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TWILIGHT MARKET HERALDS THE START OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AT WILLOWDALE

A busy twilight market and an enchanting evening of free family fun will help to usher in the Christmas season at Stockland's Willowdale community at Denham Court on Saturday, 1 December.

More than 35 stalls will be operating at Willowdale Regional Park at Jamboree Avenue from 5pm to 8pm, offering an abundance of choice for festive shoppers, while Santa will help set the scene when he rolls into the community on a fire truck, handing out candy canes to the kids.

The event is being organised by Stockland in partnership with non-profit group Big Yellow Umbrella, which has a base at Willowdale Community Place.

Richard Rhydderch, Stockland General Manager, NSW Residential Development, encouraged residents from Willowdale as well as surrounding areas to join in the celebrations.

"A full evening of entertainment has been planned, including pony rides, face painting, a jumping castle, plaster painting, sand art and craft stalls for children, along with food trucks, the Fisher's Ghost Youth Orchestra and singing," Mr Rhydderch said.

"We expect this event to be very popular, and it will be a great opportunity for Willowdale residents to come together and meet one another in a relaxed, family-friendly environment.

"The twilight market will be selling everything from clothes to candles, crafts and jewellery and it will be a perfect chance to tackle some Christmas shopping, get something to eat and soak up the wonderful, festive atmosphere.

"Santa is set to make his entrance just after 7pm in a fire truck operated by the Leppington Rural Fire Brigade, handing out treats to the kids as he wanders through the crowd and posing for selfies with the young and the young at heart.

"Stockland is committed to providing high quality amenities to bring people together, and events like these really demonstrate the tremendous community spirit that exists at Willowdale," Mr Rhydderch said.

Set over 350 hectares, Willowdale will eventually include more than 3,400 homes, the Avena townhomes and retirement living.

Other features include a neighbourhood retail centre with a Coles supermarket and 12 specialty shops, 25 hectares of parks and open space including playgrounds and walking and cycling paths, and a proposed school and future childcare site.

Willowdale also has easy access to transport links, being only three kilometres away from Leppington Train Station and close to the M5 and M7 motorways.

For more information go to www.stockland.com.au/willowdale or call 13 LAND (13 5263). You can also follow the community on Facebook at www.facebook.com/willowdale2565 or on Instagram @stocklandwillowdale.

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