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SUMMER IN SYDNEY TO GET THE CITY SIZZLING

Sydney is set to burst into life this summer with concerts, food experiences, Christmas markets, international sporting events and arts and cultural events thanks to the NSW Government's Summer in Sydney event series.

Premier Dominic Perrottet said dozens of unique events will roll out across the CBD and Western Sydney over summer to suit every age and interest and get people enjoying the city like never before.

"Whether you're keen to dine at the city's longest ever lunch, watch a harbourside concert on the Cahill Expressway, or soak up the festive spirit at Christmas markets in the Botanic Gardens, there will be something for everyone," Mr Perrottet said.

"These events will be so important to our state – injecting millions into the local economy and supporting local hotels, bars, restaurants, tourism operators and small businesses, while bringing people together at this special time of year.

"These world-class Summer in Sydney events will deliver a significant boost to our economy but just as importantly, they'll also provide visitors a summer to remember."

Minister for Tourism and the Arts Ben Franklin said Summer in Sydney will make NSW the place to be this summer, catering for sports fans, foodies and arts and culture enthusiasts alike.

"These are exciting times in NSW as Summer in Sydney builds on an incredible major events line-up including Opera on Cockatoo Island, Frida Kahlo: The Life of an Icon, the Art Gallery of NSW Opening Festival, Sydney WorldPride, blockbuster musicals, festivals, major sporting events such as SailGP, the United Cup, the HSBC Sydney 7's and racing carnivals," Mr Franklin said.

"We shouldn't underestimate the importance of these events for our economy, which are forecast to inject at least \$500 million into the Sydney economy.

"This will be the best summer yet for Sydney as the NSW Government delivers fantastic events that provide fun and entertainment for families right across the State."

Chef Mat Moran said that Open For Lunch in Parramatta would be incredibly special.

“We’ll be taking over CommBank Stadium and reimaging the space. We’ll have entertainment, open air and long tables with three delicious courses, fresh from paddock to your plate,” Mr Moran said.

“It’s exciting to be a part of this event, exciting to try something new, mix things up and most of all it’s exciting to be collaborating with a number of outstanding restaurants from Western Sydney.

“I can promise guests delicious food featuring NSW produce with legendary musical performances in a location never experienced before.”

- **Open for Lunch Sydney (2 Dec)** - will stretch along George Street from Park Street to Bridge Street and include a diversity of culinary experiences with live music and unexpected moments of city-stopping theatrics which will include Luke Mangan, Glass Brasserie, Mimi’s and Totti’s amongst other major Sydney chefs and restaurateurs.
- **Open for Lunch Parramatta (2 Dec)** - will be located on the Commbank Stadium concourse bringing together food, entertainment and people with a three-course menu designed by Matt Moran.

Tickets for Open for Lunch will go on sale on 15 November, please go to openforlunch.com.au to subscribe for further information.

- **NOËL Sydney (9-24 Dec)** – will feature Christmas markets, music and lights each evening at the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney from 9-24 December. Christmas lights will illuminate the stunning architecture of Macquarie Street striking a path to the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney. From 16 December, a Christmas spectacular Skyshow will light up the night skies with dancing drones over Farm Cove.

To subscribe for further information, please visit noelsydney.com

- **ELEVATE Sydney (4-7 Jan)** – will see a four-day entertainment and cultural celebration on the Cahill Expressway featuring a lineup of major Sydney musicians and performers with jaw-dropping views of Sydney Harbour.

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