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## LOVE IS IN THE AIR AT THE NSW SENIORS FESTIVAL

'Love to Celebrate' is the theme which hundreds of thousands of NSW seniors will embrace for the 2020 NSW Seniors Festival.

Acting Minister for Seniors Geoff Lee helped officially launch the state-wide festival today with the first of four Premier's Gala Concerts at the ICC Sydney.

"Our seniors are the heart and soul of our communities and we love putting on these free concerts to see their smiles and hear them sing along with some of Australia's greatest talent," Mr Lee said.

"The theme 'Love to Celebrate' captures the spirit of our older generation perfectly because they can all celebrate the wonderful contributions they have made to help NSW become what it is today."

Australian music legend John Paul Young is joining a star-studded line up of talent including Vanessa Amorosi and Paulini at the Premier's Gala Concerts, which are a highlight of the 12-day festival.

"The Premier's Gala Concerts enjoy packed houses every year with free world class entertainment and this year the ultimate headline act is John Paul Young, singing 'Love is in the Air' on Valentine's Day," Mr Lee added.

After tapping their feet to the tunes at the concerts, seniors can learn from dozens of exhibitors at the NSW Seniors Festival Expo, at the ICC Sydney Exhibition Centre.

"The Expo is bigger and better than ever with seniors getting the chance to practice chair yoga, strengthen and tone with Curves gym Balance classes, try out speed friendship sessions, or sharpen up on their gardening skills with Bunnings."

More than 500,000 seniors are expected to take part in events across the state over the course of the festival from 12-23 February.

For more information on events in greater Sydney and regional NSW go to: <a href="https://www.seniorsfestival.nsw.gov.au/">https://www.seniorsfestival.nsw.gov.au/</a>

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