

# GRAND CENTRAL FLORAL PARADE

## CONDITIONS AND APPLICATION

*Please read this application thoroughly and ensure all participating in your entry understand the rules and regulations of applying for the Grand Central Floral Parade.*

***It is imperative that everyone understands their role and adheres to these rules.***

### IMPORTANT DATES

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| Creative Workshops – <b>compulsory</b><br>all entrants must attend one<br>appointment | 23, 24, 29, 30 March, and 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, April<br>2023 |
| APPLICATIONS CLOSE  | 2pm, Thursday 20 April 2023   |
| Entrants notified   | No later than Thursday 4 May 2023                                       |
| Mandatory parade entrant meeting  | 5.30pm, Wed 13 Sept 2023  |
| <b>Grand Central Floral Parade</b>  | <b>10am, Sat 16 Sept 2023</b>   |

### PARADE THEME

## ***Create a Buzz!***

Refer to parade information booklet for full criteria.



## EXPECTATIONS & COMMITMENTS

### What TOOWOOMBA CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS (TCOF) will do:

- Assess whether an Entrant and their entry aligns to the criteria and core values of the Parade.
- Assess an Entrant on their creative concepts and production standard.
- Consult with Entrants to realise their creative potential.
- Work with an Entrant to maximise the impact to the audience.
- Work towards delivering a Parade that is designed to inspire, excite and captivate audiences.
- Communicate clearly and apply the same measures and treatment to all entries, including discussing any issues with your entry.
- Identify any elements that may require expert advice.
- Respond to queries in a timely manner.

### What TOOWOOMBA CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS won't do:

- Allow political messages.
- Allow illegal activities or ambush marketing.
- Allow messages that discriminate or may cause harm to others.

### What TOOWOOMBA CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS expects from ENTRANTS:

- Participate and receive guidance and direction from the TCOF Coordination Team
- Adhere to criteria, sponsorship, operational guidelines, and instruction before and on parade day.
- Honour your agreement with us; your parade entry follows what is set out in your application.
- Attend compulsory briefings such as the Entrant Briefing Meeting
- All entries should set a high artistic standard with extreme use of floral aspects.
- The parade is a celebration that is nationally renowned and belongs to a creative and vibrant community. All entrants are expected to participate by contributing to the artistic and floral goals of the parade and help create an event with an extremely high standard.
- Show respect, listen and follow requests from TCOF staff and volunteers.
- TCOF is committed to increasing the standard and visual spectacle of the parade each year, to make this happen we rely on the participation and efforts of entrants to strive to enhance the overall look of the parade year in year out.

***Please note: The parade is designed as a safe space for participants from all aspects of our community.***

***Any inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated and will result in an entry being removed from participating in the parade prior to the start of the parade.***

## ENTRY TYPES AND CRITERIA

### CORPORATE ENTRY

Corporate entries are 'For Profit' / Commercial organisations. This category is also open to a limited number of corporate groups from outside the immediate Toowoomba Regional Council area entered by other festivals, cities, councils or countries.

### COMMUNITY ENTRY

Community entries are available for Not-for-profit organisations including community-based clubs, associations and groups. Charities will need to provide evidence of Charitable Status or Incorporation with this application. This category is also open to a limited number of community groups from outside the immediate Toowoomba Regional Council area entered by other festivals, cities, councils or countries.

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*A Corporate or Community entry may be one of the following:*

#### Floral Float

- Visual display on a self-propelled float or trailer towed by a **decorated vehicle**.
- Decorated with **50% or more** floral.
- Limit of **one sign** for advertising
- Visual communication of brand created in consultation with the Coordination Team

#### Marching / Walking Group

- Entrance by walking groups, marching groups and local, national, and international groups attired in traditional dress or costume.
- Quantity of walkers in a walking group is determined by the adaption of the theme and presentation of the group.
- Maximum number of walkers is 50 people, and **all must be in fully themed costume** with floral elements, a requirement which will need to be developed through the compulsory sessions with the Parade Creative Advisor
- Limit of **one sign** for advertising
- Visual communication of brand created in consultation with the Coordination Team

#### Creative Visual Entry Criteria

- Encompassing puppetry, marionettes, costumed characters and visually delightful bicycle entries, the criteria requirements must be a fantastical floral delight.
- Unlimited creativity and expression of the theme is fundamental to this category.
- This category is **not available** for commercial vehicle entries.
- Limit of **one sign** for advertising
- Visual communication of brand created in consultation with the Coordination Team

#### Multicultural Celebration Criteria

- A visual display representing your culture and celebrating the diversity within Australia. This category must maximize the use of floral elements into their costumes and props. This may be presented in the form of a float or walking/marching group.

#### Visiting Float Criteria

- Visual display on a self-propelled float or trailer towed by a **decorated vehicle**.
  - Decorated with **50% or more** floral
  - Limit of **one sign** for advertising
  - Visual communication of brand created in consultation with the Coordination Team
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## **APPLICATION ASSESSMENT**

The Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers office must receive all expressions of interest to participate by 2:00pm Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Entries after this date will be accepted at the sole discretion of the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Parade Coordinator.

As there are a limited number of spaces available for participants in this year's parade, submitting an application does not mean automatic acceptance. Upon receiving your fully completed form and attached documents, the Coordination Team will decide your eligibility. Your acceptance will be determined by your entry description, supporting information, the ability to meet the entry criteria and parade conditions of entry, and if applicable past performance in the Parade. All applications will be assessed, and successful applications notified no later than Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## **COUNCIL FLOAT BASES**

This year not-for-profit groups can apply for one of the limited Council float bases, in which you will also be provided a space by Council to build and decorate your base. If you wish to use your own workspace, you will be responsible for transporting your float to and from all destinations. This includes adhering to the guidelines provide by Queensland Police Service and Department of Transport and Main Roads for getting your entry to the parade starting point.

## **PROP FLOAT BASE HIRE CRITERIA**

Being awarded a Council float base or prop by the Coordination Team is not guaranteed. It is based on your willingness to maximise your entry through creative consultation. The care of the assets is 100% your responsibility and the expectations are that you return all assets in the same condition you received them in.

# Application Form

**\*\*Complete this form after consultation with the Parade Creative Advisor\*\***

## APPLICATIONS CLOSE Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023, 2pm

All applications will be assessed, and successful applicants notified no later than Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Email completed applications to Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers [info@tcof.com.au](mailto:info@tcof.com.au)

Post completed applications to Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers, PO Box 3021, Toowoomba Qld 4350.

### ENTRANT DETAILS

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| Name of Company / Organisation  |          |
| <i>Please tick the appropriate box</i>  |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit <input type="checkbox"/> Company Pty Ltd <input type="checkbox"/> Other ( <i>Please specify</i> ) _____                     |          |
| Postal Address  | Postcode |
| Phone B/H   | Mobile   |
| Contact Name  |          |
| E-mail  |          |
| Each entry is requested to supply the name of a parade representative who will be required to attend a compulsory briefing meeting. Other helpers are also welcome. |          |
| Representative's Name   |          |
| Phone   | Mobile   |
| Email   |          |
| (Carnival Character only)<br>Name of Minder   |          |
| Are you a visiting entry from outside the immediate Toowoomba Regional Council area?  |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    Location _____  |          |

### ENTRY FEES

Please select one category you are entering

| <u>CATEGORY</u>           | <u>FEE</u> | <u>✓</u>                 |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| CORPORATE FLORAL FLOAT    | \$75.00    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| COMMUNITY FLORAL FLOAT    | \$55.00    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| VISITING FLOAT            | \$55.00    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| MARCHING / WALKING GROUP  | \$30.00    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION | \$55.00    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CREATIVE VISUAL ENTRY     | \$30.00    | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### PAYMENT

No payment is to be made with this application. Details will be forwarded to you upon acceptance.

**ENTRY DETAILS**

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| <p>Description of Entry:</p> <p><i>Note: This detail is passed on to the Grand Central Floral Parade Creative Team who are responsible for determining which applications are accepted.</i></p>                |  |
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| <p>Why would you like to be involved in the Grand Central Floral Parade?</p> <p>What is your group hoping to gain from this experience?</p>  |  |
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| <p>Sustainability</p> <p>Please explain how your group will attempt to include sustainable elements and practises into your design?</p> <p>e.g., re-use, repurpose, swap &amp; sell with other groups etc.</p> |  |
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***Please attach a sketch of your float/entry. Photos of costumes highly recommended.***  
**ENTRIES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT A DESCRIPTION AND BASIC SKETCH.**

**FLORAL FLOAT ENTRIES**

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| Will your entry be Self-Propelled?<br><i>Note: semi-trailers are not permitted</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No      If NO – which type of tow vehicle will be used? |
| Total length of float/entry (incl tow vehicle)                                     |   |
| Will your entry have amplified music?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No      If YES - how will this be amplified?            |
| Width of float/entry   |   |
| Overall height from ground level   |   |
| Number of walkers in entry (if applicable)   |   |
| Do you hold Public Liability insurance?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Please attach copy) <input type="checkbox"/> No                                 |

**MARCHING / WALKING GROUP ENTRIES**

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| Will your entry have amplified music?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No      If YES - how will this be amplified? |
| Number of walkers in entry              |  |
| Do you hold Public Liability insurance? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Please attach copy) <input type="checkbox"/> No                      |

**CREATIVE VISUAL ENTRIES**

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| What items will you include in your entry? i.e.: puppetry, costumed characters, bicycles.<br>How many? |  |
| Will your entry have amplified music?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No      If YES - how will this be amplified? |
| Number of walkers in entry (if applicable)   |  |
| Do you hold Public Liability insurance?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Please attach copy) <input type="checkbox"/> No                      |

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE BY THE ENTRANT:**

I/We have read and understood this application and the separate Parade information booklet and acknowledge and accept that:

- a) Neither the Toowoomba Regional Council ("Council"), Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Parade Coordination Team or its appointed parade organisers, sponsors will provide any Public Liability insurance protection with regards to my/our participation in the parade; and
- b) I/We am/are required to obtain Compulsory Third-Party insurance and Department of Transport permits for all unlicensed floats and vehicles; (where applicable) and
- c) I/We am/are required to obtain Police Permit for unregistered vehicles; (where applicable)
- d) Distribution of items or soliciting of funds is NOT PERMITTED PRIOR TO OR DURING THE PARADE (please refer to conditions of entry).
- e) I/We acknowledge and accept the conditions of entry as outlined in this application.
- f) I/We agree that participation in the parade is solely at my/our own risk; and
- g) I/We agree that I/we am/are solely liable for and indemnifies and saves harmless Council and the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Coordination Team from and against all liability, actions, claims, penalties, damages and expense that may be incurred by or brought against or made upon Council in relation to the entrant's participation in the parade except where such liability, actions, claims, penalties, damages and expense arise out of a negligent act or negligent default of Council, its employees or its agents.
- h) I/we agree that Council are permitted to take photographs and footage of our participation in the parade. These images may be reproduced for future parade promotional purposes.
- i) I/we acknowledge that our entry maybe cancelled if criteria aren't adhered to.

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| Name                 |  |      |  |
| Company/Organisation |  |      |  |
| Signature            |  | Date |  |

**FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONTACTS**

If you have any questions about participation in the Grand Central Floral Parade, please contact Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers office, phone 07 4688 6661 or email [info@tcof.com.au](mailto:info@tcof.com.au)

**Community Groups and Not-For-Profits only**

**FLORAL PARADE COMMUNITY GRANTS:**

In past years Toowoomba Regional Council have granted not-for-profit groups financial assistance of up to \$1000 towards meeting the floral creative elements of Parade entries.

If you would like to receive any possible funding information and application, please indicate below.

- No
- Yes

**COUNCIL FLOAT BASES**

Toowoomba Regional Council provides a limited number of Community *Float* and Not-For-Profit entrants with a Council float base, along with providing a space to build and decorate the float. Bases will be awarded on the condition that the successful applicant agrees to work with the Coordination Team to develop the successful applicant's float entry. At the completion of parade, entrants will have 2 weeks to remove all decorative items from the float base and return in its original condition. All living matter is to be removed immediately after Parade and not allowed in storage spaces.

All Council float base applications will be assessed, and successful applicants notified. The Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers and the Creative Advisor's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into. Please indicate if you would like to receive a Council float base.

- No
- Yes
- Self-propelled or  Trailer

## GRAND CENTRAL FLORAL PARADE CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The following conditions of entry apply to all Grand Central Floral Parade entrants:

- The entrant and its employees, agents and invitees participate in the Parade at their own risk.
- Entries must observe all applicable rules and regulations and follow all instructions from police or Parade officials. The Coordination Team or their representative reserves the right to remove any entrant from the Parade that does not comply with the Parade conditions of entry.
- All entries must be approved by the Coordination Team at its sole discretion. Accepted entries will receive written notice by 4 May 2023.
- **All entries must be able to maintain a Parade speed of 8km per hour.**
- The maximum float width allowed is 3 meters. The maximum height allowed is 4 meters from ground level. Semi-trailers are not permitted in the Parade.
- No children under the age of five (5) will be allowed to walk in the Parade without prior approval from the Coordination Team.
- *All individually costumed characters must be always accompanied by an appropriately costumed minder.*
- Your assembly area and assembly time will be forwarded to you in a separate letter/email.
- Material may not be handed out along the Parade route. Distribution of candy, gifts, merchandise, literature, or other material along the route is strictly prohibited, and any entrant caught handing out items will incur a two (2) year suspension from participating in the parade.
- Soliciting for money/donations is strictly prohibited.
- Marching and walking entries are permitted forward maneuvers **ONLY**. A spacing of fifteen (15) meters between each entry will be enforced. All entries are required to close the gap between participants when asked by Parade officials. Failure to keep the fifteen (15) meter gap along the parade route will incur a two (2) year suspension from participating in the parade.
- Parade participants may not mingle and must remain clear of parade route spectators.
- Floats and other entries advocating, opposing, or depicting any political, religious or social issues are subject to approval by Toowoomba Regional Council and the Coordination Team or their representative.
- All signs and branding wording and images must be approved by the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Coordination Team.
- Alcoholic beverages are strictly forbidden on any float, in any vehicle or on the person of any participant. Participants consuming alcohol prior to or during the Parade will be removed from the line-up and will not be allowed to participate in the Parade.
- No additional vehicles and/or persons (including, but not limited to cars, vans, scooters and marchers) will be allowed to accompany floats or marching units, unless deemed essential by the Coordination Team.
- All vehicles, including but not limited to cars, trailers, prams, trollies **MUST** be fully decorated in a floral design, approved by the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Coordination Team,
- Driver's license details will be required for all motorised apparatus in the Parade.
- The Coordination Team or their representative reserves the right to withdraw any entry where costuming or performance or floral theming does not meet Parade conditions of entry or does not conform to the standards of reasonable public taste.
- Entries that do not appear on Parade Day without prior notification to the Carnival office, or do not comply with the conditions of entry will jeopardise their future invitations to the Grand Central Floral Parade.
- Entries that do not appear on Parade Day without prior notifications to the Carnival office, or do not comply with the conditions of entry, will forfeit all entry fees, and will be required to repay all grant monies in full (where applicable).
- The Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Coordination Team does not accept responsibility or liability for travel expenses, food or lodging of any entry.
- Entries promoting post-parade performances, celebrity appearances and/or events are subject to approval by the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Coordination Team or their representative.
- **Maximum of 50 walkers per group.** Those found with more than the agreed number of walkers on the day, will be asked to reduce their numbers – to avoid disappointment on the day, please adhere to this rule. All walking groups must keep a continued speed, no stopping is allowed for any performance, display or photo opportunity. All walkers, including but not limited to support walkers, vehicle drivers **MUST** be in full costume.
- The following items are not allowed on the Parade Route or start area: fire, open flames, pyrotechnics (fireworks), sparklers, weapons or imitation weapons, water pistols, lasers, hazardous or flammable goods and goods prohibited by law.
- Participants will be required to provide a copy of their public liability insurance of at least \$10 million indemnifying Toowoomba Regional Council and the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Coordination Team for all claims for personal injury and damage to property arising out of the event.
- The Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Coordination Team decisions regarding all entries are final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Advertising material to be kept to one sign per entry, this includes walkers holding signage and floats adding signage.