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Acknowledgement of Country

The Town of Claremont acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation, and pays its respects to Elders past and present.

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Mayor's welcome

If you are like me, you might be wondering where 2022 went! Another busy year for the Town of Claremont and the honour of being your Mayor. In my role I have the privilege of meeting many people in the community, hearing about the wonderful things they do for the betterment of this Town.

On page 5 you'll read about one of our residents who coordinates the collection of donations for the charity Path of Hope. We are also supporting the work of the Salvation Army by collecting non-perishable food items for those in need at Christmas time.

This year, our Christmas in Claremont program is bigger and better than ever. In addition to Carols in the Park, I would love you to join me in switching on the Christmas Tree lights in our town centre (see page 3). This is a busy and important time of the year for our local businesses, and as always, I encourage you to shop local for your festive fair (see page 14).

On behalf of my fellow Elected Members and staff, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

Best wishes

Mayor Jock Barker

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Come one come all

The Town of Claremont is celebrating Christmas with style this festive season with a series of events throughout December, including the family favourite, Carols in the Park.

This year the Town of Claremont is very excited to have an ensemble from the West Australian Symphony Orchestra performing a whole program of fun filled Christmas favourites on Saturday 17 December.

Special guest singers Emma Pettemerides and Perry Joyce will join conductor Jen Winley and the ensemble to perform sing-along classics and modern carols including Santa Claus is Coming to Town, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Jingle Bells, Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree and more.

Mayor Jock Barker said "We are proud to be continuing our partnership with WASO to bring high quality music and events to Claremont for the benefit of our residents. The event will be a fantastic opportunity for people of all ages to enjoy a traditional Christmas sing-along with some of the finest musicians that WA has to offer."

Joyce was nominated for the West Australian Young Achiever Awards for his achievements in music and community outreach, founding the West Australia Young Voices Choir and winning many awards for his compositions as well as his many professional accolades.

The free festive family event will run from 4.30 – 8pm and will feature Christmas themed entertainment and crafts, face painting, train rides and an inflatable, as well as a visit from the man in red himself!

Want more music? Join us for a night under the stars with the West Australian Symphony Orchestra at our upcoming A Night on Bay View concert at Claremont Park 11 February 2023.

WASO will take to the stage to enchant with a program featuring renowned tenor Paul O'Neill and a nostalgic collection of film scores and your favourite classics. A memorable night for everyone to enjoy.







Create memories, not waste

Every year the West Metro Recycling Centre (WMRC) sees an increase in waste and drop offs during the holiday season. Tianah Dixon and Libby Eustance from the WMRC are experts in reducing waste in the community, their top tips for a sustainable Christmas are to focus on re-use, second-hand and handmade.

Forgo the wrapping paper and try your hand at Furoshiki, the Japanese art of fabric wrapping gifts — try with a scarf, tea towel or pieces from pre-loved clothing. Or keep it simple by storing and reusing 'single use' wrapping paper, giftbags and boxes.

"I've given my friend the same giftbag every year for about five years, because we keep gifting them to each other," Tianah said.

Antique, vintage or second-hand items have a special uniqueness and the patina of time adds to the appeal of vintage items, and handmade gifts have thought, time and energy put into them.

"These pre-loved gifts are about so much more than the items themselves," Libby said. "They bring additional value through stories and memories as well." Experience brings lifelong memories and are great low-waste or no-waste gifts, whether it is a one-off activity (prosecco and paint, anyone?) or a voucher to go somewhere together, skip the waste and give the gift of experience this year.

"The ceramics course my partner originally bought me years ago has continued and become my favourite time of the week, and a great source of unique handmade gifts for my friends." Libby said.

As well as gifts, food can be a central part of Christmas time, so reduce your waste further and stock up on necessities with your own containers at a bulk food store and enjoy your sustainable Christmas.









Christmas kindness

Helen Leach has been at the forefront of collecting Christmas donations in Claremont for charity Path of Hope, bringing hope and joy to women and children displaced due to Family Domestic Violence.

Each year her home is filled to the brim with presents that have been kindly donated by the local community, and after five years, the gift appeal has grown exponentially.

Helen says it brings dignity to those who are in a vulnerable position during an already stressful time of the year.

"Some of these women have had to leave quickly and with nothing," she said. "The donations are taken to refuges and they can choose and wrap a gift themselves, it gives them dignity."

Children are given the opportunity to select a present for their mother, they are then helped to wrap the gift ready for under the Christmas tree and mothers choose a gift for their child, which Helen says is the best part. "This part is possibly the greatest gift of all, as it means the women and children still have the joy of selecting just the right thing to give to someone they love," she said.

"We ask for new items, pick something you would love to be gifted then pass that on to someone who will cherish and appreciate it who won't have the same opportunity," she said.

Donations for Path of Hope can be made at the collection points at Wizard Pharmacy and Advantage Pharmacy in Claremont.

To support the Salvation Army, the Town is encouraging donations of non-perishable food and new gifts or toys to the Claremont Community Hub & Library until Wednesday, 14 December.



Sprouting talent

Claremont Football Club (CFC) draws players from North Beach to North Fremantle, from the east of Perth's freeway and beyond. It also draws from WA's regional areas including the Great Southern and the Kimberley.

The Club's involvement in these areas range from promoting the game of football to hosting training and carnivals and encouraging talented players along the talent pathway.

The Kimberly is a place of exceptional sporting talent, particularly considering the social, infrastructure and remote location challenges they face.

Darcy Coffey, Chief Executive Officer of Claremont Football Club said with women's football growing exponentially this has afforded some wonderful new opportunities for females to access and be part of a new sport and pathway.

WAFLW League player Jan Stewart, who is an indigenous woman originally from Halls Creek, has played football for CFC for a number of years and has also spent time in the AFLW with Fremantle Dockers. Recently, with the support of Rio Tinto, CFC were able to send Jan along to participate in a remote community engagement opportunity in partnership with the Garnduwa Amboorny Wirnan, Making her Mark Program.

Garnduwa are a peak indigenous body promoting and developing sport and recreation throughout the Kimberley and the Making her Mark program aims to create a safe space to yarn and listen to Aboriginal women in community and understand perceived and real barriers to participating in sport.

Jan said she felt honoured and grateful to be part of the program and travelling through Halls Creek felt very close to home with her family coming from the Jaru Country.

"It was amazing to see the number of girls participating. With the AFL women's competition getting bigger and bigger, this program is going to encourage girls from all over the country to be involved and it's awesome to see the influence it is having within the Kimberley.

The Claremont Football Club's home on Davies Road is at the heart of their organisation. They are proud to have 98% of their playing list from their local development zones and take great pride in bringing people from the various areas together to represent the club and bear the Claremont name.

They are a not-for-profit community organisation whose goals are to provide opportunity and develop their people. As a part of the community, they in turn are able to assist others to get involved, to participate and to realise their potential.

Looking for the perfect local place to catch up with friends and family? The Claremont Football Club Tiger Bar is open every Thursday and Friday from 4:00pm. Visit *claremontfc.com.au*

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Celebrating the Lake

Hundreds of visitors gathered at Lake Claremont and welcomed in spring on Sunday 18 September at the Town's Celebrate Lake Claremont event.

Nyoongar man Phil Walleystack kicked off the event with a Welcome to Country, and then provided an opportunity for the audience to connect to country by learning some Nyoongar words and listening to some traditional music.

While the sun was shining, kids and adults alike took part in a myriad of free sustainable activities. From traditional wood crafting, flower crown making, all abilities yoga and seed planting, there was something for everyone to get back into nature.

This year's event narrowed in on sustainability and wellness with over 15 stalls, each had their own way of reducing our environmental footprint.

Deputy Mayor Annette Suann opened the event and reflected saying "The thing that really makes this event special is the location. We are so lucky to have such a beautiful greenspace in the heart of Claremont".

"The lake is teeming with wildlife and home to around 90 different species of birds, and thanks to the very wet winter, is full of water." The annual event helps us embrace and appreciate the fantastic natural environment that we are lucky to have right here on our doorsteps.

Wildlife watch

As we move into warmer months, it's important to watch out for all wildlife in the area. If you spot any injured or displaced wildlife, please consider contacting the below organisations for support:

WA Wildlife can offer prompt advice over the phone and their wildlife hospital in Bibra Lake offers free medical services for all wildlife (9417 7105) **Western Australian Seabird Rescue** can support both sea and water birds (08) 6102 8464

Friends of Lake Claremont can also help injured turtles, contact Nick Cook on 0401 376 085

An alliance to remember

Over the past two years, teachers Mr Ben Turner and Ms Cindy Carboni, alongside the Year 6 students at Freshwater Bay Primary School (FWBPS), have formed an alliance with Claremont and Nedlands RSL sub-branches to recognise those who have served our country in times of conflict.

Through this alliance, students have met soldiers, nurses, historians, and family members, who have added another layer of understanding, context and compassion to their Humanities and Social Sciences lessons.

Together, they have created a project known as the Karrakatta Cross Initiative, where students research the lives of these Servicemen and women, and to pay their respects by placing a cross and saying a few words of appreciation at the unmarked gravesites. This project is driven through the hard work and dedication of David Thomas (President Claremont RSL Sub-Branch, President RASWA) and Gavin Wilkinson (President Nedlands RSL Sub-Branch).

FWBPS Year 6 teacher Mr Ben Turner said the project continued this year with a focus on Indigenous Service Members and Women who had served their country.

"Our students laid crosses at the burial locations of 18 WW1 Soldiers, and recognised 6 Indigenous Soldiers and 4 Nurses, including Sister Anne Donnell, who was one of the first nurses enlisted during WW1 as a part of the Australian Army Nursing Services."

"The students used the backdrop of the Memorial Rose Gardens to memorialise those Soldiers and Nurses who were buried elsewhere and may not have had official recognition previously," he said.

Freshwater Bay Primary School will continue this tradition each year with the aim of recognising the valuable contributions of our Service Men and Women of all backgrounds and ensuring that their sacrifices are never forgotten.



Friday night is speedway night

Do you remember the smell of fumes and the revving of engines on a Friday night in Claremont?

"I still get 'that feeling' whenever someone is using the right oil in their lawn mower. That smell takes me back to Claremont." (Brad Clayton, 2019, in Claremont Speedway Snapshots Volume 1)

From 1927 until 2000 the Claremont Showgrounds was home to the longest running dirt track in the history of speedway in Australia. Claremont Speedway was a ritual for motor enthusiasts and families alike. It was a place to meet friends, eat hotdogs, enjoy the sunset and cheer on your favourite driver.

"It was a Friday night tradition. The whole family standing at fowlhouse corner, smothered in mud, it doesn't get much better!" (Bruce Mckechnie, 2019)

Claremont Museum has collaborated with speedway enthusiasts from near and far to bring memories of this iconic weekly event back to Claremont. This special exhibition will feature an original vintage speedway car and bike on loan from the York Motor Museum, a 1930 motorcycle crown from WA Museum Boola Bardip and a wide variety of photos and documents from the Claremont Museum's collection and from members of the WA Classic Speedway Association.

Discover the stories of legendary drivers like Sig Schlam, Chum Taylor and Charlie West, learn about the early days of solos and side cars and reflect on those who lost their lives in pursuit of speed and entertainment.

The Claremont Speedway Exhibition will be open from 9 January 2023 to 9 April 2023.

Museum Opening Hours:

- Monday Thursday: 10:00am 4:00pm
- Sunday: 10:00am 2:00pm







Nights, cameras, action

The Claremont Town Centre Night-time Activation Grants are back to bring another season of evening events to the town centre. The grants aim to invigorate, inspire, collaborate, and deliver exciting night-time offerings with the town centre.

Catwalks in Claremont

An incredible crowd gathered in the Town Square to celebrate Reign the Label's Spring/Summer Fashion launch on Thursday 13 October 2022.

The event saw a great collaboration of Claremont businesses including a beautiful flower wall by Hannah Etherington Flowers, model hair by Maurice Meade, canapes by Miss Chow's, the event space by Claremont Quarter, beverages by Claremont Golf Club and of course the fashion by Reign the Label.

Art unites

FORM WA recently celebrated the opening of COALESCE: Artists of the Margaret River Region, at the Goods Shed.

COALESCE features eleven artists united by the place where they create their work: the Margaret River region in Wardandi Country. The area provides the emotional, sensory, intellectual, aesthetic and, in some cases, literal material from which their art is made.

Whether exploring landforms, interiors, native species, ceremony, or the body's movement through bush, these artworks are a collective expression of the intense, meaningful, and occasionally cryptic relationships that people develop with notions of home and belonging. The exhibition was open until Sunday 30 October 2022.

For more information on the Night-time Activation Grants please contact the Town: toc@claremont.wa.gov.au, or visit Claremont.wa.gov.au







Claremont Lawn Tennis Club

Do you fancy being the next Ash Barty or Alex Minaur? Or maybe you just want to have some fun and finally give tennis a try – either way some tennis lessons at Claremont Lawn Tennis Club are a great way to kick-start your tennis journey.

During term time you'll find tennis lessons running throughout the week and on Saturday mornings plus private lessons and coaching sessions can be arranged during school holidays too.

For more information contact the Claremont Lawn Tennis Club or Juliette from West Coast Tennis on 0400 827 014.

Claremont parks and outdoor spaces

Of course, sometimes it's as simple as heading to your local park for a walk with the dog or your family and enjoying all the Town has to offer.

Take care to be sun-smart and if you are heading to Lake Claremont, remember it's a wildlife conservation area so always keep your eyes peeled and be aware that you may come across wildlife of all varieties!

The Town is embarking on its first Community Health and Wellbeing Plan and we will be seeking your feedback on what you would like to see to support your health and wellbeing. The Plan will provide data on the community's needs, to provide future direction. To have your say, visit claremont.wa.gov.au

Be active in the great outdoors

If you're looking for some outdoor activities to keep busy over summer, we've got you covered.

Claremont Nedlands Cricket Club

Christmas Holiday fun and skill development for all young cricketers is on again this year at Claremont Nedlands Cricket Club.

Hosted at Cresswell Park, with its newly rebuilt clubhouse, the Club's coaching clinics are suitable for girls and boys aged 6-15 years and cater for all skills levels.

The clinics are operated by Jim Allenby, former CNCC Captain, Coach and English County Cricket star as well as several current CNCC Senior cricketers. Players will be allocated to smaller groups of the appropriate age and skill level.

The clinics are held in the week before Christmas and in the first week of the new year – however dates are to be confirmed. For further details, please contact Jim Allenby on coltscoach@cncc.org.au or 0438 952 540.

Lake Claremont Golf Course

Junior golfers are welcome to come and try their hand at the Club's 9 holes circuit which is perfect for young players, but we're told has some technically challenging parts for the more experimental players too!

Take advantage of the reduced entry fee of \$10 which applies both during the week and on weekends.

Claremont Aquatic Centre

The perfect place to catch-up with friends (and burn off some energy for the littler folk!) when things heat up, Claremont Aquatic Centre is still the favourite place to head during those long, hot summer days.

Don't forget to try out the Splash Pad for some extra fun!







"In Summer I love going to the pool, and also riding my Scooter!"

Sienna, aged 4 years, local resident.



Local festive fair

Looking for inspiration to elevate your next gathering this festive season? Claremont Town Centre local providores have your picnics to casual catch ups covered. Spoil your family and friends with delicious charcuterie boards, fresh seafood, and specialty drinks this season.

Pronto Butcher

Shop 1/42-44 Gugeri St, Claremont

Create an amazing charcuterie board with homemade dips, pates, a selection of cheeses, and fine deli meats from Pronto Butcher. Owner Karen Florenca suggests trying the "The Pronto Picnic Box — perfect for the Perth Summer season – outdoor cinemas, concerts or romantic date-night. Made to order, and gluten-free options available".

Liberty Liquors

42 Bay View Terrace, Claremont

Looking for inspiration on food and drink pairings? Justin Stephenson, owner of Liberty Liquors and his team are more than happy to help you find the perfect drop to pair with your food, "we have a large range of well known and smaller limited-edition products available" he said.

Seafresh

26 St Quentin Avenue, Claremont

You can't go past fresh seafood in the festive season. Seafresh have your sorted with delicious fresh seafood or sushi platter, made fresh daily and can be pre-ordered and collected when you need it and are just perfect for your next get-together.

Pressed Earth Juice

5/24 St Quentin Avenue, Claremont

If you are looking at keeping things healthy this festive season, Pressed Earth Juice have you covered with their cold-pressed juices and multi-day juice cleanses. Offering made to order, petite glass bottles of the crowd-pleasers, try their Juice Party Pack for your next get-together. Or if you are looking for a slight twist on fresh juice, one of the owners Zoe Kelsey, suggests trying their Pink Floyd with a dash of gin.

"it's a summer picnic favourite - red apple, green tea, strawberry, pomegranate, lemon and tomato. Loaded with antioxidants, lower in sugar than your traditional fizzy drinks and tastes wildly delicious served over ice with a dash of your favourite gin".









It's about Time

The Time Square shopping precinct in Avion Way is truly something unique. Not only is it home to some incredible unique local businesses, it's also the place to be young female entrepreneurs. We caught up with a few to hear what they enjoyed about being a businesswoman.

Good Juju Café

Shop 2 Times Square, Avion Way, Claremont

Still finishing her year 12 studies and now the face of the new Good Juju Cafe, Juju is the youngest and newest female entrepreneur in Times Square.

After starting out in life facing extreme challenges of severe autism, Juju and her mother have worked extremely hard to find her strengths to pursue a life she loves. Time, persistence, consistency and focus have led her along with her mother Mandy, to start Good Juju Café.

Good Juju is the pilot project for the Fit for Working Program, bringing extraordinary people to extraordinary workplaces, and Juju is the first pilot staff member! The café is staffed by young adults with autism, helping them gain skills and independence while being surrounded by a supportive community. With the staff dancing, good tunes pumping, fun snacks and games; you can pop in for a smoothie and leave feeling better about the world.

Mandy Mason

CEO & Clinical Director | FIT Learning Shop 24 Times Square, 10 Avion Way, Claremont

Mandy is the Jill of all trades with an incredible list of achievements both in and out of the business world. A world-class masters sprinter and record holder, businesswoman, podcaster, and mother of two girls (one with severe autism), Mandy's passion is what drives her both personally and professionally.

After travelling the world to find the best learning models for her daughter with autism, Juju, Mandy found Fit Learning and brought it back to Australia with the first Fit Learning Australia opening in Claremont in 2015.

Mandy's life mantra? Make their NO your YES! And her advice to other women planning to start their own business: Find mentors that you admire and then stand on their shoulders - the journey is a lot easier when you can walk in the footsteps of people that have worked hard to create them for those that follow them.







Ellie Dunne Collective

Owner | Ellie Dunne Collective Shop 22-23 Times Square | Avion Way, Claremont

With 9 years in the beauty industry, working under some of the best mentors and creatives, Ellie loves to work with her clients and interpret their wishes to make them feel their best selves. The stylish beautician has been in her chic Claremont space for 18 months now and has built up an extensive client base, delivering a myriad of services from brows, make-up, and lash lifts to cosmetic tattooing and spray tans.

Ellie said "The last 18 months in Claremont have been incredible and it's great to be surrounded by so many other successful, independent women in business."

Hannah Etherington

Owner I Hannah Etherington Flowers 6/339 Stirling Highway, Claremont

Leading the floral design is local florist Hannah Etherington of Hannah Etherington Flowers.

Hannah has been in the floristry business for over 20 years. She opened her first shop, Hannah Etherington Flowers, in 2003 and has been part of the Claremont Town Centre community ever since.

Hannah's incredible floral installations have graced some of Perth's largest events such as Art Blooms at the Art Gallery of WA, Perth Fashion Week and Polo in the City.

This year Hannah has been a part of the Town's Christmas in Claremont program as the creator of the incredible Christmas Blooms. Hannah has used 1000 stems to create 13 different pieces which will feature as Christmas displays in shops across Claremont Town Centre.

Christmas in Blooms will be in stores until Christmas Day.

Connect with tech

Andrew Harford is no stranger when it comes to volunteering. He's been part of the Claremont Community Hub & Library's, Be Connected program since 2019.

Andrew helps people navigate their computers and smart phones, covering a wide range of tech topics.

"Those who take part in the program often come to me feeling a little isolated." said Andrew.

"As their skills improve, their confidence really skyrockets, it's incredible to witness."

Andrew gave invaluable assistance to patrons installing and using the SafeWA App after the COVID-19 lockdowns. Librarian and program facilitator Debbie Izaac said, "He's helped people gain independence in a world that is very technologically reliant."

Andrew said the best thing about volunteering is the people.

"Being able to connect with people is what I love about volunteering. It's very fitting that the program is all about connection."

Andrew is one of over 30 volunteers who generously offer their time to programs and activities across the Town of Claremont, many of which, wouldn't be possible without volunteers.

Be Connected runs every Tuesday from 10am till noon at the Claremont Community Hub & Library.



What's on summer

Dec

- 1 | History in a Coffee Cup at Claremont Museum, 10am. Fragments of a 1950s Childhood claremont.wa.gov.au
- **7 & 14 | Quilting Club** at Claremont Baptist, 9.30am *claremontbc.com*
- **8 | Christmas in Claremont Lights On** at Town Square, Claremont, 6.00pm 8.00pm.
- **9 | Freshwater Bay Primary School Choir** at Town Square, Claremont, 2.00pm.
- **10 | Christmas Rectory Cafe** at Christ Church Claremont, 9.00am 12.00pm. *claremont.perth.anglican.org*
- 10 | Christmas in Claremont Splash into Christmas at the Claremont Aquatic Centre, 11.00am – 3.00pm
- 11 | Friends of Lake Claremont Busy Bee at FOLC Shed, 8.00 – 10.00am friendsoflakeclaremont.org
- 11 | Christmas Tunes Claremont Baptist Church at the Town Square, 12.30pm
- 14 | Christmas Crafternoon at Claremont Community Hub + Library, 3.30pm – 4.30pm claremont.wa.gov.au
- 16 22 | Christmas Colour and Create at Claremont Community Hub + Library, 9.30am - 10.15am claremont.wa.gov.au
- 17 | Christmas in Claremont Carols in the Park at Claremont Park, 4.30pm – 8.30pm
- Until 18 | He is Myself: The Art of Nyaparu (William)
 Gardiner at The Goods Shed.
 thegoodsshedclaremont.com
- 21 | Christmas Storytime at the Claremont Community Hub + Library, 10.00am – 11.00am claremont.wa.gov.au

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- 2 | Wedding & Bride Summer Expo at Claremont Showgrounds, 9am – 4pm. weddingandbrideperthbridalexpo.com.au
- 8 | Friends of Lake Claremont Busy Bee at FOLC Shed, 8.00 – 10.00am friendsoflakeclaremont.org
- **9 | Claremont Speedway Exhibition** at Claremont Museum. *claremont.wa.gov.au*
- 16 | Lost Skills Program at Claremont Museum, 10.30am. Make-do & Mend. claremont.wa.gov.au

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- 2 | History in a Coffee Cup at Claremont Museum, 10am. claremont.wa.gov.au
- 2-5 | Midnite Youth Theatre at Christ Church Grammar School Drama Centre. James and the Giant Peach. midnite.ccgs.wa.edu.au
- 11 | Feb A Night on Bayview at Claremont Park 6:30pm – 9:30pm claremont.wa.gov.au
- 12 | Friends of Lake Claremont Busy Bee at FOLC Shed, 8.00am – 10.00am friendsoflakeclaremont.org
- **19 | Lost Skills Program** at Claremont Museum, 10.00am *claremont.wa.gov.au*
- **8, 15 & 22 | Quilting Club** at Claremont Baptist, 9.30am *claremontbc.com*
- 28 | Friends of Lake Claremont Night Chat 5.30pm friendsoflakeclaremont.org

Claremont Community Hub & Library – School holiday activities, programs and groups on offer every week claremont.wa.gov.au

Lake Claremont parkrun – join the free, fun & friendly 5km community event every Saturday at 8:00am, meet near the Tee Box café.

Do you have an event on in Claremont for March – May? Let us know at *toc@claremont.wa.gov.au* and we can include it in the next Flourish!





CHRISTMAS ECLAREMONT

LIGHTS ON 08 DEC SPLASH INTO CHRISTMAS

CAROLS IN THE PARK