

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

2025 Christmas Lights Trail

1. Information on how to enter the 2025 Christmas Lights Trail promotion (the Campaign) forms part of the terms and conditions of entry.
2. The Competition commences at 9am, Thursday 6 November 2025 and all entries must be received by the closing date, 11:59pm 3 December 2025. No entries will be accepted after the close date. The decision of the Promoter to accept and reject an entry is final. No correspondence will be entered into.
3. The “Promoter” means Gladstone Regional Council (GRC), ABN 27 330 979 106, of 101 Goondoon Street, Gladstone 4680.
4. Gladstone Regional Council employees and their families are not eligible for prizes. But can participate as ‘List Only’ entry. This option places an address on the map, but the entry is not uploaded and therefore no votes can be cast.
5. Members of the community can also submit an entry that is a ‘List Only’ entry for public viewing. Listing only entries are not judged and are not eligible to win a prize.
6. Members of the community who submit an entry should be aware that members of the public may visit their property to view their display.
7. Members of the community who submit an entry in the 2025 Christmas Lights Trail will be deemed as having read the Terms and Conditions before entry and as having accepted these terms and conditions to the extent that they apply to them. The Personal Information displayed in “Contact Details (these details are not visible to the public) of the website is verification and will not be used for media purposes by the Promoter.

How to Enter:

1. Entry into the 2025 Christmas Lights Trail is free and only available to residents, businesses and community organisations within the Gladstone Regional Council boundaries.
2. Entry forms are available online at <https://conversations.gladstone.qld.gov.au/> to complete details and submit to enter.
3. Entries eligible for prizes will need to upload one image of the entrant’s light display. Photographs must be submitted in JPEG (.jpg), PNG or SVG format (at least 400 x 300 pixels) via the Conversations platform when prompted through the entry form process.
4. Only one entry per household can be accepted.
5. Entrants must be 18 years of age or older to enter.
6. Entrants are encouraged to keep their lights on each night from Sunday 1 December until Thursday 26 December 2025. With the cost associated to run the lights at the entrant’s expense.

7. All entrants agree to allow the Promoter and its contractors or agents to publicise the address at which the entrants Christmas Lights will be displayed in media (including a lift-out page in the Gladstone Today newspaper, including flyers, billboards and promotional material. Publication of these address details will only be for the purpose of promoting the Competition and no other personal information of entrants will be published.
8. By entering this competition, you agree to Gladstone Regional Council notifying you of details of this Promotion, and future Christmas Lights Trail promotions.
9. All entrants agree to allow the Promoter and its contractors or agents to publicise photos, sound recordings and video recordings of their display (if required) in media, including flyers and promotional material and that the Promoter is not required to pay a fee for this use/purpose.
10. All entrants competing for a prize can collect an Official Christmas Lights Trail 'Vote for Me' Corflute Sign to prominently display during the competition period. Collection and safe display of the corflutes is the responsibility of the entrant. Corflutes can be collected from either Gladstone Regional Council at 101 Goondoon Street or Council's Rural Transaction Centres during office hours. Corflutes can remain the property of the entrant and re-used for the following year.
11. The Promotion will be run in the following categories People's Choice, Mayor's Choice and 'List Only'. At the time of application Entrants must nominate which category of the Competition they are entering. Entrants requested to list a photograph will automatically be in the running for the People's Choice prize or the Mayors Choice prize.
12. In the event of any dispute regarding the rules, conduct, results and all other matters relating to the Christmas Lights Trail promotion, the decision of the Promoter shall be final and no correspondence or discussion shall be entered into.
13. Displays may be a combination of Christmas lights and decorations only. Entries must not contain any material that is defamatory, discriminating, obscene, indecent, harassing, or threatening or is otherwise unlawful. Any entry that at the discretion of the Promoter is deemed to be offensive, discriminatory, defamatory, obscene, indecent, harassing, or threatening, will immediately be disqualified from entering the Promotion. The Promoter's decision in relation to any aspect of the Competition is final. No correspondence and/or discussion will be entered into.
14. The misuse of electricity can cause injury or death. Entrants must not use any indoor lighting products outdoors and must comply with the safety instructions on all electrical products used. Electrical safety is paramount and must be exercised at all times. Misuse of electricity could lead to your disqualification from the competition.
15. Inspections by qualified electricians to check the safety of the entrant's display is highly recommended and will be the responsibility and at the expense of each entrant.
16. Householder insurance policies should be checked by each entrant to ensure appropriate cover is included. All Entrants must have current Public Liability Insurance cover that protects you in relation to anything you propose doing as part of your participation in the Gladstone Region Christmas Lights Trail promotion. Please check with your Insurer for correct cover amount. In the absence of current Public Liability cover, your entry will be disqualified. Gladstone Regional Council and its representatives accept no responsibility or liability for any actions or incidents related to or occurring during the Christmas Lights promotion at or near the property of any individual entrant.

17. Entrants need to consider the impact their display (and compliance with any restrictions or directions) will have on the safety of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and must plan to ensure that any risks are minimised, including obtaining any relevant permits.
18. Entrants are not to use the footpath, electricity poles, nor any property outside their property boundary for any purpose of their display. The footpath may only be used for compliance with any restrictions or directions where it can be done safely, and the Entrant has obtained any permits for such use.
19. Rental tenants must seek written permission from their landlords before entering this competition.
20. For safety and security reasons the Promoter recommends that free-standing Christmas Lights/Props are designed so that they are able to be removed and secured overnight. The security of all aspects of the display is the sole responsibility of the entrant.
21. The organisers and sponsors accept no responsibility for damage, injury, or theft which may occur as a result of your entry into this competition.
22. Failure to comply with the Terms and Conditions of Entry may lead to immediate disqualification of an entry.
23. The Christmas Lights Trail promotion 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.
24. The Promoter reserves the right to verify the validity of entries and to disqualify any entry which, in the opinion of Promoter, tampers with the entry process not in accordance with these Terms and Conditions of Entry or who has, in the opinion of Promoter, engaged in conduct in entering the Competition which is fraudulent, misleading, deceptive or generally damaging to the goodwill or reputation of the Competition and/or Promoter. The Promoter reserves the right to disqualify an entrant if the Promoter becomes aware that the entrant is of a type described in this clause.
25. The Promoter and its contractors or agents, may take photographs, sound recordings and video recordings of entrants Christmas Lights. The Media may include images or recordings of you ("Personal Information"). Council may use and manage the Personal Information for marketing and promotional purposes for promoting the event and acknowledging the entrants.
26. The Promoter accepts no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, defect, theft or destruction or alteration of entries, howsoever caused, nor responsibility for property or personal and third party damage, injury or theft which may occur as a result of your entry into the Christmas Lights Competition.
27. Collection Boxes are strictly prohibited unless the Entrant can provide a letter of authority from a registered charity and the charity details are prominently displayed on the premises.
28. To the extent permitted by law, each entrant irrevocably waives all rights against the Promoter and its related companies, its employees, servants, agents, independent contractors or representatives (together, the 'Indemnified Persons') and releases and discharges the Indemnified Persons from all claims, liability, costs, expenses, damages or losses (whether direct, indirect or consequential and whether arising under statute, from negligence, personal injury, death, property damage or otherwise) arising from or in connection with the Promotion. These terms do not limit or exclude liability to the extent that liability cannot, by law, be limited or excluded.

29. To the extent permitted by law, neither the Promoter nor any of its related companies or associated agencies accepts any liability to entrant or anyone else for any injury, damages, expenses or loss whatsoever (including without limitation loss of profit, revenue or business and indirect, consequential, special or incidental loss or damage), relating to entry into the Promotion (including, but not limited to, in the event that the Promoter decides, in their absolute discretion, to cancel the Event).
30. All entry forms submitted become the property of the Promoter.
31. Entrants acknowledge and agree that as a result of entering the Competition they are providing their personal information to the Promoter (Gladstone Regional Council) and its contracted service providers for the purpose of administering the Promotion and publicity (including publication of entrant's addresses for the purpose of facilitating viewing of entries by the public). Further more entrants acknowledge and agree that their personal information will be handled in accordance with Council's Privacy Policy. A copy of Council's Privacy Policy can be accessed at:

<https://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/Council/About-Council/Privacy#section-1>

How to vote:

1. All eligible entries for voting will be displayed on the Conversations 2025 Christmas Lights Trail page, with the image the entrant submitted.
2. The image of the Christmas Lights entry with the sum of the most votes = 'likes' will form the winner of the People's Choice. GRC will monitor to ensure entries with most 'likes' align with the criteria and that voting numbers remain realistically aligned. Suspicious voting may disqualify an entry.
3. 'Likes' are marked with a 'thumbs up' under the image.
4. The Mayor will select the 'Mayor's Choice' winner, from the entries submitted to the Conversations page.

Winners Announcement

1. The winning entrants will be notified by telephone or email early January 2026. The winners will be announced on Council's Social Media Channels and on the Conversations Gladstone Platform.
2. Prizes will need to be collected from 101 Goondoon Street, by January 2026. Winners will be contacted with further details and times.
3. Only winning entrants will be notified.