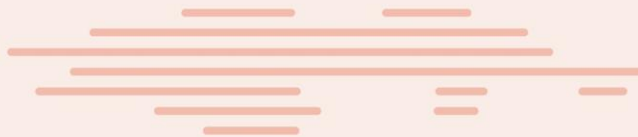




**Brighton
Council**

Brighton
Community
Christmas Pageant





We acknowledge the traditional owners who once walked this country: the Mumirimina people.

The Mumirimina belonged to the Oyster Bay tribe. This was the largest tribe in Tasmania and covered 8000 square kilometres. kotalayna levee in Brighton was a significant meeting place where hundreds of generations of Aboriginal families hunted, gathered, corroboreed, camped and traded.

In the course of colonisation, dispossession of the Mumirimina was early, rapid and extensive.

We acknowledge the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community today as the continuing custodians of this land, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Through our words and actions we strive to build a community that reflects and respects the history and hopes for all the people of Brighton.



Brighton Community Christmas Pageant – Expressions of Interest

- **Event Date:** Saturday, 5th December 2026
- **Starting Location:** Brighton Remembrance Park, Menin Drive, Brighton
- **Finishing Location:** Ted Jeffries Memorial Park, Seymour Street, Brighton until approximately 12.15 pm
- **Start Time:** Set up from 10:30 am, and the pageant starts at 11am.

Welcome!

The Brighton Community Christmas Pageant is a new and exciting community event that we hope will become an annual tradition. It's a wonderful opportunity to bring people together and celebrate the festive season through colour, creativity, music, and local spirit. We are now inviting Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from local groups, schools, performers, businesses, and individuals who would like to be part of the 2026 Brighton Christmas Pageant.

Event Overview

The Pageant will begin at the Brighton Remembrance Park and finish at Ted Jeffries Memorial Park, where there will be a community celebration. We aim to showcase vibrant floats, local talent, and diverse community representation, ending with a BBQ at the Bridgewater Foreshore Parklands.

Indicative Key Dates

- Expressions of Interest Open: Thursday, 24th September 2026
- Expressions of Interest Close: Thursday, 12th November 2026
- Notification of Outcomes: Friday, 13th November 2026
- Confirmation of Participation Due: Friday, 13th November 2026
- Safety Briefing: *All Pageant Float Leaders will need to attend at 10:45 am in front of the Flag Poles*
- Drivers' Safety Briefing: *All Pageant Float Leaders will need to attend at 10:45 am in front of the Flag Poles*
- Christmas Pageant: Saturday, 5th of December 2026
- Award Ceremony: Saturday, 5th December 2026
- Post-event Feedback Closes: 18th December 2026

What Brighton Council Provides

1. A fair and transparent review of all Expressions of Interest. All applicants will be notified of the outcome via email. All decisions are final.
2. Support with general entry design and logistics.
3. Event safety and management coordination.
4. Assigned entry positions within the parade lineup.
5. Oversight of all entries to ensure a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable event. Council may request reasonable changes to entries if required.

Environmental & Sustainability Highlights

To help reduce environmental impact and offer a more sustainable pageant, you might consider—and highlight in your EOI—these suggestions:

- **Waste Reduction & Single-Use Plastic Minimisation:** Recommend that entrants avoid single-use plastics—like disposable cups and straws—and instead lean toward compostable or reusable alternatives.
- **Promote Circular Economy & Local Reuse:** Suggest that groups incorporate recycled, upcycled, or locally sourced materials into float designs, costumes, and decorations.
- **Sustainability Awareness & Community Engagement:** Encourage participants to weave sustainability themes or green messages into their entries—either thematically or as part of event storytelling.

What You Need to Do

1. Design a pageant entry that reflects Christmas, your community, or a shared interest.
2. Nominate a Responsible Person (must be 18+).
3. Provide a qualified driver per vehicle, if applicable.
4. Attend mandatory Safety Briefing and the Drivers' Briefing.
5. Use appropriate safety gear and follow all rules and guidelines.
6. Comply with movement control directions from Tasmania Police, SES, and event marshals.
7. Bring imagination, creativity, and festive energy to help make this a memorable celebration!

What Is Not Permitted

1. Entries promoting political messages or businesses.
2. Only the official Santa may include a Santa Claus or Father Christmas character.

Awards for Entries

Details of the award categories will be announced closer to the event. Awards may include:

- Best Community Entry
- Most Creative Float
- Best Children's Group
- People's Choice Award

Expressions of Interest

We welcome EOIs from:

- **Floats:** Include design/theme details and vehicle dimensions.
- **Community Groups:** Provide a brief description and expected number of participants.
- **Entertainers/Performers:** Tell us what you plan to showcase and how many are involved.

Entry and Participant Requirements

Responsible Person

- Every group must nominate a Responsible Person (18+).
- They must attend the safety briefing and communicate instructions to their group.
- Will assist with entry inspections and ensure compliance with event rules.

Vehicle Use

- Walking entries are strongly encouraged.
- Smaller, low-emission vehicles are preferred (e.g., trolleys, bikes, scooters).
- Vehicles must be inspected and approved.
- No semi-trailers or oversized trucks allowed.

Driver Requirements

- Must have a valid, unrestricted Australian driver's licence.
- **Must have car insurance** that covers participation in the event (either comprehensive or third-party, as required). Must attend the Drivers' Safety Briefing.

General Safety

- All entries will be inspected on the day by the Brighton Council.
- Unsafe entries may be modified or removed from the event.

Insurance

- All groups must have Public Liability Insurance.
- Submit your Certificate of Currency with your application.
- If you do not have insurance, please notify us in your EOI — Council may be able to assist.
- Note: Brighton Council does not cover personal property, decorations, or vehicles.

Assembly Information

- Full assembly details and route maps will be shared with approved entrants.
- All groups must follow event setup instructions for smooth operation and emergency access.

Children & Vulnerable People

- Children must be supervised by adults with current WWVP cards.
- Suggested ratio: 1 adult per 10 children.
- All participants must be capable of completing the 2km route safely.

Photography & Media Use

By participating in the 2026 Brighton Council Christmas Pageant, you grant permission for the Brighton Christmas Committee to:

- Photograph and film your group (including children under 18).
- Use footage and images for promotional, marketing, and future event purposes.

Important Guidelines and Criteria

1. Eligibility

- Participants must be based in the Brighton region or have a strong local connection.
- Entries should reflect the Christmas spirit and promote community pride.

2. Application Deadline

- All EOIs must be submitted by **Thursday, 12th November 2026**.

3. Vehicle Requirements

- Only vehicles that are roadworthy, registered, or permitted are allowed.
- No semi-trailers or large trucks.
- Vehicle floats should be decorated with a Christmas theme.
- Safe riding/standing practices must be followed.

4. Health and Safety

- All entries must follow safety guidelines in effect at the time, including any COVID-19 protocols.
- Each group is responsible for its own insurance and safety measures.

How to Apply

Please complete the Expression of Interest form [form link will be inserted]. If you require further assistance, please get in touch with Kylie or Sarah at **Brighton Council on (03) 6268 7000**.

Let's Make It Magical!

We look forward to celebrating the season with you and creating a fun, festive day for the entire Brighton community. Let's work together to make the 2026 Brighton Christmas Pageant one to remember!

