

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Eligibility

1. The competition is a promotion run by the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale and is open to all residents and businesses within the Shire, with the exception of Elected Members and Shire staff who are not eligible to enter.
2. Prize categories
 - a. *Best Christmas Lights Display – Public Choice*
 - i. Only one application will be accepted per household or business for this individual category.
 - b. *Best Decorated Street – Public Choice*
 - i. A minimum of 4 houses are required to participate for a street category nomination.
 - ii. Details for all houses must be provided at the time of nomination.
 - iii. An address may only nominate in one street group entry.
 - iv. This category consists of a single winner, the prize pool is to be split evenly between all winners in the nomination.
 - v. Entrants that form part of a street nomination **CAN** also nominate as an individual entry in the Best Christmas Lights Display.
 - c. *Best Overall Display – Judges Choice*
 - i. All entrants to the Best Christmas Lights Display will be automatically entered in the Best Overall Display category.
 - ii. The winner is selected by a Judging Panel, the panel decision is final.
 - d. *Best First-Time Entry – Judges Choice*
 - i. This category is open to individual entrants only, street entries are not eligible for this category.
 - ii. The winner is selected by a Judging Panel, the panel decision is final.
 - iii. All entrants to the Best Christmas Lights Display will have the opportunity to self-identify as a first time entrant.
 - iv. Shire staff will verify this nomination against previous years entrants.
 - v. Where an address has previously entered the Christmas Lights Competition and the same tenants/family resides at this address at entry will NOT be considered as a “First-Time” entry by nominating under an alternate tenant/family member’s name.
 - vi. Where an address has previously entered the Christmas Lights Competition and is a rental property or similar or has changed ownership and occupants can reasonably demonstrate they were not the previous applicants or members of the same tenant/family group then the nomination can be considered as a “First-Time” entry.



Christmas Lights Competition 2024

3. Entrants must not use the footpath, electricity poles, or any other property outside their boundary for any purpose of their display.
4. Displays must be visible from the exterior of the property only.
5. To enable professional photography for voting purposes, entrants must have their lights installed by 2 December 2024.
Lights must be on between 7.30pm and 10.30pm from Monday 2 December – Thursday 5 December inclusive for photography.
 - a. Any locations where the lights are not on during this time period, and the photographer is not able to obtain suitable images, will be disqualified from the voting pool.
6. Entrants must register using the online registration form, any entrants who require assistance with this can call or visit the Shire Administration and a staff member will assist them to complete this process.

Key Dates

Registrations Open:	Monday 18 November 2024
Registrations Close:	10am, Monday 2 December 2024
Displays Photographed:	Monday 2 December - Thursday 5 December 2024
Voting Opens:	12noon Friday 6 December 2024
Voting Closes:	2pm, Monday 16 December 2024
Winners announced:	Wednesday 18 December 2024
Winners photos and prizes:	Wednesday 18 December 2024

Entry Process and Costs

1. Entry to the competition is via the online form on the Shire website only.
2. There is no cost to enter.
3. Entrants are responsible for all costs associated with their display.
6. By entering the competition you consent to the following:
 - The address of the display will be publicly communicated on the Shire website.
 - An image of the display (to be taken by a Shire contracted photographer) will be used in online and print publications generated by the Shire for promotional purposes.



Safety

1. You must ensure your display is electrically and structurally safe. Please ensure you have read the attached **Safety Guidelines**.
2. The Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale will not be held liable for any loss, damage, theft or for any personal injury sustained as a result of participating in the competition, including during the installation or removal of displays.

Voting

1. Voting by the community will determine the winners to the two Public Choice categories.
2. Voting is via the online Your Say SJ Platform, the properties in each category that receive the highest number of votes when voting closes will be deemed the winners.
3. 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 “barrel” draw performed to select the winners.
4. Voting by a Judges Panel will determine the winners to the two Judges Choice categories.
5. The Judges Panel will consist of at least two judges including the Shire President or suitable representative.
6. The voting outcome is final with no correspondence being entered into.

Prizes and Announcement of Winners

1. A total of six prizes will be awarded as specified below.

Best Christmas Lights Display – Public Choice

Open to all residential and commercial properties this category has three prizes available

- 1st - \$1,000
- 2nd - \$500
- 3rd - \$250

Best Decorated Street – Public Choice

Is your street a Christmas Wonderland? Nominate with a minimum of 4 houses for your chance to be crowned Best Decorated Street

- \$1,000 prize to be split evenly amongst nominated addresses



Best Overall Display – Judges Choice

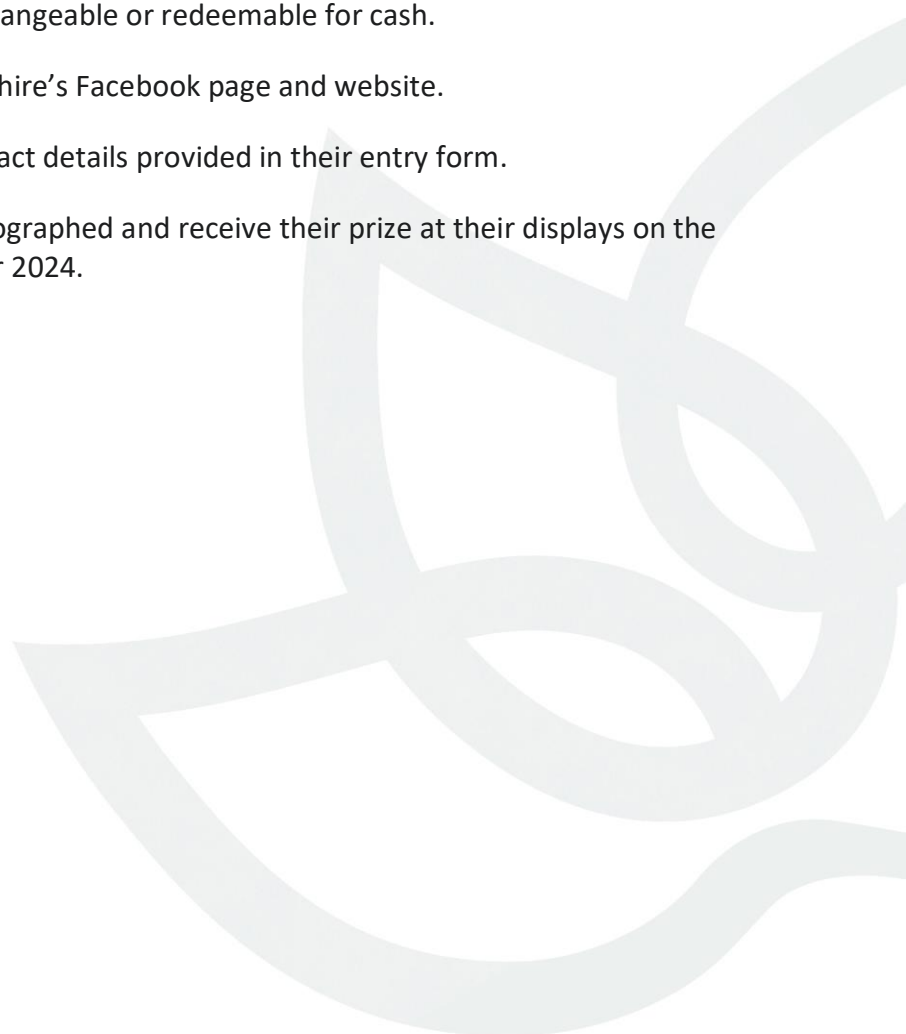
Chosen by our judges from all the entries nominated

- \$500

Best First-Time Entry – Judges Choice

Chosen by our judges from all the entries nominated as First-Time and verified by Shire staff

- \$500
2. The prizes are not transferable, exchangeable or redeemable for cash.
 3. Winners will be announced via the Shire’s Facebook page and website.
 4. Winners will be notified via the contact details provided in their entry form.
 5. Winners will be required to be photographed and receive their prize at their displays on the evening of Wednesday 18 December 2024.



6. SAFETY GUIDELINES

DO

- Make electrical safety your first priority.
- Check that all of your lights are working and replace any faulty strands or bulbs.
- Buy Australian-compliant lights and always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Use low voltage lights and quality power boards for multiple plugs.
- Keep lights, power points and adaptors out of reach of children.
- Switch off lights before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Ensure all electricals are specified for outdoor use.

DON'T

- String lights or leads on or near overhead powerlines, including the connection to your house.
- Overcrowd power points or use double-adaptors.
- Alter or modify light kits.
- Use indoor lights outdoors.
- Use light sets which have missing globes.
- String lights around wet areas such as swimming pools.
- Put a ladder on an unstable surface.