



Channel 7 GRAND PARADE INFORMATION PACK

Thank you for taking part in the 2024 Apple and Grape Harvest Festival



The 2024 Apple and Grape Harvest Festival Grand Parade will be full of wonderful floats, colour, flags galore, local and visiting bands, **Carnival Characters** and the many highlights which traditionally make the Channel 7 Grand Parade on Saturday 2nd March 2024 turn the streets of Stanthorpe into a carnival. The following information is designed to assist in ensuring the Grand Parade runs smoothly for all concerned!

1. HOW TO ENTER:

*** Trucks, busses and cars purely promoting a business incur a \$150 fee. Excluded from this fee are Trucks, busses, cars, belonging to a major festival sponsor (\$1,000 upwards)**

- 1.1. Entry is free and forms are available from either the Festival website www.appleandgrape.org or contacting the Festival Office on (07) 4681 4111, or the Grand Parade Director, Graham Parker at parades@appleandgrape.org
- 1.2. Send Application Forms to parades@appleandgrape.org or to **P.O. Box 338, Stanthorpe QLD 4380.**
- 1.3. Application Forms must be received no later than 5pm Thursday 22nd February, 2024. No entries will be accepted after this date. **No Form No Entry.**
- 1.4. The Grand Parade theme is **"Celebrating the Granite Belt's Four Seasons!"** All persons accompanying the float, either riding or on foot, should wear costumes in keeping with the theme of the float.
- 1.5. Floats are judged in all categories – if you do not wish to be judged, please indicate this on your application form.

2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

- 2.1. The Stanthorpe Festival Association Inc. (the Association) is not be financially liable for any participants, except for prize monies awarded.
- 2.2. **ALL** vehicles must be roadworthy, registered and insured
- 2.3. The Association and its officers, while paying attention to safety, do not accept any responsibility/liability for damages to property or the general public along the Parade route.
- 2.4. The Association reserves the right to decline any entry not considered appropriate or compliant with the conditions set out in this Channel 7 Grand Parade Information Pack.
- 2.5. No person is permitted to throw any material/objects from the float during the Parade
- 2.6. **NO ALCOHOL** may be consumed by any persons in the parade marshalling area or on any float at during the parade. Consumption of alcohol in the street is an offence and fines apply.

3. FLOAT IDENTIFICATION & PARADE POSITION:

- 3.1. All participants are provided with an Identification Number which must be displayed on the right hand side of the vehicle or float.
- 3.2. The identification number for **Carnival Characters** must be visible during the parade.
- 3.3. All participants must take the position allocated, unless otherwise instructed by the Parade Marshall or assistants. This position must be kept until the official end of the Parade.

4. FLOAT SPECIFICATIONS:

- 4.1. The driver's vision should not be obscured. Adequate provision for visibility must be incorporated in the float design.
- 4.2. The exhaust system of motorised floats must extend beyond the apron of the float and have a leak proof exhaust pipe.
- 4.3. A driver's escape hatch must be provided, and the construction must allow rapid driver's entry and escape in an emergency. It is recommended that all floats are equipped with a Fire Extinguisher.

- 4.4. Floats **MUST NOT** be larger than: **15m Maximum Length; 4m Maximum Height; 3m Maximum Width**
- 4.5. Heavy machinery and equipment will not be permitted in the Grand Parade; however large trucks and prime movers are permitted provided they comply with size specifications stated in 4.4
- 4.6. Illicit material or dangerous items are not permitted in the Parade.
- 4.7. Livestock is not permitted unless special permission has been granted. The float is responsible for cleaning up all waste product/s made by livestock.
- 4.8. The Festival Committee has the right to refuse participation.

5. PARADE MARSHALLING & TIMES:

The Parade Marshall or assistant/s are to be consulted on all matters concerning your entry in the Grand Parade.

On Saturday 2 March 2024:

11:00am **ENTRY:** Floats enter via Talc Streets and are directed by the Parade Marshall into the Marshalling area in Corundum and Short Streets. Floats must be positioned in Identification Number order at the numbered spaces. Drivers must always remain with their float after arrival. Don't forget to bring water and some lunch with you.

11:45am **MEETING** will be held at the Marshalling area (near the Anglican Church) with the Grand Parade Marshall and volunteers

12:45pm **Carnival Characters** and walking groups such as schools arrive in Marshalling area.

1:00pm **JUDGING** commences. All personnel who will accompany the float must be on the float for judging. Floats portraying dancers, actors or mechanical activity are given the opportunity to display these features for the judges during the judging.

1:45pm Winners in each category are notified.

2:00pm **COMMENCEMENT** The Channel 7 Grand Parade is announced with a cannon blast. All floats must be ready to move off

PARADE ROUTE:

The parade proceeds along High Street and Maryland Street through the town centre, over Carnarvon Bridge. Floats either turn left into Leslie Parade or right into Bridge Street as directed for parking. The winning entries remain in the disassembly area (southern side of Carnarvon Bridge) until further instructions. Please refer to the attached map for Parade Route.

Special Note for School Children:

School children should be always accompanied by a responsible adult. The drop-off area for children is The Hub meeting place outside CDS in Corundum Street. As floats near the end of the Parade Route, children may leave the parade at Ergon Energy, before Carnarvon Bridge, and wait at the Ergon Energy Car Park to be collected by their parents/guardians

6. DISTANCES TO BE MAINTAINED DURING THE PARADE:

- 6.1. Floats must maintain a distance of 15 metres between floats, bands and other groups. If the Parade stops this gap can close to 10 metres. When the Parade recommences the gap must return to 15 metres
- 6.2. The Maximum speed permitted is 10km per hour.
- 6.3. **Carnival Characters** and marching bands are permitted forward manoeuvres only.
- 6.4. Floats **MUST NOT TO STOP AT ANY TIME** unless the float ahead stops, or you are instructed to stop by the Parade Marshall or his assistants. In the event of a breakdown, YOU MUST inform the Parade Marshall or his assistants immediately

7. CATEGORIES AND PRIZES:

Category		Prize money			Highly commended
		First Place	Second Place	Third Place	
A.	Commercial Organisation	\$250	\$150	N/A	N/A
B.	Not for Profit Organisation	\$250	\$150	N/A	N/A
C.	Schools	\$250	\$150	N/A	N/A
D.	Colourful Carnival Characters	\$150	\$100	N/A	N/A
	Colourful Carnival School Characters	\$175	\$125	\$75	\$50
	Grand Champion Float - Derek McCosker Memorial Award	\$500 plus trophy			

Colourful Carnival Characters category is open to costumed characters and mascots. Entries in this category are encouraged to be entertaining, enthusiastic, colourful and have plenty of personality. All Carnival Characters entering the Grand Parade will be judged accordingly.

Colourful Carnival School Characters is open to all schools and should be entertaining, plenty of personality, colourful and display a school flag or banner

Trophies will be awarded to winning entries at the conclusion of parade in front of the Post Office.

A representative from all floats is to be at the main stage area in front of Post Office for awarding of trophies.

Prize money will be forwarded to the winning organisation

It is hoped that the above information answers any queries you may have, however if you require any further information or clarification of any matter relating to the Channel 7 Grand Parade, please do not hesitate to email parades@appleandgrape.org

