSW Government has demonstrated its commitment to supporting the recovery of the CBD from the impact of COVID-19, and we are revitalising our night-time economy through reform.

“Sydney Solstice is a shining example of all this work, creating a fantastic program of events and experiences for the public to enjoy, giving them a compelling reason to return to the CBD for a night or more and see why Sydney is truly the greatest city in the world.”

The Sydney Solstice program runs until 20 June and includes Night Over Light events at Sydney’s newest small-bar precinct YCK, a whale watching or sky dreaming cruise with Tribal Warrior, South Eveleigh Solstice Festival with Kylie Kwong and Darling Harbour Winter Festival featuring ice-skating, DJs and fireworks.

It is anticipated that Sydney Solstice will provide work for more than 800 people across the duration of the event.

To see the full program, go to www.sydneyсолstice.com.

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