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## **Christmas festivities for Department Store re-opening**

The highly-anticipated re-opening of Hastings Co-op's new-look Wauchope Department Store is set for November 5, after being closed since July due to storm damage repairs.

"To celebrate, we're ringing in the start of the festive season with a Christmas launch from 5-7pm on November 8," chief executive officer Allan Gordon announced.

"As well as being able to browse our spectacular Christmas windows, there will be complimentary Cassegrain wines, canapes from Timbertown IGA, live music by Sing Australia and a surprise visit from Santa Claus. We even have a new letterbox so kids can write their wish list in-store and post it off to the North Pole."

Department Store manager Judy Standing has been busily working behind the scenes on the lavish window and in-store displays, which attract crowds from near and far to Wauchope.

"We pride ourselves on offering a distinctive shopping experience and I hope people of all ages will love what we've been working on," she said.

"There's a different theme for each of the windows, featuring everything from life-size deers, elves and fairies to traditional and animated characters."

To cement the Department Store's reputation for being 'Christmas Central' in Wauchope, the dates for the Annual Christmas Sales days have also been set for December 7 and 8.

Attractions at this year's event include: Rollands Plains Upper Public School choir, Extravandance Studio performances, Fine Food Friday, Comboyne community cookbook sales, spot prizes, Napoleon Perdis giveaways and a competition to win two \$500 shopping sprees. To go in the draw all customers have to do is make a purchase at Wauchope, Port Macquarie or Laurieton Department Store between November 8 and December 6.

There will also be Santa photos on December 1, 8 and 15, however, the Department Store will be sponsors and photos will be taken at the Photography by Melissa Lee studios at the corner of High and Cameron streets this year.

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