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RYDE PARK GOES BEACHED AS **Community Christmas Celebration Sunday December 4**

Soft white sand ... surfboards ... palm trees ... ironmen ... Santa in a fire truck ... and a giant inflatable shark!

These are just some of the attractions when *Ryde Park Goes Beached As* for the annual Community Christmas Celebration on Sunday 4 December, 3.00 – 7.00pm.

Mayor Clr Artin Etmekdjian is extending an open invitation to all the community to come and enjoy the fun: “Our annual Community Christmas Celebration has become one of our most anticipated family events.

“This year we’re gone all out with a beach theme, with attractions for kids and adults, plus special events coordinated by the Ryde Youth Council.

“What better way to kick of the festive season than with a beach party in one of our beautiful local parks.”

So, dig out your Hawaiian shirt and boardies, brush up your Beach Boy lyrics, grab the kids or mates and follow the sounds of strummin’ guitars down to *Ryde Park Goes Beached As* for the annual Community Christmas Celebration on Sunday 4 December.

- Santa’s Cave: Santa will make a grand entrance in a fire truck at 5.30pm, then he will be in his cave to hear requests from the girls and boys
- Kids crafts: make your own glow-in-the-dark Christmas card or sand bracelet and decorate a Christmas chocolate pudding
- Giant sand pit (sandcastle building equipment supplied!)
- Special Christmas entertainment for kids: sing along and dance with the Brett Campbell Kids Xmas Show
- Mechanical surfboard, inflatable shark slide, ironman challenge
- Beach volley ball, Beach cricket
- Dance Generation (breakdancing)
- Face painting, Christmas elves
- Australian Wildlife Zoo for a closeup animal encounter
- Local entertainment: Amanda Thomas and Band and Shock Daze for mums and dads
- Free sausage sizzle and refreshments.

The Community Christmas Celebration is presented by the City of Ryde.