



Images from 2013 Lights of Christmas

13 November 2014 SPECTACULAR FREE *LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS* RETURN TO SYDNEY

Sydney's spectacular festive season tradition – the <u>Lights of Christmas</u> have announced a new presenting partnership with PAYCE to expand the wonderful free public celebration across 17 nights, from December 9, 2014.

Since 2009, the majestic light and sound show at St Mary's Cathedral has captured audiences' attention and redefined the way Sydney-siders celebrate the festive season in a public environment. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney, the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral, opposite Hyde Park, becomes a destination for people to gather with their families and friends and recharge their festive spirit.

PAYCE Chairman, Brian Boyd, said he was delighted to present a free event for Sydneysiders that embraces the same spirit of community which PAYCE is committed to delivering through its own projects.

"PAYCE transforms places to create innovative and integrated precincts

which bring people together. It's about bringing traditional values of goodwill and friendship to new urban environments."

"The Lights of Christmas have brought joy to hundreds of thousands of Sydneysiders. It's inspiring to see how the diverse Sydney community comes together in front of the cathedral each year to celebrate the season. This year we are proud to partner such a worthwhile project and help bring the true spirit of Christmas to life." said Brian.

The 2014 show examines the notion of 'giving' and 'service', offering a time for reflection on what it means to give. We are reminded of the highly symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh that were presented by the wise men at the birth of Jesus. This story allows us to consider the gifts we give to our loved ones and what we can give or how we can serve our community.

For families there will be a special children's section of the show that will feature the 12 Days of Christmas story in vivid and colourful moving imagery.

The beautiful 3D digital projections that illuminate the Cathedral's 75metre high façade, are accompanied by an especially commissioned soundscape and narrative that resonates with the ideals of the Christmas season of peace, joy and goodwill. The nightly spectacle is heralded by live choir performances from the steps of Sydney's grandest Cathedral.

Lights of Christmas presented by PAYCE is an all weather event and has special onsite catering or BYO picnics are welcome.

9 – 25 December 2014 inclusive

Cathedral Square on College Street, St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

7:30pm Choral Performance

8:30pm - midnight Light and Sound Christmas Show

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The Lights of Christmas presented by PAYCE is an <u>AGB Event</u>, hosted by the <u>Archdiocese of Sydney</u> with Education Partner the <u>Australian Catholic University</u> and supported by <u>Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria</u>.

Visit the <u>website</u> for more information and go to <u>131500.com.au</u> or call 131 500 to plan your trip using public transport.

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Interviews with Creative Director Anthony Bastic, AGB Events, are available.

Hi-res imagery available here in dropbox.

Webcast from 2013: http://www.xt3.com/lights2013/

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