# 2025 CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT GUIDELINES

#### **INFORMATION**

- Please read all information carefully as you are required to acknowledge and understand the conditions of entry.
- The theme for the 2025 Christmas Parade is "Christmas Traditions Near & Far".
- The Carols, market, family activities and music will follow after the Parade in Regent Square and Memorial Hall Complex.
- The 2025 Christmas parade will be marshalled at the George Town Fire Station in Goulburn Street from 4.45pm.
- The parade will start at 5.30pm commencing from the Fire Station.
- Following the parade, floats will assemble at a designated area still to be determined.
- All floats are to follow the directions of the Marshalls.
- Entries close on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2025. Please send your entry to Council at PO Box 161, George Town, 7253, email libbyc@georgetown.tas.gov.au or drop into the Council Office.

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- All drivers must adhere to Tasmanian Road Safety Rules and Standards.
- The movement of the Parade will be controlled by the State Emergency Service (SES) and Tasmania Police. Participants must adhere to their directions at all times.
- Bike riding, skateboarding, rollerblading and scooter riding are all permitted in the Parade, however, appropriate personal protective equipment must be worn at all times. Helmets are a requirement. All road and traffic rules are to be followed throughout the parade.
- Anyone walking in the parade must be in front or behind a float; there is to be no walking beside floats
- If people are aboard vehicles, please make sure they receive adequate adult supervision and reasonable restraining measures are in place, ie a rope barrier.
- By entering in the Parade, you agree to the George Town Council taking photographs and video footage of your entry, including individuals involved. You further acknowledge that Council has the authority to publish and use this material for subsequent advertising and marketing purposes.
- Throwing of any item from a float is prohibited, as it may encourage young people to run out in front of moving vehicles.
- Only **ONE** Santa Claus is permitted to participate in the Christmas Parade. This Santa will be provided by the organisers.

#### **VEHICLE SAFETY**

- All vehicles and trailers used in the parade must be registered and driven by individuals with the appropriate license.
- Vehicles and trailers used in the parade must be insured (minimum third-party insurance).
- Do not attach anything to the exhaust, drive/tail shaft or wheels of your vehicle.
- Do not obstruct the steering of the vehicle.
- Do not obscure the driver's vision, including the windscreen and rear-view mirrors.
- Secure all large, loose items to the vehicle appropriately.
- The vehicle should not leak any fluids.
- All vehicles must move no faster than walking pace.

#### **FNTRANT AND SPECTATOR SAFFTY**

- At the conclusion of the Christmas Parade, all entrants are to comply with the conditions of the Traffic Management Plan to be supplied on application.
- All floats will be directed to a specific parking area by traffic management personnel.
- No person is to leave the float until it has come to a stationary position.
- Be aware at all times of pedestrians who may have left their float.

The parade Marshalls have the authority to remove any entrant who does not comply with parade rules.

We ask that you comply with all conditions to avoid your termination from the parade.

## PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR

- Best Themed Float
- Best Walking Entry
- Most Entertaining
- Encouragement Award
- Green Award Most environmentally friendly and recyclable-conscious

Prize allocation will be at the discretion of the Judges. Entrants are asked to indicate which category (or categories) they feel best suits their entry.

Prizes will be announced at the conclusion of the Parade and will be announced at the Rotunda in Regent Square.

For more information about the Christmas Parade, contact Libby at the Council on 6382 8800, or email <a href="mailto:libbyc@georgetown.tas.gov.au">libbyc@georgetown.tas.gov.au</a>