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An Eden Park Christmas

If you haven't heard already, this Sunday 8 December we'll be hosting An Eden Park Christmas once again; our community carols event held in collaboration with The Fringe District. This free family event celebrates community, inclusion, and diversity and this year the event will be hosted again by local David Seymour and Kiwi favourite Suzy Cato.

Bring your family and friends to the second annual event to sing along with a mass

choir to some of your favourite festive songs. Guests will be treated to a wide range of dance and cultural performances by adults and children from all across Auckland. Come along early to enjoy festive food offerings, crafts and unique goods from local eateries and Crafternoon Tea stalls. Alternatively you can bring along your own family picnic!

Gates Open, via Entry J, at 11am with pre-entertainment, free face painting, a free family photo booth and Alpha Cheer workshops. More event information can be found [here](#).



The Hood Christmas Party

We're finalising details for our annual festive celebration specially for members of The Hood and we can now share it will be held on Wednesday 18 December. There will be music, food and beverages and our neighbours will get the chance to revel on the same hallowed turf some of our country's greatest athletes perform on. Please keep the evening free and we'll be in touch shortly with further details.

EVANZ Award Wins

Last week Eden Park added to its award collection after taking out three awards at the Entertainment Venues Association of New Zealand (EVANZ) awards.

Chief Executive Officer Nick Sautner took out the 'Venue Executive of the Year' award and later in the evening was also awarded the 'Supreme Venue Person of the Year' acknowledgement. Adding to the night's success was Event Manager Chynna Laughton who was presented the 'Operational Manager of the Year' award. The 27 year old previously won the 'Rising Star of the Year' award in 2016.

Eden Park Trust Board Chairman Doug McKay says all three award wins are testament to the culture and driving force behind the stadium. "Since stepping onto our turf, Nick has led an incessant mission to ensure Eden Park holds its place on not only New Zealand's map but also the world stage. It's satisfying to see staff like Chynna Laughton grow through the business and be offered continual opportunities to develop. Our Board has no doubt that the stadium is in safe hands as it looks to the future."

Eden Park's Morningside Urban Market Garden

The MUMG was recently selected to be one of three charities involved in the Funding Network's 'Strengthening Inclusion in Aotearoa' live crowdfunding event. With summer fast approaching, there are now edible flowers, herbs, and baby leaf greens being harvested for local café Kind, while composting has been a big focus with the team working alongside the stadium's compost partners, NZ Box, to learn and share practical skills. A series of community workshops are being planned for early 2020 ahead of a harvest celebration in April.



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