

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 07 May 2025.
- **All entries must be able to maintain a Parade speed of 8km per hour.**
- The maximum float width allowed is 3 metres. The maximum height allowed is 4 metres 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 twenty (**20**) metres 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 twenty (20) metre 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, trolleys **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.