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# MARDI GRAS ENTRY PACK

Community Event 2026

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Ambassador Opportunities

# ABOUT THE MARDI GRAS

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The Torimba Mardi Gras is one of the festival's most iconic and anticipated events. Each year, local businesses, community groups, schools, sporting clubs and families come together to create a vibrant procession that celebrates the spirit of Ravenshoe and the Torimba Festival.

This entry pack outlines the requirements for participating in the 2026 Mardi Gras procession. We encourage all entrants to embrace creativity, community spirit and safety when preparing their float.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

All floats must:

- Be entered prior to the closing date
- Comply with all safety requirements
- Follow directions from event officials and traffic controllers
- Be presented in a safe and roadworthy condition
- Participate in the official float briefing if requested

The safety of participants and spectators is our highest priority.

# FLOAT ENTRY DETAILS

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## Organisation / Business / Group Name

Contact Person

Mobile Number

Email Address

Postal Address

FLOAT NAME

## DESCRIPTION OF FLOAT

Please provide a brief description of your float and how it will participate in the procession.

## FLOAT CATEGORY

- ☐ Business
- ☐ Community Group
- ☐ School
- ☐ Sporting Club
- ☐ Charity / Not-for-Profit
- ☐ Family / Private Entry
- ☐ Other

## ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

## WILL THE FLOAT INCLUDE MUSIC?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, please provide details.

# FLOAT ENTRY DETAILS

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Tow Vehicle Registration Number

Vehicle Make & Model

Driver Name

Driver Mobile Number

Trailer Registration Number

(if applicable)

Float Length

Float Width

Float Height

## **WILL PARTICIPANTS BE RIDING ON THE FLOAT?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please provide details.

## **WILL LOLLIES, GIFTS OR ITEMS BE DISTRIBUTED?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please provide details.

## **EMERGENCY CONTACT FOR FLOAT**

Name

Relationship / Role

Mobile Number

# SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

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The Torimba Festival is committed to providing a safe event for all participants and spectators.

All float entrants acknowledge and agree that:

- ☐ The float will be constructed and operated in a safe manner.
- ☐ The vehicle and trailer are roadworthy and appropriately registered.
- ☐ All participants will follow instructions from event organisers, traffic controllers and emergency services.
- ☐ Children participating on floats will remain under appropriate supervision at all times.
- ☐ Participants will not engage in unsafe behaviour while participating in the procession.
- ☐ Decorations will be securely attached and will not create a hazard.
- ☐ The float operator is responsible for ensuring all participants can safely enter and exit the float.
- ☐ Appropriate insurance arrangements are held where required.

## COMPLIANCE

Failure to comply with event safety requirements may result in exclusion from the procession.

# SAFETY CHECKLIST

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## MARDI GRAS FLOAT SAFETY CHECKLIST

To be completed by an authorised Torimba Festival representative prior to the commencement of the Mardi Gras procession.

### FLOAT DETAILS

Float Name

Organisation / Business

Contact Person

Vehicle Registration

Trailer Registration

(if applicable)

Date Inspected

Inspector Name

### GENERAL SAFETY

- ☐ Float appears structurally sound and safe for participation.
- ☐ Decorations are securely attached.
- ☐ No sharp edges, protrusions or obvious hazards identified.
- ☐ Float dimensions appear suitable for the parade route.
- ☐ Entry and exit points for participants appear safe.
- ☐ Float is presented in a clean and tidy condition.

### VEHICLE & TRAILER

- ☐ Vehicle appears roadworthy.
- ☐ Trailer appears roadworthy.
- ☐ Vehicle registration sighted (where applicable).
- ☐ Trailer registration sighted (where applicable).
- ☐ Driver present and contact details confirmed.
- ☐ Driver briefed on procession requirements.

# SAFETY CHECKLIST

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## **PARTICIPANT SAFETY**

- ☐ Number of participants matches nomination form.
- ☐ Children are appropriately supervised.
- ☐ Participants have been advised to remain safely positioned throughout the procession.
- ☐ Adequate seating or standing arrangements provided where required.

## **LOLLY & ITEM DISTRIBUTION**

- ☐ Participants have been briefed on safe distribution methods.
- ☐ Distribution arrangements considered safe.

## **MUSIC & ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT**

- ☐ Sound equipment secured.
- ☐ Generators secured (if applicable).
- ☐ Electrical leads managed safely.
- ☐ No obvious electrical hazards identified.

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

- ☐ Emergency contact confirmed.
- ☐ Organisers can contact float representative if required.
- ☐ Float representative understands event instructions.

## **FLOAT REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE**

I acknowledge that any issues identified during inspection have been discussed with me and agree to comply with directions issued by Torimba Festival organisers.

**Signature**

**Date**

# DECLARATION & CONSENT

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## **MEDIA CONSENT**

I acknowledge that photographs and video footage may be taken during the Mardi Gras procession and may be used by the Torimba Cultural & Festival Association Inc for:

- Social media
- Website content
- Media releases
- Promotional material
- Future festival marketing

☐ I consent

☐ I do not consent

## **PARTICIPANT DECLARATION**

On behalf of the organisation or group listed within this entry form, I acknowledge that:

- ☐ The information provided is accurate.
- ☐ The float will comply with all safety requirements.
- ☐ Participants will follow instructions from event organisers.
- ☐ Appropriate supervision will be provided for children.
- ☐ Participation in the Mardi Gras procession is voluntary.
- ☐ The committee reserves the right to refuse, remove or stop any float that presents a safety concern.
- ☐ The committee's decisions regarding participation and procession management are final.

Authorised Representative Name

Position

Signature

Date



# SPONSOR CONSENT

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## Media Consent

The Torimba Festival regularly uses photographs and video footage to promote festival activities.

Please indicate your consent:

- ☐ Photography
- ☐ Video Recording
- ☐ Social Media Promotion
- ☐ Website Promotion
- ☐ Printed Promotional Material

## Privacy Collection Statement

The Torimba Cultural & Festival Association Inc collects personal information for the purpose of administering the Queen Entrant & Community Ambassador Program. Information collected will only be accessed by authorised committee members and will not be disclosed without consent unless required by law.

## Participant Declaration

I acknowledge that:

- ☐ I have read and understood this application package.
- ☐ I meet the eligibility requirements.
- ☐ I agree to attend all mandatory events unless approved otherwise by the committee.
- ☐ I will conduct myself in a manner that positively represents the Torimba Festival and the Ravenshoe community.
- ☐ I understand that the committee reserves the right to withdraw my participation if these expectations are not met.