

Event Program

Friday 30 October 2026 – Sunday 31 January 2027

Gardens open from 9am till 4:30pm – Last entry at 3:30pm.

Christmas Lights Spectacular open from 5:30pm till 10:30pm – **Last entry at 9:30pm.**

Rides from 6pm to 10pm – Ride ticket sales close at 9:30pm. **Last ride 9:45pm.**

Please note Gardens close at 4:30pm and Christmas Lights opens at 5:30pm, all visitors must exit the gardens by 4:30pm, including Day/Night ticket holders. ***CLOSED 25 DECEMBER.***

HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS

Christmas Lights SPECTACULAR

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Christmas Lights Spectacular Entertainment



The Little Scallywagz - Nutcracker Story Time Experience

Step into a magical holiday tradition where children become part of the enchanting world of The Nutcracker! A lively narrator brings the classic tale to life; young Clara, her mysterious Nutcracker, and the journey through the Land of Sweets. Afterwards, children meet the characters, take photos, and ask questions, maybe even learn a few dance moves themselves! Located in the event area near the Ferris wheel.



Bizarre Haus - Stilt Walkers

Our Stilt Performers costumed in elegant and festive attire, tower above the crowds with bright smiles and playful interactions. Their height and presence naturally draw attention, while their roving style allows them to engage with guests, wave to children, pose for photos, adding height and colour to the evening.



Bizarre Haus - Lollipop Lyra

Prepare to be mesmerised by the Lollipop Lyra, a spellbinding performance of elegance, strength, and festive beauty. Spinning and soaring gracefully in a glowing hoop, the performer creates breathtaking shapes and acrobatics that captivate every audience. Lit up under the Christmas lights and dressed in seasonal sparkle, this act brings a magical, theatrical flair to your evening stroll through the Gardens.



Bizarre Haus - Unicycling Juggler

Unicycling Juggler brings energy, fun, and interactive charm to the event. With a mix of comedy, balance, and incredible coordination, this performer engages crowds with dazzling tricks and light-hearted banter. This act is perfect for roaming through the Gardens and stopping periodically for mini pop-up shows that gather crowds and spread laughter wherever they go.

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NEW Bizarre Haus - Roller Skaters

Christmas themed characters on roller skates, skate around the Gardens interacting with guests as they walk through the lights display. These entertainers provide a fun a joyful energy and they move through the Gardens, posing for photos with guests.



NEW Bizarre Haus - Floating Snow Globe Orb with Dancers

This showstopping duo are situated on the water in front of our waterfall in beautifully curated snowy themed costuming in clear orbs moving through the water. This display is truly magical and will memorise guests as they wander through our new 'Celestial Snowfields' display.



Christmas House Band

A dynamic four-piece cover bands are sure to get your feet tapping and your hands clapping. With their infectious energy and diverse musical repertoire, this talented group brings a fresh and captivating approach to Christmas favourites.



NEW Summer Sunset DJ Sessions

DJ sessions setting the scene in the event area, with the summer sun setting in the background, pivoting our normal Christmas music to family friendly hits and tunes to create a fun late afternoon atmosphere. Located in the Evergreen Tavern Saturdays in January.

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Christmas Lights Spectacular Entertainment Calendar

FRI 30 OCT	Bizarre Haus **6pm - 9pm**
SAT 31 OCT	Nutcracker Story Time Experience **6pm, 7pm & 8pm**
SUN 01 NOV	Nutcracker Story Time Experience **6pm, 7pm & 8pm**
FRI 06 NOV	Bizarre Haus **6pm - 9pm**
SAT 07 NOV	Nutcracker Story Time Experience **6pm, 7pm & 8pm**
SUN 08 NOV	Nutcracker Story Time Experience **6pm, 7pm & 8pm**
FRI 13 NOV	Nutcracker Story Time Experience **6pm, 7pm & 8pm** Bizarre Haus **6pm - 9pm**
SAT 14 NOV	Nutcracker Story Time Experience **6pm, 7pm & 8pm**
FRI 20 NOV	Nutcracker Story Time Experience **6pm, 7pm & 8pm** Bizarre Haus **6pm - 9pm**
SAT 21 NOV	Nutcracker Story Time Experience **6pm, 7pm & 8pm** Bizarre Haus **6pm - 9pm**
SUN 22 NOV	Bizarre Haus **6pm - 9pm**
FRI 27 NOV	Nutcracker Story Time Experience **6pm, 7pm & 8pm** Bizarre Haus **6pm - 9pm**
SAT 28 NOV	Nutcracker Story Time Experience **6pm, 7pm & 8pm** Bizarre Haus **6pm - 9pm** Christmas House Band **6pm - 9pm**
SUN 29 NOV	Bizarre Haus **6pm - 9pm**

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FRI 04 DEC
- Nutcracker Story Time Experience **6pm, 7pm & 8pm**
- Bizarre Haus **6pm - 9pm**

SAT 05 DEC
- Nutcracker Story Time Experience **6pm, 7pm & 8pm**
- Bizarre Haus **6pm - 9pm**
- Christmas House Band **6pm - 9pm**

SUN 06 DEC
- Bizarre Haus **6pm - 9pm**

FRI 11 DEC
- Nutcracker Story Time Experience **6pm, 7pm & 8pm**
- Bizarre Haus **6pm - 9pm**

SAT 12 DEC
- Nutcracker Story Time Experience **6pm, 7pm & 8pm**
- Bizarre Haus **6pm - 9pm**
- Christmas House Band **6pm - 9pm**

SUN 13 DEC
- Bizarre Haus **6pm - 9pm**

THU 17 DEC
- Bizarre Haus **6pm - 9pm**

FRI 18 DEC
- Nutcracker Story Time Experience **6pm, 7pm & 8pm**
- Bizarre Haus **6pm - 9pm**

SAT 19 DEC
- Nutcracker Story Time Experience **6pm, 7pm & 8pm**
- Bizarre Haus **6pm - 9pm**

SUN 20 DEC
- Nutcracker Story Time Experience **6pm, 7pm & 8pm**
- Bizarre Haus **6pm - 9pm**

MON 21 DEC
- Bizarre Haus **6pm - 9pm**

TUE 22 DEC
- Bizarre Haus **6pm - 9pm**
- Christmas House Band **6pm - 9pm**

WED 23 DEC
- Bizarre Haus **6pm - 9pm**

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THU **24** DEC
Bizarre Haus
6pm - 9pm

SAT **26** DEC
Bizarre Haus
6pm - 9pm
Christmas House Band
6pm - 9pm

SUN **27** DEC
Bizarre Haus
6pm - 9pm

MON **28** DEC
Bizarre Haus
6pm - 9pm

TUE **29** DEC
Bizarre Haus
6pm - 9pm

WED **30** DEC
Bizarre Haus
6pm - 9pm

THU **31** DEC
Bizarre Haus
6pm - 9pm
House Band
6pm - 9pm
Fireworks
9pm

SAT **02** JAN
Bizarre Haus
6pm - 9pm
Summer Sunset DJ Sessions
6pm - 9pm

SAT **09** JAN
Bizarre Haus
6pm - 9pm
Summer Sunset DJ Sessions
6pm - 9pm

SAT **16** JAN
Bizarre Haus
6pm - 9pm
Summer Sunset DJ Sessions
6pm - 9pm

SAT **23** JAN
Bizarre Haus
6pm - 9pm
Summer Sunset DJ Sessions
6pm - 9pm

TUE **26** JAN
Bizarre Haus
6pm - 9pm



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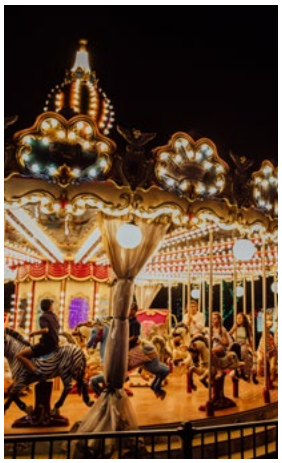
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Amusement Rides

$6 per ride, or a Bonus Ride Pack for $30

Rides operate from 6pm-10pm (last ride at 9:45pm). Ride tickets can be purchased at the ticket booth located in the event area, sales close at 9:30pm.




Superslide

1x ticket per person per 2 rides. Children between 110cm-120cm must ride with an adult (16+), 120cm and above may ride alone. A supervising adult (16+) does not require a ticket to ride with child.

Swing Chair

1x ticket per person per ride. Children between 110cm-120cm must ride with an adult (16+), 120cm and above may ride alone.

Tea Cups

1x ticket per person per ride. Children between 95cm-120cm must ride with an adult (16+), 120cm and above may ride alone.

Ferris Wheel

1x ticket per person per ride. Children below 120cm must ride with an adult.

Carousel

1x ticket per person per ride. For children only. Children below 105cm must ride with an adult (16+). A supervising adult (16+) does not require a ticket to stand next to the child.

Closures

Rides may close for unscheduled maintenance and weather events. I.e., lightning within a 30km radius, heavy rain, gale force winds or severe weather.

Height Restrictions

Ride operators will confirm height of guests prior to ride entry – guests who do not meet height requirements will be not permitted on the ride.

Please be polite and respectful to staff at all times.

Failure to adhere to the above may lead to expulsion from the event.

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Visitor Parking

Hunter Valley Gardens has free onsite parking.



We kindly ask guests to not enter the Gardens with any of the following:



NO PETS | NO DRONES | NO FOOD NO DRINKS* | NO BIKES | NO SCOOTERS | NO ESKIES | NO SMOKING OR VAPING

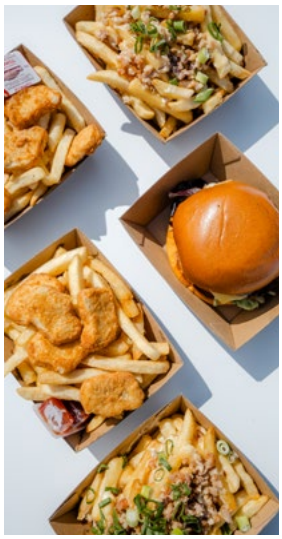
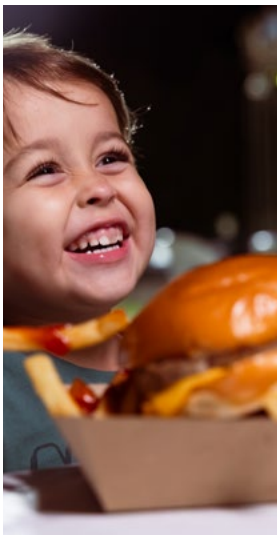
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Food & Beverages

Christmas Lights Spectacular food stalls are open daily from 5:30pm-10pm.



HVG Evergreen Tavern

- *Selection of Alcoholic & Nonalcoholic Cold Drinks:*
- *Wine*
- *Beer*
- *Soft Drinks*
- *Bottled Water*
- *Selection of Loaded Fries*
- *Selection of Burgers*
- *Kids meals - Cheeseburger & Chips, Chicken Nuggets & Chips, Fish & Chips*
- *Coffee*

Gelato Brothers

- *Gelato*
- *Woodfired Pizza*
- *Mexican*
- *Dumplings*

Waffle Garden

- *Assorted Desserts*

Wagyu Blacks

- *Asian-style Wraps*
- *Wagyu Steak*
- *Rice Bowls*
- *Skewers*
- *Chicken Karaage*
- *Takoyaki*

Food Trucks - December only

Yiayia's Honey Balls

- *Honey Balls - Loukoumades*
- *Toasted Sandwiches*

G-Free Donuts

- *Gluten Free Donuts*

Waffle Garden

- *Fairy Floss*

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Santa Photos

Santa photos are available in the event area marquee located near the food stalls from 5:30pm to 10pm every night from 30 October 2026 until the 26 December 2026. ***Closed 25 December.***



How can I collect my photos?

All of your photos will be delivered digitally via email to the email address of your choice. Photos can also be sent to multiple email addresses if required. Airdrop to iPhone can be done immediately as well.

Please advise the photographer of your preferred method.

$42.50

Classic Family Photo

Perfect for a small family or a single child.

Choose one photo arrangement with Santa and receive 3–6 professionally taken photos of that arrangement.

$52.50

Family + Individual Photos

Perfect for families wanting a group photo as well as individual photos of their children.

Includes:

- *1 family/group arrangement with 3–6 photos*
- *Up to 3 individual children, each photographed separately*
- *3–6 photos of each individual child*

Individual photos are for each child separately, not additional group combinations.

$62.50

Extended Family Package

Our best option for larger or extended families who would like several different family combinations.

Choose up to 4 different group arrangements with Santa. We'll photograph each arrangement, giving you approximately 15–20 photos in total.

Perfect for grandparents, multiple families, cousins and different family combinations.

What happens if I do not receive the email with my Santa photos?

Please check your junk mail first as sometimes the email can end up in there. Alternatively, please email jaredmartin@me.com with your name, contact details and date of Santa photos and they can be re-sent.