



# SHIRE OF WANDERING

## **2025 Christmas Lights Competition**

Guidelines and Conditions of Entry

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## Guidelines

### How to Enter

1. Entrants into the Christmas Lights Competition will be deemed as having read the full terms and conditions before entry.
2. The Christmas Lights Competition is run by the Shire of Wandering in partnership with sponsor Wandering Smash Repairs and WD Auto Repairs and is open to all residents within the Council boundaries.
3. The competition will open at 9am on 24 November 2025, and entries must be received by the closing date, 7 December 2025, before 5pm.
4. No entries will be accepted after the closing date.
5. Application forms will be made available online from the Shire of Wandering's website [www.wandering.wa.gov.au](http://www.wandering.wa.gov.au)
6. Any entrant who requires assistance with the online application form can call the Shire of Wandering and speak to one of the Officers.
7. Only one application will be accepted per household.
8. Entry to the Shire of Wandering's Christmas Lights Competition is free.
9. Applications that are not eligible for the Christmas Lights Competition include:
  - (a) Displays belonging to the Judging Panel
  - (b) Sponsors
  - (c) Displays which are nominated, but whose owner does not wish to participate in the competition
  - (d) Any applicants not within Shire of Wandering Council postcodes.

### Criteria

10. This competition is open to all residents being owners and or occupants of a property within the Shire of Wandering's boundaries.
11. To enter the competition the property must be decorated with festive lights and decorations that are clearly visible from the street front.

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12. Entrants must not use the footpath, electricity poles, or any other property outside their boundary, for any purpose of their display.

13. To enable professional photography for voting purposes, entrants must have their lights installed by the 7 December 2025.

14. Entrants are required to have their light displays illuminated for viewing by the judging panel and photographer, between 7.30pm and 8.30pm from Monday 8 December – Wednesday 10 December 2025, inclusive.

(a) Properties where the lights are not illuminated during this time, and the photographer is not able to obtain suitable images, will be disqualified from the voting pool.

15. Entrants are responsible for all costs associated with their display.

16. Participants agree to have their property address, name and photographs of their decorated display publicly communicated on the Shire of Wandering's and Sponsor's website and other promotional platforms, generated by the Shire of Wandering and Sponsor.

## Safety

17. The misuse of electricity can cause injury or death. Entrants must not use any indoor lighting or products outdoors and must comply with the safety instructions on all electrical products used.

18. Inspections by qualified electricians to check safety of the entrant's display are highly recommended and will be the responsibility and at the expense of each entrant.

19. Entrants need to consider the impact of their display and act accordingly to minimise any risk that can cause harm to traffic or pedestrians.

20. The Christmas Lights Competition is designed to encourage community participation and the spirit of giving and sharing. Entrants agree to enter the competition in the spirit in which it was intended and act accordingly.

## Voting

21. The judging panel comprises of:

(a) Sheryl Little, Shire President, Shire of Wandering.

(b) Shaun Brand, Wandering Smash Repairs and WD Auto Repairs

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22. The judging panel will select the winners against the following areas:

- (a) First impression - creativity, design, layout, theme.
- (b) Decorations - use of colour, form of creation, variety of repetition, sound.
- (c) Sustainable features.

23. The judging panel will view the properties from 8–10 December 2025 between 7.30pm and 8.30pm.

24. A three-day voting period will simultaneously be open for the People’s Choice Award from 8–10 December. When voting opens a list of entries and addresses showing the locations of each Christmas lights display will be available through the Shire website. In the event where the highest number of votes is equal for two or more properties, the entries will be printed out and a random draw performed by the judges to select the winner.

25. The judge’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

### Prizes and Announcement of Winner

26. A total of \$1,200 in gift vouchers form the prize pool.

Made up of \$400 in “Bunnings” gift vouchers by our sponsor Wandering Smash Repairs and WD Auto Repairs, \$400 in “The Coles Group & Myer” gift vouchers by the Shire of Wandering and a \$100 gift voucher from our sponsor Tracey Hutchins, Occupational Hygiene Australia. As well as individual donations from Cr. Lou Cowan \$100, Cr. Gillian Hansen \$100 and Cr. Sheryl Little and Bob Little \$100.

27. Prize Categories:

- Best Christmas Display – Townsite \$350 gift voucher
- Runner-Up Best Christmas Display – Townsite \$175 gift voucher
- Best Christmas Display – Rural \$350 gift voucher
- Runner-Up Best Christmas Display – Rural \$175 gift voucher
- People’s Choice Award - \$150 gift voucher

28. All entries are only eligible to win a maximum of one prize in the Competition. In the instance that an Eligible Participant is determined to be the winner in more than one award category, the Eligible Participant will be awarded the prize of the greatest value and will not be eligible to receive the other prize.

29. The winners will be contacted by the Shire of Wandering CEO on the 11 of December and the winners’ names, addresses and photographs of their decorated display publicly communicated on the Shire of Wandering’s website and Facebook page.

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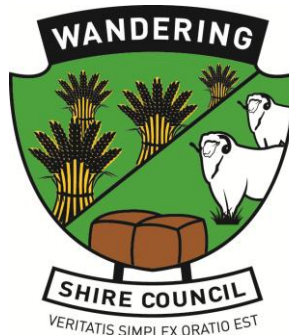


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**Cr. Lou Cowan**

**Cr. Gillian Hansen**

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**We sincerely thank our sponsors for making this event possible.**

**\*all sponsorship money is being utilised for the prize pool only**