



We hope the Grand Parade is full of wonderful floats, lots of colour, flags galore, local and visiting bands, **Carnival Characters** and many of the highlights that traditionally make the Channel 7 Grand Parade on Saturday 7 March 2020 turn the streets of Stanthorpe into a true street carnival. To bring about this colour, the Grand Parade should become a Parade of Flags, with every walker and every vehicle required showing a flag. The following information is designed to assist in ensuring the Grand Parade runs smoothly for all concerned!

1. HOW TO ENTER:

*** There is an entry fee for Trucks, busses and cars purely promoting a business. This fee is \$150. 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 calling the Festival Office on (07) 4681 4111, or contact the Grand Parade Director, Bill Brown on 0409 143 814.
- 1.2. The Application Form must be received by 5pm Wednesday 26 February, 2020 to the Festival office or by mail to P.O. Box 338, Stanthorpe QLD 4380. No entries will be accepted after this date. **No Form No Entry.**
- 1.3. The theme of the Grand Parade is **"We Are Australian!"** All persons accompanying the float, either riding or on foot, should wear costumes or clothing in keeping with the theme of that Float. We also ask that all participants in the Parade wave a flag and are expected to make a reasonable effort to decorate their entry in the theme of **"We Are Australian!"** of the Parade. Have some fun and use your imagination! Our aim is to have a Grand Parade consisting of quality entrants, colour, flags and interest in the theme for all to enjoy.

2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

- 2.1 The Apple & Grape Harvest Festival Committee will not be financially liable to any participants, except for prize monies awarded.
- 2.2 **ALL** vehicles must be roadworthy, registered and insured as a condition of participation in the Grand Parade.
- 2.3 The Festival Committee 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 Festival Committee reserves the right to decline any entry not considered appropriate or not in compliance with the conditions set out in this Channel 7 Grand Parade Information Pack.
- 2.5 Due to safety concerns – No person is permitted to throw any material/objects from the float during the Parade.
- 2.6 Floats are judged in all categories – if you do not wish to be judged, please indicate this on your application form.
- 2.7 **NO ALCOHOL** may be consumed by any persons in the Parade Marshalling area or on any float at any time during the parade. Please note that Liquor Licensing Branch have not granted a permit for the consumption of alcohol in the streets for the 2020 festival. Consumption of alcohol in the streets is an offence and fines will apply.

3. FLOAT IDENTIFICATION & PARADE POSITION:

- 3.1 All Parade participants will be provided with an Identification Number that is to be displayed on the right hand side of the vehicle or float.
- 3.2 **Carnival Characters** will be provided with an identification number and it must be visible during the parade.
- 3.3 All participants must take up the number positioning allocated to them in the Parade, unless otherwise instructed by the Parade Marshall or assistants. This positioning must be kept throughout the Parade until its official termination.

4. PARADE MARSHALLING & TIMES:

The Parade Marshall or Marshall's assistant/s are to be consulted on all matters concerning your entry in the Grand Parade. If you have questions, **please ask** and these people will assist. On Saturday 7 March 2020:

11:00am **Floats will enter via Talc Streets** and will be 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 and drivers must remain with their float at all times 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 Director Bill Brown and volunteers – Please ensure your Float Marshall is present.
- 12:45pm **Carnival Characters** and walking groups such as schools to arrive in Marshalling area.
- 1:00pm **Judging will commence and all personnel who will accompany the float must be on the float at that time.** Floats that portray dancers, actors or mechanical activity in the Parade will be given the opportunity to display these features for the judges during the judging. If you do not wish to be judged, please ensure that this is indicated on your application form. If you are not being judged, your personnel do not need to be at the Marshalling area until 1:30pm, however your float needs to be there at 11:00am. Please remember that drivers **must** remain with their float at all times after arrival for safety reasons.
- 1:45pm The winner of each category will be notified.
- 2:00pm The Channel **7** Grand Parade is announced with a cannon blast. Please follow the directions of the Parade Marshalls and be ready to move off. This will ensure a smooth running of the parade for all to enjoy.

PARADE ROUTE:

Please refer to the attached map for Parade Route. From Marshalling, the parade will proceed along High Street and Maryland Street through the town centre, over Carnarvon Bridge, turn left into Leslie Parade or right into Bridge Street as directed where Floats can be parked. The winning entries are to remain in the disassembly area that is southern side of Carnarvon Bridge until further instructions.

Special Note for School Children:

School children participating in the Parade should be accompanied by their parents/guardians and should congregate at The Hub meeting place outside CDS in Corundum Street in preparation for commencement of the Parade.

As the floats near the end of the Parade Route, children should leave the parade at Ergon Energy, just prior to Carnarvon Bridge, and wait at the Ergon Energy Car Park to be collected by their parents/guardians and to watch the rest of the Parade.

5. DISTANCES TO BE MAINTAINED DURING THE PARADE:

- 5.1 During the Parade, drivers of Floats are required to maintain a distance of 15 metres between floats, bands and other groups. Maximum speed permitted is 10km per hour. If the Parade is stopped, this gap is to close to a distance of 10 metres. When the Parade starts up again; the gap is to be taken up to 15 metres as before.
- 5.2 **Carnival Characters** and marching bands are permitted forward manoeuvres only.
- 5.3 **YOU ARE 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, please inform the Parade Marshall or his assistants immediately and help will be forthcoming.

6. FLOAT SPECIFICATIONS:

- 6.1 The driver's vision should not be obscured and adequate provision for visibility must be allowed in the Float design.
- 6.2 The exhaust system of motorised floats must extend beyond the apron of the float and have a leak proof exhaust pipe.
- 6.3 An escape hatch **MUST** be provided for drivers and the construction of the Float must allow rapid entry and escape in an emergency. It is recommended that all floats be equipped with a Fire Extinguisher.
- 6.4 Due to overhead wires, roundabouts and the speed bump/pedestrian crossing at Farley Piazza, restrictions on the size of floats must be adhered to. Floats **MUST not** be larger than:
Maximum Length 15m Maximum Height of 4m and Maximum Width of 3m.
- 6.5 For safety reasons, the Festival Committee has determined that heavy machinery and heavy equipment will not be permitted to take part in the Grand Parade; however large trucks and prime movers are permitted provided that they comply with maximum length of 15m, maximum height of 4m and maximum width of 3m.
- 6.6 Illicit material or dangerous items are not permitted in the Parade.
- 6.7 The Festival Committee has the right to refuse participation.
- 6.8 Livestock unless special permission has been granted by the Apple and Grape Harvest Festival Committee is not permitted. It is your responsibility to clean up all waste product/s made by livestock.
- 6.9 When planning your float take into consideration changes in the streetscape.

7. CATEGORIES AND PRIZES:

A. Commercial Organisation B. Not for Profit Organisation C. Schools D. Carnival Characters

For categories A, B and C, prize money plus Trophy will be award:

First Place \$250, Second Place \$150 There will also be overall winner the Grand Champion Float – The Derek McCosker Memorial Award \$500 plus Trophy. Please note no float can win more than one prize.

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. Prize money is First Place \$150, Second Place \$100. No trophy or Grand Champion in this category.

Colourful Carnival School Characters is open to all schools and should be entertaining, plenty of personality, colourful and display a school flag or banner. Prize money is First Place \$175, Second Place \$125, Third Place \$75, Highly Commended \$50.

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 your organisation within the following week; information from your application form will be used so please ensure that it is correct.

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 contact the Grand Parade Director, Bill Brown on mobile number 0409 143 814.

