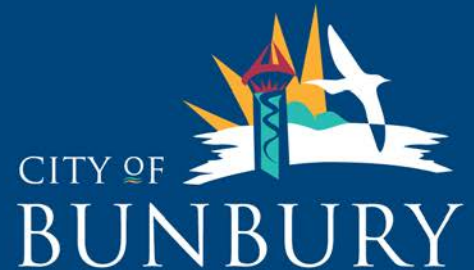


# MEDIA STATEMENT



Monday, 28 November 2016

## **Christmas Carols candles to benefit community groups**

Candles will boost the coffers of local organisations South West Refuge and SAFE (Saving Animals From Euthanasia) Bunbury, who will share in proceeds raised at the Christmas in the City Carols Concert on Sunday, 11 December.

The Community Candle initiative allows community groups and charities to benefit from the sale of candles during the Carols Concert at the Graham Bricknell Sound Shell, which last year raised more than \$1200.

The two beneficiaries are worthy recipients, having provided valuable services to the community for many years.

South West Refuge provides safe, supported crisis accommodation for 250 ladies and children escaping family and domestic violence. But there are 100 more who seek help when the refuge is full.

Funds raised will go towards the creation of one additional family room, to accommodate another 50 ladies and children each year, and one additional single room to accommodate an extra 20 ladies each year.

SAFE Bunbury saves hundreds of animals every year from being euthanised. Their foster module means that animals are cared for in foster homes while permanent homes are found. All animals are sterilised to help stop the cycle of unwanted animals.

Funds raised from the Community Candle initiative will go towards payment of veterinary bills.

Christmas in the City, a popular family-friendly event, kicks off at 3pm at Bicentennial Square with a host of activities and entertainment on offer, such as the Wonder Workshop, Little Elves Craft City, camel rides, food vans, market stalls and much more.

The Street Parade will begin at 5.30pm and wind through the streets of Bunbury's CBD before completing its journey opposite Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre at 6.45pm.

Christmas in the City then culminates with the Carols Concert, which starts at 7pm.

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