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## **The lineup for an evening of comedy on 17 August celebrating the season launch of Coalcliff Surf Life Saving has been announced.**

Comedians Gary Eck, Daniel Townes, Amanda Gray and Mat Wakefield will bring their talent to the Illawarra on Saturday, 17 August, and join Coalcliff Surf Life Saving Club to kick off their 101 years of association with surf lifesaving at Coledale RSL.

“One of the core values Coalcliff has created over the past 100 years is community. It’s great to bring together talent from International Comedy Festivals to our community. This event is another example of how the club and our community can engage beyond public safety on the beach,” said James McFarlane, President of Coalcliff Surf Life Saving Club.

Headlining the evening is Gary Eck, undoubtedly one of Australia’s most popular and respected comics. Gary has performed worldwide, from Singapore to Paris to New York and London, and has performed comedy shows at the Edinburgh, Melbourne, and Sydney Comedy Festivals.

In addition to a successful stand-up career, Gary has ventured into film and TV. He co-wrote and co-directed *Happy Feet Two* with Academy Award winner George Miller and voiced several characters for the film.

Gary won the world’s largest short film competition, Tropfest, with his short, *The Money* and took second place two years prior with his comedy short *Tragic Love*. Eck co-wrote and starred in the cult hit *You Can’t Stop the Murders* (now being turned into a musical!) and featured in the film *Boytown* alongside Mick Molloy and Glen Robbins.

Comedy for a Cause is excited to host this event at Coledale RSL on Saturday, 17 August 2024. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now for only \$25 per person. Enjoy a fun community fundraising event for Coalcliff Surf Life Saving Club and secure tickets now at [www.comedyforacause.net/ccs](http://www.comedyforacause.net/ccs)

### **MORE INFO**

**Coalcliff Surf Lifesaving Club** is the second most northerly club in the Illawarra and is known as the 'Social Club'. The club has an active membership of volunteers who patrol this '*Place in the Sun*' over the summer season. The club is home to a strong Nippers, Ocean Swim Club and presents special events and gigs throughout the year, including the Bombie @ Coledale RSL. More information here: [www.coalcliffslsc.com.au](http://www.coalcliffslsc.com.au)

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