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It was great
Taking Santa around the round-about at Westlands was both stupid and dangerous
Very poor floats this year. Certainly not exciting for young children.
It felt too short
By combining these events you are denying small businesses 2 chances of trade, and also makes for an extremely long day for younger children
This is a shame to have taken this event from the Plaza Traders.
Get rid of the Blue Lines on the road. They confuse drivers and look bad on one of Whyalla's main roads.
I loved the pageant but would love to have music to create a more festive spirit, I found it and the past ones very quiet. Juts a suggestion
bit more music in the pageant
Don't fix something that isn't broken
Should be earlier in the Christmas season such as the end of November/start of December to begin the Christmas season like normal. Two separate events. Little kids were knackered by the time the carols started.
Move it back to where it was last year
Unfortunately, due to no ones fault, the floats were very few. The ants were rampant. Well done for trying though 🙌
Bri g it back to the foreshore and gardens a much more enjoyable, cooler location with free buses as in the past
Maybe you could have more Christmas floats, looked like a car show not a Christmas pageant. Poor efgort Whyalla. What an embarrassment. Also jiw about some fireworks Whyalla, only town in the region thst did do fireworks Christmas or New Year. Very disappointing Whyalla Council.
Lack of music with modern vehicles there no excuse
As I'm on a gopher I found getting to the pageant was good but the after party in the park as the vans were on such Hills I couldn't get to any of them due to the gopher trying to tip they need to be so we can access food and drinks afterwards
There wasn't many floats not many things to do after alot more shade down the beach
None
A weekend would be good
More floats in the pageant, music played and would have made the atmosphere much for merry. It did feel very rushed which I understand the date change was due to the weather. Hopefully next year people at able to enjoy a full day event. Would like for the fair/food to start before the pageant people could wander as the liked over to the pageant or stayed at the fair which would have saved congestion afterwards
More floats etc and more happy music. Understand the rain spoilt some of the groups signing up again. Music would be great
Carols and the fair would be best suited to ada ryan gardens
There were more vehicles,than floats
Lots of vehicles but not many floats. Could have been from the date change. Also could have benefitted from more music.
There needs to be some free buses to take you back to where your car is parked if you are in the pageant. With the difference insurances etc for trailers could there be some available to borrow from council even if it is council workers towing it. Need more food vendors and activities to use during the break before carols start.
Traffic management at the Ekblom St. End needs more thought
was a good pageant. hopefully next year can see more floats. understand timing didn't work out. also floats needed loader music as the space is more open it didn't carry like it does on the main street so the floats with tunes could barely be heard (but that is a float issue) great turn out
Due to the change in date im assuming some of the floats cancelled as there didn't seem to be as many as usual
Blink and you missed it, floats were lack lustre, where have the marching bands gone?
Having a main thoroughfare closed on a weeknight was difficult to get to shops after wirk
Don't fix something that wasn't broken
It didn't have the same "atmosphere" as it does down the main street.
If you want more participation and floats, surely you can find an insurance policy that covers the entire pageant!
I think the council did a great job putting together this year's pageant but I do prefer it down town and really missed the Ada Ryan gardens afterwards. I love the atmosphere better downtown and like the carols being a separate event so that the Christmas events are spread out a bit. I also feel if the floats all were made to play Christmas music it would add to the event as it's way to quiet 😊 if held back down town we could get the speakers that use to play music years ago under the sidewalks fixed so there is festive background music.

I loved the look of the background of photos for the pageant. The trees were nicer than shop buildings or houses. I liked the atmosphere of walking into a full garden after the pageant. But that also happens when it's held in town. I have thought for years that our pageant needs more Christmas music. Either pipeband or school band or any band as a float. And every second float pumping out their own music. I understand the schools couldn't be involved this year because of the date change so that was missed. But I also missed the atmosphere of the pageant clowns. We haven't seemed to have had funny pageant clowns for a few years. I thought that the pageant and carols and pageant fair combined was well put together especially at last minute and then again once the weather prevented the original date to go ahead. I like the pageant in both locations. I liked the carols after the pageant but I did miss not having the pageant earlier like usual because sort of kicks off the Christmas season. Thank you to Whyalla council, Whyalla show society and Whyalla music association and all involved for making it happen this year. I (and my family) enjoyed it on the Avenue but also enjoy it on the main town street. Well done all involved and thank you.
No atmosphere
Crappy floats, no music, no atmosphere
The only thing I disliked was lack of protection from the elements, eg sun and wind
I think it should be held in forsyth Street as it is so much better with going to the beach and gardens after
Would be good to see more businesses involved. Christmas music would have added to the atmosphere
Shame it was held so late (even the first time round) as being in the last bit of term prohibited some schools from participating. The carols were just far too late. There was barely anyone left around us from about half way through. Needs to start at 6 and end by 8. Plan for earlier in December so schools can participate and gives more flexibility for inclement weather.
Really need a lot more lighting for safety as it gets dark. As well as more food vans/better stocked with faster service
I couldn't attend but thought having it this end as a joint even was a fantastic idea. People are stuck in their ways but don't let that stop good ideas. Yes there's shade downturn but nowhere to park, and have to walk for miles with kids which has stopped us from going. Carols are infinitely better with bands!! The more the better.
It was a long night with both events as one but id rather combine than lose one
I have attended the Christmas pageant every year and love the community spirit we have here in Whyalla. I much prefer the pageant at Forsyth street. I could not stay for the fair this year or the carols as it was mid week but really like the idea of having it after the pageant. Maybe this could happen at ada Ryan gardens or the beach next year?
Definitely needed music as some parts were abit quiet without it
I was sceptical about the change in venue but it was better than I thought. Main Street is missing out though in bringing families / money to town. Definitely not enough floats, food at carols was disappoint - no variety and line up for a drink was 50mins not good enough!
Obviously if it was held on a Saturday or Sunday more people would have been available. Our flower numbers have decreased over the years but thankful for those who did put in the effort
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People who are not disability Park in the disability. People who could stand stood in the way. Could not see anything. Maybe next time if you have it check people who got disable ticket. A low small children to sit.
As we were participants some of our drivers had to watch kids from the float in front of them as well kids on the sidelines. In places the roadway was too narrow with the crowds encroaching on the driving area. Some of drivers are not prepared tp participate for safety reasons.
this was the cheapest most unthoughtful Major event that has ever ocured in whyalla in the last 38 years i have lived here, not happy with how cheap the council was.
Down town was much better both the pageant route and the after pageant event has better shade
Unfortunately timing impacted on the floats. I would try again for Nicolson Ave hopefully it doesn't rain again. Could also do carols in the gardens with free transport for the community
Well done to all involved in preparing for this year's Christmas Pageant!
thanks
We don't attend the carols due to people smoking around the kids. It's been about 8 years since we went. My youngest two have never been able to see them.
Having disabled clients there wasn't enough shade and had to walk to fare to get a spot. Also the vendors only got one night to make money instead of two.
Needed traffic control on Nicolson Ave when carols finished
My kids had a great time at the pageant but definitely think there wasn't a big variety of floats. Lots of cars and people walking. But needed more costumes and music etc. I know it's the community that put in floats but a bit extra sparkle and fun would have been nice.

I found parking good. But getting to the parking was a little tricky. Took kids to the toilet block at start of carols and no toilet paper at all in the woman's loos and very minimal in the gents (had to send in my son to collect loo paper). Line ups for food stalls going straight through where people were sitting to watch, therefore blocking the view, massive line ups maybe due to not enough stalls. Tents/stalls in the grass for less sitting positions for families. The bands were great. The second part of the carols was really good, catchy fun dance songs (except for the choir lol). The kids got up to dance towards the end. I think people thought it was over once Santa came out. As loads of people left, which was good for us as we don't cope too great in big crowds. I would still prefer it on a separate night as it's a highlight for us. We like to stretch out the celebrations. But good job at last minute changes it must have been quite stressful. Thank you.
Such a wonderful idea to have both events together to bring Christmas spirit and cheers to all the community. A job very well done by the event coordinators.
I just think there could have been more decorations along the road and more Christmas music
Be wonderful if Council had more support from business community in developing more floats
A few more floats
Perfect event. Atmosphere was better. Mid week was good. Closer to Christmas was good.
Took own picnic. Liked the carols that followed the pageant. Start earlier and go for longer, more carols. More younger kids songs that they know. Parking was good at Woolworths. Vantage point was good from median strip in front of Service SA. Missing school and kindy floats. Maybe a term 4 date closer to Christmas.
Accessibility was in between as a lot of cars going in and out of places plus safety.
What floats? Walkers and the old car club. No vantage points. Parking on Grundle or Loveday too far away. Don't want to volunteer, I've got enough going on.
Location was easier to get to as I live at this end of town. Great idea having all events on one day. More floats/Adelaide floats. Indian dancers were great a few years ago.
Location was more convenient as we live close and walked. Shade was ok. More clowns. Vantage point was good from KFC corner/median strip. More floats, more schools/kindy involved. More music, brass band etc.
I think it was a success! Plenty of parking, nice green lawn to sit on, lots of space to sit/put chairs etc - I much prefer this location! We didn't go to the Carols afterwards because it had been a really long day, but looking forward to bringing chairs and going across to the Carols next year after the Pageant! Thank you for a job well done.
Want to be in a float
Long day for kids. Parked at the tennis courts. There wasn't much music. More floats, more schools and maybe at night time for lights.
A long day when all events are on the same day. Accessibility - crowded
Having all events in one day is a long day for kids. Walked so parking was not an issue. Could have a few more pageant floats.
Would love if the council could incentivise people to add more floats, maybe prizes or grants. There wasn't many actual floats just walking parades etc, so some extra like the good old days would be good.
It's way more accessible for others to be able to take their kids to the pageant now it's in a much better location this year and felt more natural to finish off with the Carol's
The pageant was disappointing this year. I understand it was a rush to put together. It was very quiet, needed some music and the huge gaps in-between was odd
Well done to all that participated in the pageant. Understand the change of date caused some to have to pull out. Wonder if there could be some form of encouragement for more floats to be entered. Could the carols be performed in the Ada Ryan gardens. Such a beautiful spot.
It was difficult to attend with our adult clients who had extra requirements there wasn't a suitable place for our vehicle with wheelchair lift
Much prefer the main street pageant
I took my elderly mum and daughter who lives with a disability to the pageant. It was easy to find parking close. There was plenty of shade. When it finished, traffic could disperse without too much congestion. We enjoyed it. Thankyou
Parking was better than I expected. But still required a fair bit of walking. I think because the fare was such a hit, the hustle and bustle of people getting food and stalls took away from the carols. I also like having the words to the carols songs in a book or an online book.
Brilliant loved it
It would be great if the council could have some shaded areas set up like gazebos of some kind. I enjoyed it being down this end it's much more accessible to our community as most of our lower income households are in the Westlands vicinity. It was great having them held on the same day but it was a shame having to reschedule to a weekday due to the weather but that's inevitable. I do think it definitely needs to be held a bit longer as there was a very short time frame to move from the pageant to the carols especially for this having to collect children from floats or take the floats and cars back home. Definitely need to be sparing some lollies and gift bags for the children that are towards the end of the pageant walk. Possible next year depending on how many floats they could circle around the median strip and head back towards the university but that may be too far for the children to be walking. The seating set up for the food court at the carols was a great idea. Definitely need the individual food vendors to be more prepared with their sales as wait times were quite ridiculous but I understand that's not the council's responsibility. I'd like for there to be less slow old Christmas songs and more of the upbeat and child version Christmas songs instead of live bands putting on the performances and making it their own and hard to follow along to. Santa came out at 8:30 instead of the 9pm time he was scheduled to come out and the carols did run over time. The metal band playing Carol of the Bells was amazing very different but very good. All in all I think it done really well. But is room for improvement and more preparation with the understanding of the sudden date changes made.

There was no music and I felt there could have been more festive decorations
Most places were dirt dusty and minimal shade. Would prefer to have two seperate events, which would provide additional opportunities to have family activities and for my family members that couldn't make one of them, maybe they could have made the other. The carols was a great atmosphere and plenty of food and drink options, however the entertainment seemed disjointed- started very late according to schedule, needed more uplifting music at start and end. Many long gaps between songs. Pageant needed music, each entrant didn't maintain their required distance. Needs floats not just groups of people walking, maybe a float competition to encourage entrants, or hire a couple of floats from Adelaide. Upgrade the Santa float.
I Love it 🍷
Liked that both event were on the same night makes it easier for little kids to endure a late December night. Forsyth a much better location has better atmosphere. Carols needed to start earlier. Liked midweek as December weekends are often busy
Pageant needs to be back in forsyth Street (the parent route) because of traffic restrictions
The floats all should have gone past KFC on Nicolson ave but after the first few they started turning into Ekblom st,which was upsetting n confusing for all standing in that area to watch.it needs to be better organised in that area.
Was actually a pretty dismal effort this year. Hope 2024 is better
Was actually pretty disappointing better having in late November and Carols Start of December
Separate the two. Pageant back down town and more music from the floats
Loved it!! Great job guys!!
Would be great to have radio station have Christmas carols on and then all floats could play the same Christmas music to make it sound more festive
Overall it was okay. Hopefully next year there are more participants.
Please bring back traditional Christmas carols and not this other nonsense
Need more music. Need to have speed limit lowered around the carols as there's a lot of people crossing the road, so a slower speed limit would help
the best thing was the pageant and carols being held together
I was on a float so a bit hard to say for sure about the shade but there are many trees all the way along Nicolson Ave and being at 6pm heat wasn't an issue
The pageant should remain at the city and beach. The council is adding to the demise of the Town Centre.
Great effort that can only get better. So glad that the organisers were able to reschedule the event instead of cancelling. I loved it and so did the kids
Some Christmas music while pageant was on. Date closer to Christmas was better. And I'm not sure if I liked them on same night. Carols took a while to start. Had to leave early to put kids to bed.
The Nicholson Ave location was dangerous! Cars flying up the road well after closures with kids lining the streets was a nightmare! the central location is exactly that, central, and creates way too many headaches for the town. Put the pageant back to its original location, it was historic, safe, and in an area that didn't effect the traffic in a negative way
Keep traditional Main Street pageant, on a seperate date to carols and hold after pageant fair in ada Ryan gardens
Please bring it back to Patterson street it's much more of a community event that leads to the Ada Ryan gardens and we always followed the floats down there. They always had music playing, lots of floats and it was a much better vibe. I can't say I enjoyed this pageant at all. No music. Great kids were happy and dancing just no lollies at the end.
Would have loved to see more investment in the floats, you don't really need loads of money to create something special and memorable. Also, the pageant needs to work on the coordination of moving speed so there are no long breaks between floats. Otherwise, a very well executed event!
I was skeptical about them both being on the same day but it was great 😊 Would be even better if there were a lot more festive decorations around the area.
What a very average pageant, definitely lacked the floats. While I understand it was a last minute throw together it was definitely not as good as Patterson street and then heading to the Ada Ryan gardens. Previous ones have been 80% better. We got 4 mentos from a person. But as we were at the end they said they had no lollies left to hand out. Which was disappointing for my daughter.
Not enough floats
Thoroughly enjoyed it all. Congratulations to all concerned in pulling it all together. A few more floats/school groups etc. would have been good. In saying that, I realise school had wound up for the year & because it had to be re-scheduled I do understand the difficulties. No criticism, I enjoyed the night.
More floats would be better, the fast food establishments need to cater the the crowd, they could not handle the crowds demands, the traffic needed to be slower from the park to Westlands, at that time of night the local businesswere still trading when the roads were closed and the staff found it hard to go home
What floats a few vintage cars and other vehicles. No clowns or interesting floats for young children. Get the schools, kindies, playgroups, sporting clubs involved. Return it to Forsyth street and Ada Ratan gardens. Have the carols on another night. Decorate the town. Go to Cummins and see how well decorated that small town is. It's a credit to them.

Forsyth st with carols down at the ada Ryan gardens
It took the carols an another half an hour to Finnish cause of it. They didn't have all the cars and boats as last year and started to to late
Standing in the dirt while it's windy so many people got dirt in their eyes and faces if you could either grass or concrete along Nicholson right to the edge that would make for more comfort and ability to sit. Having the carols start right after the pageant would be great as well as it was pretty boring waiting and my kids got too fussy so we left before they started Maybe have some activities such as lawn chess, corn hole, giant jenga ect. A toddler friendly playground would be amazing as My 2 year old had to miss out and watch other kids enjoy the playground. Could this merge of events work at Ada Ryan Gardens?
Could have done with some music on the floats,also I felt a bit sad for the children who were sitting near the end of the parade.There wasn't many lollies left for them.There was a few littles beside us and they were lucky if they got 2 lollies!
More music playing on speakers or flot playing music would make the pagent more vibrant and interesting
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I feel like the floats could use some improvement.
consultation with business in the plaza
An option to consider for next year would be to maybe change the date to prevent future postponements. Maybe consider late November this will provide agencies to prepare floats and possibly have more floats in the pageant.
Need Christmas music and the bands back
Loved the later time for the carols. But foot path of town is better for seating for sorting and watching and if it was hot I think the avenue would be way too exposed thete whwte town has more shade from the shops.
Very lacking in Festive Music, was not Chritmassy at all. Disappointed in the fact all the lollies were given the to kids at the start of the parade and nothing was left for the children that sat at the end.
Put the pageant back in the Main Street and keep them seperate
Pageant was good, but much preferred it in the main street. Atmosphere and the afterfrair at the beautiful ada Ryan Gardens is much better. Traffic isn't disrupted nearly as much in the main street.
Not enough floats.(A car is not a float) Need more music to create atmosphere
Was there an after pageant fair. It felt like pageant and carols only. The carols was great compared to previous years. The young lady in the blue was amazing. Having two events is better. Kids aren't as tired. Thinking it could be difficult for some groups to be involved in both carols and pageant with being on the same night. Well done to everyone involved. You could tell a lot of effort had been put into the event. Thank you for not cancelling
Was super small, disappointing how small it is now
Keep carols and pageant two separate events. Bring the pageant back to the main street, we need council to do more to liven up town more, it is like town has been written off. Feedback from travelling people is that when they stay at the beautiful Foreshore, there are no shops close by to browse. The pageant in the main street has better shelter and vantage points, the route isn't as long as the after pageant fair should be in the Ada Ryan Gardens, heck, I'd even toy with the idea of having the pageant in the main street followed by carols at Ada Ryan. Whatever you do, STOP killing our main street!
I thought it was fantastic. I had never been to the carols before and I'm glad I went.
It was a great day went off perfectly at such short notice
Instead of having it in one night have the pageant one day and the carols the next day
No one dressed up no clowns. It was all vintage cars and emergency services. No effort put in
Was an absolute disaster, logically ada Ryan gardens was the ideal end spot
We need 2 events , not everyone can come on weekday due rescheduling. Not enough floats , couldnt hear much music. At the end near kfc they didnt seem they knew what was going on , moving everyone, three times .
Just to note : I choose not to volunteer as per next question as I have been volunteering for 40 yrs already in this event Whilst the location is Ok , there is not enough shade if it happened to be hot , the road is difficult to sit on- a bit of a boring route - just one straight line : would have been nice to see Santa go into after pageant fair as he did in Ada Ryan gardens. Much prefer Ada Ryan gardens for fair and even for carols - civic park is too open , to hit - no where near enough shade and lacks atmosphere. Pageant needed music / bands etc. dissapointing for vendors as by combining they now loose one days revenue - which is hard to recoup
The council made the best of the situation in regards to the number of floats. Difficult to comment on shade because it wasn't needed due to the temp & time slot.
I thought the pageant and the carols being together is a great idea. I left after the pageant as my kids are 4 and 1 but if it continues in the coming years we will definitely stay for the carols.
Needs more music, more festivity, back to main street

More music needed, was very quiet
I loved the dates together and how the carols were together but I feel it's too hard to really appreciate it due to the sad change of date. That couldn't be helped. I think it if it was on a weekend would have been much better more stools and stuff but again I understand it was out of your hands dam you Mother Nature. Thank you to all involved.
They were not Christmas like and very few.
For disability car parking was crap but is crap down town too. Having it on a week day was horrible. There were not a lot of float only cars and no music is was really sad with no music it was just like watch traffic drive past
I think it was changed last minute which would have affected a few things. But I do think we need to have some more impressive floats. Not too crazy but they are mostly cars and trailers
I loved the up town parade then the after fair. Then a seperate night carols. I'd travel from port Lincoln to both individual events. This year I didn't bother with the change. I attended my local one. The up town pageant is all I know since a kid.
Worse pageant I have ever been to in my 47 years very boring didn't feel like a Christmas pageant no Christmas music and very little floats over in a blink off a eye plus I know bikes always a little in front off main pageant but felt like a huge gap from bikes to start
Not many floats, I dont mind it on Nicholson avenue, but was windy and dirt down both sides besides the medium strips so blowing dirt around and my children ended up with sore eyes.
Couldn't hear music
Liked it all
I was disappointed about how many floats there were the Main Street is a Great Place to have it but I didn't like the factor that Nicolson Ave is a busy busy street and having it closed was a disaster for Uber eats and DoorDash drivers but in saying that they can go different routes I wasn't impressed with the amount of people there were but you have to work with what you got it was a great idea
Too many ants and too much dust, was hard to get out of area with cars everywhere and shutting off main road of Whyalla was a bit inconvenient
Floats were pretty lack lustre, need music, pipe band etc
Should be done on different days.
More stuff for the younger kids to do
Need more stuff for kids to do
Easier to go to with events on the same night
Music being played during the pageant
Change of date
Too few floats, the road side had heaps of ants on there. The floats were no many no Christmas music at all. The lines for food afterward were very bad so under catered for. And the only thing that was good was the central location
Had massive trouble trying to push my pram on the grass and sounding dirt because people don't move off the foot path to let me through. The carols were pretty bad this year, was way better when mark and Alison were running it.
Pageant through FB live. The route was short this year. Change of date/time.
Both locations are good. Floats seemed to be lacking. Width of the road seemed smaller in parts, something to get used to.
Change of date was good. Live down the beach, the atmosphere was different.
Change of date, school holidays, clowns, refreshing for something different.
More floats, longer road, good family event
I would have liked to see a few more floats that weren't cars or emergency service vehicles.
Find ways for more floats to be in pageant
Best ever
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More inclusivity and more faces due to new location. Loved the carols and pageant being held on the same date. Great location. Parking - elderly people couldn't get a close. Consideration for performers. Would love to see more floats
Too cramped on Nicolson.
I prefer the town location and fair at Ada Ryan Gardens. It's tradition and when so much is leaving town centre it's a bit sad to lose another event from town
Parked at Aldi. Vantage point was good from carols but not from the pageant. We had a pram and it was hard to see. There was a fair amount of floats considering the change of date.

Very dusty, if raining would not have been suitable at this location. Would have been very muddy. Much prefer Main Street location
Love the community feel and need the pageant for the kids before Christmas. Parking ok at Centrelink. Bigger businesses with bigger floats. Great having the pageant closer date to Christmas day. More open on Nicolson Ave, close to where we live. Traditional on Forsyth St and the beach is good. Having all events on one day and same area a great idea. Loved the Grinch. Motorbikes first then slow to start.
Shade wasn't an issue this year but might have been if the weather was hotter and would like to hear more music as it didn't give the right vibe all the time
There wasn't many floats also was hard to push wheel chair as people weren't making it easy for them to see so only place was to stand on dirt which is hard to push wheel chair
good job
I liked the whole event
Route was easier to follow this year. Add music to the after pageant fair. Free bus was good. Lines in after pageant fair barriers were kind of hard to get through.
Stop wasting money and changing things that don't need to be
Haven't been to the pageant for a while. Great location this year. Great to see so many going to the carols after. Parking in Westlands was good. Would be good to see pipe bands/drummers. Not enough music! Bigger and more elaborate floats needed, more community floats.
Would've loved to hear some Christmas music being played from floats and vehicles
I have attended the pageant every year. I like town. It didn't matter too much but I like town. It supports those businesses that are struggling a bit. It was convenient because it was on Nicolson. I was surprised about the amount of parking; there was lots and not far to walk. Pageant floats were good.
Be nice to see more character costumes
Too many cars, not enough floats. Not very christmas-y
After pageant fair and carols was good. Location wasn't. My children (13, 12 and 10) went to the playground where they got threatened by a group of people and matches thrown at them and being told they'll burn them.
Preferred Forsyth St as I used to sit at the Bayview and sit and watch, eat and drink. Sat in the car at Centrelink instead. Not enough floats, too many cars and not enough floats. More music needed.
Liked that Nicolson Ave was something different. Shade was good with plenty of trees. Pageant floats are always good.
More traditional on Forsyth St and better with more floats. It's too much having all the events on one day especially for kids. More shade needed. Parking was not an issue due to living close. Carols were quiet at food vans, hard to hear. Too long a wait for food. Not enough floats, couldn't hear the music.
I loved the concept, but feel the main street helps to protect better from the weather. I didn't like how spread out everyone was, it felt like no-one was there and not enough shade. I also missed the Ada Ryan Garden fair and going in to the local shops.
It's sad there were very few floats made. No street decorations except a few banners & bows. No xmas music, lights or tinsel. The main st is the same. Only shop owners & local schools decorated.
enjoyed it.
Maybe give some grants for businesses to have better floats. There was a lot of walking people and just cars. Need more music and colourful floats.
Second entry due to missing the comments in the first entry Have been to the pageant for many years. The main St is better for shade and tradition. No seating. Too much with all events in one day. The foreshore can be hard to get to. Not enough shade. Carols were not long enough, lined up for food and then the carols were almost over. Would like to have seen brass/pipe bands, more floats (Port Pirie brought floats from Adelaide), walking bands, defence force cadets.
Stagger Lolly throwing! Was at end of course and no one had lollies left... saw pics of kids from start of course with disgusting amounts of lollies!
Call XXXXXXXXXX
The beach is better, there is more seating and more shade. Had to park in Woolworths. Vantage point was from Service SA. The music wasn't loud enough. Pageant floats were alright, could be better or bigger.
I was a little disappointed that towards the end no kids got lollies as they had all been given out. Kids missed out. It was more like a car show. Used to have a few clowns. Thank you for trying. Hopefully more colourful floats next year. Kindest regards
They went too fast and there was next to no music coming from the floats except the dancers and mission australia. Maybe the council could put speakers. Needs more shade and better carparking. Great effort though it was appreciated to have one. Still prefer down town with a free bus maybe for those who can't make it by car
Leave it the way it was on different dates
The carols entertainment was boring u like other years when storefront were in charge of it
When the pageant is on Forsyth St there are more options for kids to go swimming, to the beach, play on the grass, there is more shade and they can play on the playground. It's too much to have all events in one day as it is overwhelming for kids, they don't make it through the whole day.
Liked that everything was in the same location and central. There needed to be more parking.

I have not attended for over 5 years. I have 7 kids and it's always too hard to get to town. The location was more open and much better. There could have been more shade if it was hotter. There were nice grass areas to sit on. I was impressed, it was good.
Missed the brass band.
Could have more shade and could have more floats
Need high quality acts from across Australia for Carols event. Love the community carols kind of event however adding artists from other locations will also draw further crowd numbers.
Need more businesses to get onboard to do more floats. Kids loved the character floats the most. So more fun floats would be great. Also I think it would be memories beneficial having the starting point at Hincks avenue too as it was too spread out so atmosphere wasn't the same at the start as if would have been closer to the carols end.
Was obviously less floats due to the weather, but I think it was great having the pageant and carols on together.
Good location all in 1 night better for low income earners nearer to Xmas on a week night
The pageant on Forsyth St means more room and more people. The fair at the beach also means it can be bigger with more people. Want two different events so there is less rush. Liked the motorbikes, wanted more floats.
Not enough music. Lots of gaps between floats. Overall lacked the atmosphere that the Main Street pageant creates.
Would love to see similar again next year
We were under the impression that the pageant started at 5:30pm as were the people around us. Maybe this was fallout from the date change but keeping kids entertained for an extra 30 mins was not ideal. I feel that the route was too long, we were near middleback theatre and some of the kids walking looked exhausted by then, with still a long way to go. There were a couple of gaps in the procession, the Whydale group were a long way behind and with no adult at the front they were falling further behind the whole time. I think next year maybe have each group without a vehicle have a dedicated pace setter! The crowds sat all on one side from what I could see and didn't have the same vibe as the main st. A shorter course may help that as I can see from photos that civic park end was well populated. Well done and thankyou to all the organisers.
Terrible location, completely messed with traffic
It was great to see more people along the route and it seemed like there were additional floats. The location, in our opinion worked well for all social economic groups - so many families and groups enjoying both the pageant and carols. Holding both events together made it feel more like Christmas- we like the date being closer to Christmas as it added to the atmosphere
Seating with curbs and lots of dirt was the only real issue
could have been more community floats
Dissapointed that many people and cars couldn't be bothered decorating or at least wear some tinsel, hat or costume. Great job for all of the work put in by the organisers
It bit more Christmas music would be great, a few bins along the avenue may encourage people to not litter @
By combining the 2 events Whyalla is missing out on another event. We don't have the street party and fireworks any more also nothing New Year Eve or New Years Day. It's pretty poor for aCity of this size, especially if we want to attract Tourists.
We were in the pageant. It was a really good turnout overall with an excellent atmosphere.
I prefer the vibe of the pageant down the old end of town. And feel this is less disruptive for traffic, businesses, services etc.
Would be great to see more effort put into floats
Pageant was moved from the traditional city plaza location after virtually no communication with the plaza traders under the totally false premise that there were insufficient helpers. It doesn't follow to change the location on that basis but this present Council hasn't got a clue and is trying to destroy what we have always had not to mention the after party at Ada Ryan gardens the best part of this city. It was tried many years ago to move the location and was overwhelming voted for the plaza suggest the powers at work here take heed
I think that the pageant should walk up both sides and people should be in the footpath sides of both roads only
Much prefer the pageant and Carols to be kept separate as in the past. Pageant should be kept up town more shade and less disruptions to shops and traffic, as shops are closed at the time of the pageant. s t
Well done.
Need more floats
The beach area is much nicer, why showcase that part of town when you have a lovely beach area
Limited floats. Will need to be on a weekend.
Very small carols to short mostly gospel songs not many kids ones was way to loud not enough food vendors or food ran out lines way too big probs wont go next yr as we spent all night lining up

I think if the pageant started on racecourse Rd, head towards round about go around it then back down and end in either searle St or hinks ave, then both sides of the street would be utilised and would feel a bit smaller and not such big gaps in between floats. I think if we also bring the pageant forward to the first weekend in Dec then schools might feel more likely to put a float in due to still having 2 weeks left of school and the community would come together more. Some options to think about. Have the markets/fair start before the pageant on the Saturday then pageant then carols. Well done on trying something new. 🙌
Only feedback to improve is would have loved to see more floats like in previous years and music at the carols a bit louder, it was hard to hear towards the back
The potential for the new area is great. Less restrictive road closures and better access. Easier parking. Same day function is great. More shade by more trees perhaps. Just need to consider the time of day in the summer. Twilight/afternoon pageants is a great idea. City centre had served us well but not so anymore. Change is good, we can build on this. Better view of pageant in the Nicholson Ave. No more 4 and 5 deep cramped viewing. 😊
The atmosphere was definitely lost with this year's pageant. The Main Street and finishing at the Ada Ryan Gardens/beach was a much better structure. We won't be attending next year if it is on Nicholson again. What a huge disappointment!!
At least being uptown it didn't affect general public with blocked off roads
Alot more floats required. In contrast to past event very disappointing
A successful day of events. Repeat it again next year, and maybe try for a few more floats. Will done to Council and event supporters.
More variety of floats
Need more community floats, as well as school based floats. Maybe change of date had something to do with this. Hopefully more can get behind the pageant and become involved in floats.
Good job, but prefer it by the beach. :)
Not enough floats, was all over too quick
As much as I liked the whole thing together there was not a lot of places to sit due to dirt being kicked up in faces when people walked through dirt and ants all along the curb. Would love to see the whole event up town again but maybe the carols up there too
It was a long straight walk for participants- with the crowd being mostly at the end.. maybe a bit too long in comparison to the crowd present at the beginning part. The end for floats/ walkers also didn't flow well. Would have been great to turn right into civic just like Santa did.
Need a few more floats than 1 or 2
Really stupid idea putting the pageant in the middle of town! It was a lot more accessible on Forsyth street plus more shade and more centralised. Just because you guys jumped ship and moved doesn't mean the pageant had too.
After the pageant people weren't interested in the fair so the stalls I believe missed out a bit. I think it's better to have the carols separate, it's a bit much being all in one. Also, it's nice to have two separate community events to look forward to during the festive season
Not enough floats, big disruption to the flow of traffic in a crucial part of town. And although I realise the weather was a major factor of the delay- a week night I'd just not practical for such an event.
Having it all on the one day is a great idea but the turn out of floats and stalls was extremely lacking. Whether that be from the date change or venue change who knows. However I do feel that having the whole thing on the one day but at the Main Street/foreshore would be great
Lack of Christmas music playing. Terrible atmosphere some people in the floats didn't even wave at us or even look out their windows. Especially the classic cars. They looked miserable.
As usual a silent pageant where was the Xmas music where are our bands more of awake than a pageant, a band should lead the pageant lots more, Xmas music required
No Christmas music was playing with the floats
Need more lollies for the kids and more floats. There were a lot of cars involved but would love to see more companies getting involved
I was disappointed with the lack of floats and felt like there was something missing. For a town this size it was rather embarrassing 😞
The bikes on the Toy run wasn't to give sweets out but the pageant was it's a bit unfair for the riders and the public
Needs more music. What happened to the brass band?
Thankyou for this lovely community event. It was a bit much with both events on the same day however and I felt like the pageant down town was a nicer vibe
Very good improvement. I walked the whole route and saw lots of happy families and friends. Also, the council folk and others doing the organising were very helpful 😊
Make it go down around the round about and go on both sides so people can spread out
Smaller towns have better organised events
Too much for young kids in one day. Go back to two events
Pageant was a bit of a let down unfortunately
Having the pageant on Nicholson Ave is a better opportunity for more children to see & be involved. More policing needed as I had alcoholics drinking in front of where we sat.

N/a
There was not a single school float which was disappointing to see, even though it was nice to see floats from groups that had not been in the pageant in years, decades for some, the addition of floats from each of whyallas primary's schools would have been the cherry on top.
It may have been from being reschedule, but the pagent felt very small this year.
I feel the pagent & carols, should be left as separates, & at there original places, although I would like to see the pagent be returned to it's original time of 1200pm, the atmosphere was better, shops were open, & easier for people with young children, after all it is about the children
Loved the ability to walk from the pageant to the Carols - amazing opportunity
Pageant in Main street one of the few things left for the city traders - Main street has better vantage points - more sheltered - more shaded areas - easier road to close - the list goes on - I cannot think of a single benefit of having it on Nicolson Ave - there are always going to be people who struggle to attend the event due to location no matter where it is held.
It was amazing. So much easier to get to, we had a wonderful time.
It was very good
holding it on a Wednesday this time of year in the location, was a nightmare, not only that for the participants in the pageant the sun blaring down that time of day made it not only hot in the sun, but forcing some to squint in the sunlight, not good for the eyes. Santa was not dropped off at Civic Park, at least at Ada Ryan Gardens he dismounts and interacts with the children. I hope this is the last time a Pageant is held on Nicholson Avenue. However this community consultation survey is not going to matter to Whyalla City Council. As they will do what they want, Where they want, When they want. As for the entertainment. it was much more entertaining when Mark and Alison did the show. All up I am not that impressed. Take the pageant back into Town end.
I think a few more themed floats would make it much more exciting for the children. Also the trouble making clowns, they used to blow bubbles, attack with silly string, do tricks, etc. are these now a thing of the past? I know the themed floats are up to the community (schools etc, but if there's a way to help them become more involved I think it should happen).
None
more Christmas festive floats needed
to much in one day
Would like to kids Christmas carols/dance groups for first hour for kids to sing along. No heavy metal guitar songs.
Floats seemed to have dropped on standard over the years
A really great evening. More tradition /children's song may be a option for future carols.
Not enough traditional floats like old days but can't be helped
fair was a let down
Unlike Forsyth Street, where the curbs are sealed, and shopfronts provide shade and coverage, Nicolson Avenue presented a stark contrast. Here, you were seated in dirt, and every time the wind blew, children's eyes were filled with dust. Additionally, I was dismayed by the proximity of fast-food restaurants. It seemed like every second child had unhealthy fast food in their hands while watching the pageant.
different days in future
Would be nice to see more sporting groups and more music on floats. was a very quiet pageant
seperate weekends for events
I think I to was amazing. It was fun to watch and a good family event.
Preparation required if this continues on Nicolson for shade provisions
Great job whyalla council! down the beach was far too cramped then you get swarmed by mozzies after at Ada ryan much better at civic park
There needs to be music/ Christmas carols played. Push for more floats.
Sad that there wasn't the bands in the pageant but other then that it was absolutely amazing! So sad that the carols felt like it went quick had heaps of fun
The carols were cut too short compared to previous years. Start the carols immediately after the pageant, no need for a 'fair'
Like it on different days with pageant at the foreshore
The team did an amazing job
Really poor amount of floats mainly just cars
I believe where the Christmas agent was held this year was absolutely shocking. So many people enjoyed down the main street it brought business more business, it was closer to pubs for after dinner and not takeaway centre that are franchisees and don't need the extra business. It's pretty disappointing to even have it at the location it was. I hope next year is better. And is back at the main street where it should be! Disgusting and disappointing.
It was a very quiet pageant with no atmosphere, definitely missed going to the Ada Ryan gardens at the end

The carols was poor didn't feel like any Christmas spirt. To much talking and not enough of the songs that the kids enjoy. Most people left after Santa as it was boring. Was so much better when the carols and pageant was separate and there was a proper after fair. This is poor on the councils behalf. I suggest maybe doing a fair or something to support small businesses of Whyalla for new years
It never should have been moved
Thought it went well considering it had to be postponed due to the weather. Many floats had to pull out especially the school ones sure next years will be fantastic. . The later start time of 6pm was also great. The only thing I d change is next year I'd pack a picnic cause the cues for food were very long.
This year was an awesome idea would love this to happen next years aswell
Needed music in the pageant
Long wait from the bikes to the first float, went to quick not enough floats or music.
Need more floats. Need to be christmassier
Enjoyed it
Why change a good thing, the Main Street is a way better location and it shouldn't be changed.