GRAND CENTRAL FLORAL PARADE
SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2011

BEST DRESSED BICYCLE APPLICATION

Now in its 62nd year, the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers continues to prosper and delight visitors and residents alike each Spring.

Marking the official commencement of the Carnival is the Floral Parade, proudly sponsored by Grand Central. The only fresh floral parade of its kind in Australia, it features floral floats, colourful characters, entertainers, local and visiting bands and other visual elements – this vibrant street celebration is not to be missed!

In 2010, more than 100 entrants participated in the Grand Central Floral Parade which was enjoyed by more than 100,000 spectators who lined the city streets to enjoy the colour, movement, music and fanfare of this unique and much loved event.

This year, the Parade promises to be equally as enjoyable so be sure to be involved in this spectacular display of community spirit and personality. Remember, your participation is limited only by your imagination!

1.0 IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

For general advice and information regarding resources available to entrants contact the GRAND CENTRAL FLORAL PARADE CREATIVE TEAM:

PHONE 07 3257 0666
EMAIL meagan@j2.net.au

For information regarding Parade entry fees, prize money and assistance lodging applications contact the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Office direct on 07 4688 6912.

2.0 ENTRY CRITERIA

BEST DRESSED BICYCLE

Open to individuals or teams, entries in this category must be riding a decorated or themed bicycle that is colourful and eye catching. Entrants must wear a helmet and any other safety gear including appropriate footwear.

3.0 JUDGING CRITERIA

All entries will be judged while the parade is in progress. All bicycles entering the Grand Central Floral Parade will be judged according to the following criteria.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

■ Is the entry concept creative and/or innovative in design?
■ Has the bicycle been decorated taking into consideration the floral theme?
■ Is the theme recognisable by the public?
■ How well has this theme been interpreted and executed?
■ Is the entry engaging the interest of the audience to enhance their parade experience?
■ Have the Grand Central Floral Parade – Bicycle Riders Conditions of Entry been followed?

4.0 PRIZES

Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded to the parade category winners. The announcement of the winning entries, will take place at the conclusion of the parade at Godsell Street Oval, Lower Queens Park at approximately 2:00PM ON SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2011. All entrants are asked to attend this ceremony.
5.0 GRAND CENTRAL FLORAL PARADE – BICYCLE RIDERS CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The following conditions of entry apply to all Grand Central Floral Parade bicycle rider entrants:

1. Bicycle riders participate in the parade at their own risk.

2. Bicycle riders must observe all applicable rules and regulations and follow all instructions from Police or Parade Officials. The Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Working Group reserves the right to remove any entrant from the parade that does not comply with the Bicycle Riders Conditions of Entry.

3. All entries must be approved by the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Working Group at its sole discretion. Accepted entries will receive written notice.

4. Bicycle riders must ride in a safe, responsible and courteous manner during the Event and use common sense at all times.

5. Bicycle riders agree to abide by the Queensland Road Rules and to follow directions given by the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Working Group, Creative Team, Parade Marshall and their delegates and Queensland Police.

6. Bicycle riders must ensure they are of sufficient riding competence to take part in the event, and that their bicycle is in sound mechanical condition.

7. Bicycle riders are responsible for ensuring they are physically and mentally capable of completing the event. Anyone with a specific medical condition that may affect their own safety or the safety of others should advise the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Working Group.

8. Bicycle riders must be able to maintain a parade speed of 8km per hour and agree to abide by this speed limit.

9. Private support vehicles or walkers are not permitted within the bike group along the Parade route.

10. **Children under 8 years of age must not** pilot their own bike and are not permitted to ride in the Parade unless accompanied by a parent or guardian on a bike incorporating a tandem rear, tagalong, trailer or child seat (no walkers will be allowed to accompany a bike).

11. **Children between the ages of 8 to 12 years, with sufficient riding competence, can pilot their own bike but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian also riding a decorated bike.**

12. **Persons under 18 years of age** require the consent of their parent or guardian to participate in the Parade and are to be supervised at all times. The parent/legal guardian shall provide their name and signature as evidence of consent and acceptance of the Conditions of Entry. The parent/legal guardian agrees to release and indemnify the Toowoomba Regional Council in the same manner and to the same effect and extent as if they were the person first named on the entry form and participating in the Parade.

13. All riders must wear a bicycle helmet and any other safety gear including appropriate footwear.

14. Your assembly area and assembly time will be forwarded to you in a separate letter.

15. **Material may not be handed out along the parade route. Distribution of candy, gifts, merchandise, literature or other material along the line is strictly prohibited.**

16. **Soliciting for money/donations is strictly prohibited.**

17. A spacing of 15 metres between each entry will be enforced. All entries are required to close the gap between participants when asked by Parade Officials.

18. Parade participants may not mingle and must remain clear of parade route spectators.

19. Entries should be in the spirit of the parade and the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Working Group reserves the right of refusal where the proposed entry does not meet the Conditions of Entry.
20. Any conduct which in the opinion of the Creative Team or Parade Marshall, that creates harm or damage to any participant or their property, engages in any illegal activity, bad language, or other unsocial behaviour, will be deemed a breach of those Conditions of Entry, and may result in the bicycle riders' removal from the event.

21. Alcoholic beverages are strictly forbidden on any float, in any vehicle or on the person of any participant. Participants consuming alcohol prior to or during the parade will be removed from the line-up and not allowed to participate in the parade.

22. No additional vehicles and/or persons (including, but not limited to cars, vans, scooters and marchers) will be allowed to accompany entries, unless deemed essential by the Creative Team.

23. The Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Working Group or their representatives reserve the right to withdraw any bicycle riders that do not meet the Conditions of Entry, or conform to the standards of reasonable public taste.

24. Entries that do not appear on parade day without prior notification to the Carnival office, or do not comply with the Conditions of Entry, will jeopardise their future invitations to the Grand Central Floral Parade.

25. The Toowoomba Regional Council does not accept any responsibility or liability for travel expenses, food or lodging of any entry.

26. The Toowoomba Regional Council is not liable to bicycle riders for any loss, damage, cost or expense of any kind, due to program changes, poor weather before or during the Event or postponement or cancellation of all or part of the Event due to circumstances beyond the control of the Toowoomba Regional Council including, but not limited to, weather, safety, theft, disaster, accident, strike or direction by any government authority.

27. Registration on the day will not be permitted.

28. All bicycle entries will be positioned towards the end of the parade due to safety.

29. The Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Working Group decision regarding all entries is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM TO ENTER THE GRAND CENTRAL FLORAL PARADE.

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL AND RETURNED BY 5.00PM, TUESDAY 7 JUNE 2011, ADDRESSED TO:

Grand Central Floral Parade
ATTENTION: EVENT SUPPORT OFFICER
Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Office
PO Box 3021 Village Fair
Toowoomba Qld 4350

ENTRANT DETAILS:

Name of Bicycle Rider:

Postal Address: ____________________________________________________________

A/H: ___________________________________________ Mobile: ______________________

Phone B/H: ___________________________________________ E-mail: ______________

Age (if under 18 years old):

Name of Additional Bicycle Rider (if accompanied by an adult):

Postal Address: ____________________________________________________________

A/H: ___________________________________________ Mobile: ______________________

Phone B/H: ___________________________________________ E-mail: ______________

BICYCLE RIDERS UNDER 18 YEARS

If the Bicycle Rider is aged under 18 years, written consent is required from the Bicycle Rider's parent or legal guardian.

ENTRY DETAILS:

Brief Description of Bicycle Entry: (Note – this information is passed on to the Creative Team who are responsible for determining which applications are accepted on behalf of the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Working Group)

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ENTRY FEE:

There is no entry fee required for bicycle entrants.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE BY THE ENTRANT:

I/we have read and understood this application and acknowledge and accept that:

(a) Neither the Toowoomba Regional Council ("Council"), its appointed parade organisers, creative directors, sponsors nor the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Working Group will provide any Public Liability insurance protection with regards to my/our participation in the parade; and

(b) Distribution of items or soliciting of funds is NOT PERMITTED DURING THE PARADE (please refer to conditions of entry).

(c) I/we acknowledge and accept the conditions of entry as outlined in this application.

(d) I/we agree that participation in the parade is solely at my/our own risk; and

(e) I/we agree that I/we is/are solely liable for and indemnifies and saves harmless Council from and against all liability, actions, claims, penalties, damages and expense that may be incurred by or brought against or made upon Council in relation to the entrant’s participation in the parade except where such liability, actions, claims, penalties, damages and expense arise out of a negligent act or negligent default of Council, its employees or its agents.

Name of bicycle rider:

Signature:

Date:

If the Bicycle Rider is under 18 years of age, the parent/legal guardian must acknowledge and agree to all of the above terms and conditions including acceptance of the risks to the bicycle rider of participating in the parade and agreeing to release and indemnify Council. In addition, the parent/legal guardian agrees to the following:

I consent to the named Bicycle Rider participating in the parade and I take full responsibility for his/her supervision in the parade.

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian of the Bicycle Rider:

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

Signature:

Date

FURTHER INFORMATION...

If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact:

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Alternatively you may wish to contact the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers office on (07) 4686 6912.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE 2011 GRAND CENTRAL FLORAL PARADE.