




We hope the Grand Parade is full of wonderful floats, lots of colour, local and visiting bands and many of the highlights that traditionally make the Channel  Grand Parade on Saturday turn the streets of Stanthorpe into a true street carnival. The following information is designed to assist in ensuring the Grand Parade runs smoothly for all concerned!

1. HOW TO ENTER:

- 1.1. Entry is free and forms are available from either the Festival website www.appleandgrape.org or calling the Festival Office Phone: 4681 4111, or contact the Grand Parade Director, Bob Townshend on 4685 2072
- 1.2. The forms must be received by 5pm Friday 19th February, 2010 to the festival office or by mail P O Box 338, Stanthorpe QLD 4380 - No entries will be accepted after this date. No form No Entry.
- 1.3. Theme of the festival is Apples and Grapes - simple we know - but add into that, the Festival being voted as a Queensland Iconic event and let the judges see what you can create. All persons accompanying the Float, either riding or on foot, should wear costumes or clothing in keeping with the theme of that Float. All participants in the Parade are expected to make a reasonable effort to decorate their entry in the theme of the Parade. i.e. not just the company vehicle with a balloon on the aerial – have some fun and use your imagination. Our aim is to have a Grand Parade consisting of quality entrants, colour and interest for all to enjoy.

2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

- 2.1 The Apple & Grape Harvest Committee will not be financially liable to any participants, except for the 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 the Manual.
- 2.5 Due to safety concerns – No person is permitted to hand out or 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 entry form.
- 2.7 NO ALCOHOL may be consumed by any persons in the Parade Marshalling area or on any float at any time. Please note that Liquor Licensing Branch have not granted a permit for the consumption of alcohol in the streets for the 2010 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 Float.
- 3.2 All participants must take up the number positioning allocated to them in the Parade, unless otherwise instructed by the Parade Marshal or his assistants. This positioning must be kept throughout the Parade until its official termination.

4. PARADE MARSHALLING & TIMES:

The Parade Marshal and his assistants are to be consulted on all matters concerning your entry in the Grand Parade. If you have any questions, **please ask** and these people will assist you in every way possible.

11:00am Floats will enter via Talc St and will be directed by the Parade Marshal into the marshalling area in Corundum and Short Streets on Saturday 6th March 2010.

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.

12:30pm 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 and judging will continue during the parade. 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 parade. If you do not wish to be judged, please ensure that this is indicated on your entry 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.

2:00pm Sharp – parade starts. Please follow the directions of the Parade Marshals and be ready to move off. This will ensure a smooth running of the parade for all to enjoy.

5. PARADE ROUTE:

Please refer to the attached map for Parade Route. From the marshalling area, the Parade will proceed to High Street and Maryland Street through the town centre, over Carnarvon Bridge, turn left into Leslie Parade or right into Bridge St as directed where Floats will be parked for public display. We suggest that Floats be displayed for around 1 hour.

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 the bridge, and wait at the Ergon Energy Car Park to be collected by their parents/guardians and to watch the rest of the Parade.

6. DISTANCES TO BE MAINTAINED DURING THE PARADE:

6.1 During the Parade, drivers of Floats are requested to maintain a distance of 30 metres between floats, bands and other groups. If the Parade is stopped, this gap is to close to a distance of 15 metres. When the Parade starts up again; the gap is to be taken up to 30 metres as before.

6.2 Marching bands are permitted forward manoeuvres only.

6.3 YOU ARE NOT TO STOP AT ANY TIME unless the Float ahead stops or you are instructed to stop by the Parade Marshal or his assistants. In the event of a breakdown, please inform the Parade Marshal or his assistants immediately and help will be forthcoming.

7. FLOAT SPECIFICATIONS:

7.1 The driver's vision should not be obscured and adequate provision for visibility must be allowed in the Float design.

7.2 The exhaust system of motorised floats must extend beyond the apron of the float and have a leak proof exhaust pipe.

7.3 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.

7.4 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:
Length Maximum 20m, Height Maximum of 4m and Width Maximum of 4m

7.5 Following feedback from the general public and for safety reasons, the Festival Committee has determined that heavy machinery, heavy equipment and large trucks such as semi-trailers etc will not be permitted to take part in the Parade.

7.7 The Festival Committee has the right to refuse participation.

7.6 Illicit material or dangerous items are not permitted in the Parade. Livestock unless special permission has been granted by the Apple and Grape Harvest Festival Committee not permitted.

7.7 When planning your float take into consideration changes in the streetscape.

8. CATEGORIES AND PRIZES:

A. Commercial Organisation

B. Not for Profit Organisation

C. Schools

For each of the above categories, prize money plus Trophy will be award:

First Place \$250, Second Place \$150 and Third Place \$75.

There will also be overall winner the Grand Champion Float – The Derek McCosker Memorial Award \$1000 plus Trophy. Please note no float can win more than one prize.

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

Prize money will be forwarded to your organisation within the next 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, Bob Townshend on 4685 2072

