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CAROLS: All the performers at Carols in the Park joined together with Santa for an exciting finale.

LIONS GFG Alliance "Carols In The Park" has been hailed a resounding success, with the people of Whyalla already taking to social media saying "eleven out of ten!"

Acting event commitee chairman LION Allan Smith was overwhelmingly pleased with the event.

"This was the biggest crowd I've ever seen at Carols In The Park," he said.

"We know that all the stallholders were busy all night, the Community Collection was very successful and as for the main event...spectacular."

Stageshow co-ordinator Mark Tempany from Stormfront Productions had nothing but high praise for the cast and crew. "This year's concert had a record number of over 90 cast members, and every single one added to our most colourful and energetic stageshow yet."

Audience members were seen arriving at Civic Park two hours early to get prime position, and enjoyed the festive atmosphere of pre-show entertainment including balloons, facepainting, Whyalla Community Brass and Come & Strum Ukulele.

Special guest performers joining the Carols Community Choir on the night were JJ Payne, Emma and Natasha Taylor, Romy Foote, Breeze Millard, Gavin Chandler, Mark and Alison and The Glitterbugs. A mix of traditional Carols, modern Christmas songs and original music had the huge audience of over 5000 people singing along all night.

"The children loved getting up close to Philbert The Frog, The Minion and Chicken, and half time entertainment by Whydale Calisthenics and Namaste added a touch of flair. As the night grew darker the glow items looked amazing," said musical director Alison Hams.

As night fell, anticipation built while the children sang along to crowd favourites such as Rudolph in the hope that Father Christmas would visit Whyalla and he didn't disappoint, joining the entire cast onstage for the Jingle Bells finale.

"The people have spoken by turning out in such a huge number. This concert is truly worldclass, and our events team of the combined LIONS Clubs, Stormfront, and Gavin Chandler Productions can once again be congratulated for providing the perfect celebration of Christmas for the Whyalla community."



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