

Entry Criteria & Rules

- **Continuous Flow:** All participants are requested **not to stop** the pageant unless absolutely necessary. Please avoid pausing for photographs or other distractions.
- **Maintain Distance:** A **15-metre distance** between each float must be maintained throughout the pageant. This distance will be established at the start of the event.
- **Driver Briefing:** A mandatory driver briefing will be held. Details regarding time and location will be provided at a later date. **All drivers and Float Applicants must attend a briefing session.**
- **Driver Licensing:** All vehicle drivers must hold a valid **South Australian driver's license** applicable to the vehicle they are driving. For instance, a driver of a large truck with passengers on the back will need a **heavy vehicle license**.
- **Speed Limit:** The maximum speed for vehicles during the pageant is **10 km/h**.
- **Road Registration:** All vehicles traveling to and from the pageant must be **road registered** and comply with road rules. If needed, a limited registration permit can be obtained from **Service SA** at 171 Nicolson Avenue.
- **Vehicle Use Consideration:** Please evaluate whether your entry requires a vehicle. **Walking groups** allow for more interaction with the crowd and can create just as amazing display.
- **Float Modifications & Positioning:** The **Council Events Coordinator** reserves the right to modify floats or presentations and position participants within the pageant based on content, theme, and impact on others.
- **Assembly Area:** Floats must arrive at their designated **assembly area** by 2:30 pm on pageant day, as per the Pageant Running Order.
- **Disembarking Area:** Floats must only stop in the designated disembarking area at the conclusion of the Pageant. **Floats are not to stop on the side of the road at any time, including on Ekblom Street.**
- **Supervision of Children:** If children are on board vehicles, ensure adequate adult supervision and implement safety measures such as **rope barriers, straps, hay bales, or a decorated fence**.
- **No Alcohol:** Consumption of alcohol is prohibited for participants during the pageant. **Alcoholic beverage containers or advertisements** must not be featured in float displays or vehicles.
- **No Smoking:** Smoking is not permitted on or near pageant entries or at any time during the event.
- **No Throwing Items:** **Throwing items, including lollies, from floats is prohibited to avoid encouraging children to approach moving vehicles. Lollies may ONLY be handed to spectators by walkers.**
- **Christmas Theme:** Entries should reflect the **spirit of Christmas**. They must not serve solely as a commercial advertisement or promotional opportunity.
- **Father Christmas Representation:** There is only **one Father Christmas** in the pageant. No other participants, including band members, may wear Father Christmas costumes.
- **Photographs and Video:** By participating in the pageant, you consent to the **City of Whyalla** taking photographs and video footage of your entry and participants, which may be used for future reporting, advertising and marketing purposes.
- **Public Liability Insurance:** Participants must have their own **Public Liability Insurance** with minimum coverage of **\$20 million** on the day of the pageant. If individuals or groups do not have insurance, they must inform the Council Events Coordinator upon entry submission.
- **Emergency Procedures:** In the event of an emergency, the **City of Whyalla**, in collaboration with the **South Australian Police**, will provide public advice regarding evacuations and safety procedures.

These rules emphasise safety, smooth operation, and the community-oriented nature of the event.

Pageant Map



*Map subject to change

Risks

In addition to the inherent risks, the Applicant is aware that participating in the Whyalla Christmas Pageant may involve a significant degree of risk of physical harm to the Applicant and/or participants the Applicant represents. Dangers include, but are not limited to: Injury from falling, Injury from collision, Physical exertion and/or weather extremes, which may be subject to sudden or unexpected change.

The Applicant releases the Council from liability with respect to the occurrence of any inherent or foreseeable risks.

Indemnity

The Applicant indemnifies and keeps indemnified the Council from and against all actions, costs, claims, damages, charges and expenses whatsoever that may be brought, made or claimed against the Council arising out of:

- any negligent act or omission by the Applicant in connection with the Applicant's pageant entry;
- any failure by the Applicant (or person connected with the Applicant's entry in the pageant) to comply with the Entry Criteria and Rules of the pageant.

Media Consent

The City of Whyalla acquires photos, video footage and other forms of media for the use of promotional purposes to be used at the discretion of the City of Whyalla. This media may also be used by the City of Whyalla for other promotional material, social media and for alternative purposes. By signing this consent form, the Applicant acknowledges all participants appear voluntarily and of their own free will and agree that all images/ footage obtained throughout the Whyalla Christmas Pageant may be used by the City of Whyalla.

Medical Consent

The Applicant further authorise's the employees, volunteers, agents, and other servants of the City of Whyalla to obtain such medical assistance and/or treatment, as may be required that is deemed necessary, including medical, ambulance and hospital services. The Applicant further agree to pay the costs of such treatment. The Applicant has sought the appropriate approval from participants under the Applicants supervision and/or their parent/guardian (if under 18) entering in the Whyalla Christmas Pageant, including obtaining the appropriate medical consent and consent to obtain such medical assistance and/or treatment, as may be required that is deemed necessary, including medical, ambulance and hospital services.

The Applicant agrees to hold harmless the City of Whyalla, its employees, volunteers, servants and agents from all claims resulting from damage, loss, death or injury whatsoever which the Applicant, and/or participants the Applicant represents may suffer and/or sustain in any way as a result of participating in the Whyalla Christmas Pageant. In addition, the Applicant hereby agree to indemnify the City of Whyalla, its employees, volunteers, servants and agents from and against all actions, costs, claims, charges, expenses, penalties, demands and damages whatsoever which may be brought, made or claimed against them, or any of them, arising from an activity directly related to the Applicant, and/or the participants the Applicant represent acts, errors or omissions.

Public Liability Insurance

A copy of your Public Liability Insurance with minimum coverage of \$20 Million must be attached to your entry form. If groups or individuals do not have Public Liability Insurance then you are required to inform the Event Coordinator when submitting your entry form. If the applicant has another organisation involved with your entry, we also require their proof of Public Liability Insurance.

Entry Submissions

Are to be made online using this form. Please upload a copy of your Public Liability Insurance.

Entries close 5:00pm Friday 23 October 2026.

For more information contact Councils Event Coordinator on 8640 3444.