

Manawatū's Biggest Community Christmas Parade

Brought to you by Feilding & District Promotion and Manchester Lions

NO entry fees in friendly Feilding!

Parade starts at 1.30pm

Float entries close on Monday 30th November 2026.

By entering, you agree to follow the TERMS, CONDITIONS AND PARADE RULES.

Float Presentation Requirements:

- Make your float festive, fun, and easy to follow:
- Christmas themes only.
- Use props, music, and signage where you can.
- A reusable trailer base is safest and easiest to store for next year.
- Trailer floats are preferred because they are safer, more visible, and easier to turn.
- All vehicles in the parade must be decorated, including cars towing trailers.
- Secure all sets, props, and loose items so nothing can fall onto spectators or participants.
- Electrical equipment and special effects must be operated by a competent person, with appropriate fire safety equipment on board.
- **Please remember that there is only one Father Christmas in the parade — the jolly fellow in red, at the end!**
- Keep it festive and family-friendly
- No political, sensitive, or age-inappropriate material.
- No blatant advertising of products or causes. If you're unsure, please ask.
- Your parade float must be appropriate for small children to watch.
- We reserve the right to withdraw your parade float on the day if it is not deemed appropriate.

PARADE DAY: The parade leaves Kowhai Park via South Street at 1.30pm sharp.

- Please assemble at **Kowhai Park** from **10.30am**.
- Entry is **via Rata Street only**.
- Please be in place **by 12.30pm for judging.**
- Children and animals must be on your float for judging at 12.30pm.
- More information and the parade order will be emailed to the contact person the Thursday prior.



Parade Rules and Terms & Conditions of Entry:

Please ensure that everyone in your group has read and is aware of these rules.

- No over - width trailers or trucks please, as they need to navigate roundabouts and people safely, through town. Suitable for truck only combinations (no heavy trailers or semi-trailers).
- All vehicles and trailers used, must be road safe and be driven by an appropriately licenced driver. The organisers (FDP & Manchester Lions) reserve the right to withdraw your parade entry on the day if it is not deemed safe.
- Each float entry must provide **two adult marshals** to walk in front of, and beside, the front wheel of your vehicle. Marshals help to keep everyone safe and **must not be distracted giving out sweets**. Yellow Hi-Vis jackets will be provided if required (you may bring your own also).
- Please be considerate of other Floats and keep your noise levels reasonable. (if you have music, are on load motorbikes etc) A simple amplifying system can be hired from Faulding's Sound Phone 323 6068.
- If animals are in or near your float, please keep music and noisy activity at a considerate level.
- **DO NOT THROW LOLLIES OR ANY ITMES FROM FLOATS**. Walkers beside your float can hand out goodies.
- **NO SQUIRTING OF WATER OR FLUIDS** (water pistols etc)**.**
- We will operate a "**quiet zone**" along Stafford Street for people with auditory sensitivity to loud noises. No engine revving, tooting horns, sirens and music to be turned down / quieter, please.
- Drivers of vehicles to keep consistent distance between you & the float in front of you – **take your time so everyone can see the work you have done on your float but no big gaps please.**
- Supervise all participants, especially children. Bring sunscreen, hats, and plenty of water.
- Once you join the parade, please stay on the route until the end back at Kowhai Park / South Street.
- **We'll email the parade float order and more information by Thursday 10 December 2026.**

Thank you for participating!