



2025 Festival Parade

About the Parade

The Cowra Festival of International Understanding is a unique celebration of peace, friendship and diversity to be held from 21st-23rd March. We are currently preparing for our 2025 celebrations with our Guest Nation – India.

We wish to invite you and your organisation to participate in the Cowra Festival Parade.

The Festival Parade is to be held on **SATURDAY, 22 MARCH 2025**. Parade floats will be allocated a number and an arrival time prior to the event via email. Marshalling will start at 11:30 am with the aim of the parade being fully assembled and ready to step off at 12 pm.

The beginning of the parade will move from the corner of Bartlett Avenue & Brisbane Street, heading to Kendal St. Turn right on Kendal Street, and then left onto Macquarie Street, terminating at the Cowra Aquatic Centre at a designated area. *Larger float vehicles will peel off from the parade at Low-Level Bridge Road.* **NO HEAVY ARTICULATED VEHICLES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

The 2024 Guest Nation is India. We encourage you to theme your float accordingly. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for inspiration.

Floats will be judged on the day, with prizes presented at the Carnival which will take place from 1pm in River Park (Twigg Oval).

Please confirm your involvement in the Parade by completing the attached Parade Float Registration Form and returning it, along with a copy of your Public Liability Certificate, to the Festival Coordinator, Cowra Shire Council, Private Bag 342 (116 Kendal Street), Cowra or via email festival@cowra.nsw.gov.au by **Friday 21 February 2025**

Please contact me on email festival@cowra.nsw.gov.au

if you have any queries regarding the Festival.

Warm regards,

Lisa Flanagan

Festival Coordinator

FESTIVAL PARADE - SATURDAY 22 MARCH 2025

Float Registration Form

Name of Individual / Organisation / Group		
Contact Person		
Address		
Contact details	Email	
	Phone	
	Mobile	
Description of Float Please provide details of your method of transportation		
Please provide a sentence style description of the float to be used by our MC to introduce your float as you come down Kendal Street		
Category of Float		

I have read and agree to abide by the attached terms and conditions of entry.

Name: Signature:

On behalf of participating organisation

Please complete this form and return along with your Public Liability Certificate by Friday 21 February 2025

Post: Festival Coordinator
Cowra Council
Private Bag 342
Cowra NSW 2794

Deliver: 116 Kendal Street
Cowra NSW 2794

Email: festival@cowra.nsw.gov.au

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Cowra Festival of International Understanding Parade

Saturday 22 March 2025

Thank you for participating in the Cowra Festival Parade. These terms and conditions are provided to help ensure the safety and enjoyment of participants and spectators. Please read, retain and abide by this information.

- 1. Arrival time for floats will be confirmed via email the week starting Monday 10 March 2025.*
- 2. The Parade will move off at 12:00pm and terminate at River Park (Twigg Oval).*
- 3. The term 'float' refers to any organisation participating in the Festival parade, including a moving vehicle, marching band, group of pedestrians or individual participants.*
- 4. All floats are to respond to the directions given to them by the parade marshals at all times. This includes direction to proceed, slow down or stop. Disembarking from floats and parade will take place at the designated area in Low Level Bridge lower left car park.*
- 5. All vehicles must be registered with RMS NSW (Including trailers, horse floats etc).*
- 6. Under no circumstances will unsafe driving or behaviour be permitted.*
- 7. All children must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times whilst participating in the parade.*
- 8. Participants must abide by all necessary WHS.*
- 9. All floats must be safe and in control of a responsible person. Float participants are permitted to travel on vehicle trays at the risk of the driver. A safe distance from vehicle edges must be maintained by all participants.*
- 10. All floats must leave a safe distance (min 6 metres) between themselves and the float in front of them at all times.*

11. Any float positioned in the parade near livestock (including horses etc.) must be cautious at all times as not to startle the animal. Please refrain from blowing horns or sirens when positioned near animals. Any float positioned next to an 'animal float' is requested to leave a minimum 20 metre distance between floats.

12. For safety reasons, **lollies or giveaways must not be thrown to the crowd from a moving vehicle.** A person walking beside the float to hand out items closer to crowd is permitted.

13. All floats must travel the designated parade route and terminate the parade at the designated area. Disembarking will occur at the designated area at the Cowra Aquatic Centre. Any deviation from the parade route must be discussed and approved by the Festival Parade Coordinator prior to the event.

**For further information, please contact:
Festival Coordinator – Lisa Flanagan 0499 806 140**