FAQs
Christmas Festival & Pageant 2026:

What are the timings and locations?

- Christmas Festival, Artisan and Youth Markets:
  - 3pm – 8pm
  - Alison Hartman Gardens and Town Square
- Christmas Pageant:
  - 6pm – 7pm (approx.)
  - York Street from Peels Place to Albany Highway roundabout

What attractions are there at the Christmas Festival?

- Snow Zone featuring a 50m^2 snow pit, real snow, and a snowball target-throwing activation
- Christmas Artisan and Youth Markets
- Christmas Pageant
- Live stage program
- Roving performers and face painters
- Meet Santa & Mrs. Cause photo opportunity in Town Square- ACE Camera Club
- Snow machine from library balcony
- Christmas Feature Lights

Where can I view the Christmas Pageant?

Spectators can view the pageant along York Street. We encourage attendees to arrive early to secure a viewing spot.

What time should I arrive?

The Christmas Festival begins at 3pm, with the Christmas Pageant commencing at 6pm. Arriving early will allow plenty of time to enjoy the festival attractions and find a suitable viewing location.

Is there an Accessible Viewing area?

Yes. An accessible viewing area will be available at the Albany Public Library. Bookings are essential due to limited capacity and can be made via the City of Albany website . Doors open 5.30pm for pageant starting at 6.00pm.

Will the Festival & Pageant still go ahead in bad weather?

We will do our utmost to make sure the pageant & festival can proceed, with the safety of our participants and attendees coming first.

How much does it cost to attend?

This is a FREE event.

Do I need to book for the Snow Zone?
No bookings are required. Participation is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Will food and drinks be available?
Yes, a variety of food vendors will be operating throughout the event from 3.00pm till 8.00pm or stocks run out.

Can I bring my dog?
Yes, dogs are welcome, provided they are kept on a leash and always remain under your control. Please remember to clean up after your pet.

Can I smoke or bring alcohol to the event?
This is a strictly non-smoking, drug free event. Alcohol is not permitted anywhere on the event site. Please note it is an offence in Western Australia for persons of any age to drink alcohol in public such as on the street, park or beach. The penalty can be a $200 infringement or a maximum $2000 fine. Police will be present at this event.

Where are the toilets located?
Public Toilets are located in Town Square & Library Car Park. Accessible toilets can be located in the Town Hall, Town Square and Library.

Is there EFTPOS at the Festival?
Electronic payment options may be available with certain market vendors and food stalls. There is also a cash machine located at the Bankwest opposite Town Square.

What do I do if I require first aid?
First aid will be available at the St Johns Ambulance van located in the library carpark. There will also be First Aid trained staff carrying first aid kits at the event.

What if I lose or find something?
Please report to the Events Staff at the City Events Trailer in Town Square

Are there accessible facilities?
ACROD parking is located at the library car park, access to the car park is via the float entrance on Collie Street / Serpentine Road. Grey Street West between York St and Collie Street is zoned accessible parking. The Traffic Marshall will open road closures for those with a valid ACROD pass.

How can I find out about road closures?
Detailed road closure information is available on the City of Albany website and event social media channels prior to the event. Road closures will be in place from 4pm, with some parking restrictions commencing earlier.

Where can I park?
For logistical and safety reasons the ONLY vehicles allowed inside the road closure zones are float / stallholder vehicles. ALL festival attendees and pageant participants (not including float drivers) must park outside the road closure zone.

How do I make sure I am doing my part to ensure this is a COVID safe event?

- Take advantage of hand sanitizer stations
- Keep a safe distance from other people
- Stay home if you are feeling unwell.

Where is the assembly area for pageant floats?

- Pageant floats and Walking groups – Collie Street and Peels Place
- School groups - grassed area in front of St Johns Church on Peels Place
- Santa's Elves Competition Winners – Albany Farmer's Market Carpark

What are the pageant prizes?

There are three prize categories:

- Vehicle Floats
  - 1st Prize $1000.00
  - 2nd Prize $750.00
  - 3rd Prize $500.00
- People's Choice
  - Prize of $400.00

People's Choice shall be determined by an online public voting system. Public can scan a QR code at the Festival to cast their vote.

Is there a pageant theme?

The theme is Christmas, floats and walking groups are welcome to interpret as they wish.

Will the road be closed for the event?

Yes, there will be road closures in place on Saturday 6 December. Further details on the closures can be found on the City of Albany Events Webpage

ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION

Date	Road	Road Closed	Road Re-Opened
Saturday 5/12/26	Library Carpark closure- Staff parking passes available. Public with ACROD Permit can access parking at Library with TMP marshal.	7.00am	8.00pm
Saturday 5/12/26	Closure of car parking bays both sides of York Street from Peels Place up to Serpentine Road. Closure of car parking bays Peels Place east to Aberdeen Street roundabout. Closure of car parking bays Peels Place west to Duke Street roundabout. Collie Street Road closure (Serpentine to Grey Street West)	12.00pm	8.00pm
Saturday 5/12/26	North bound lane – western side from Grey Street West up to Serpentine Road (pageant float arrivals)	4.00pm	8.00pm

Saturday **5/12/26**	Collie Street Road closure- Pageant float arrivals (Serpentine to Peels Place)	4.00pm	8.00pm
Saturday **5/12/26**	Peels Place Road closure (Aberdeen Street to Duke Street roundabout)	4.00pm	8.00pm
Saturday **5/12/26**	Closure of York Street alleyways (between Albany Property Brokers and Ricarda) Peels Place alleyway closure (near Toyworld)	4.00pm	8.00pm
Saturday **5/12/26**	**Full closure of York Street** and adjoining streets to facilitate pageant. (between Peels Place to Albany Hwy, Lockyer Avenue and St Emilie Way) Any other alleyways that may end inside the road closure.	4.00pm	8.00pm
Saturday **5/12/26**	Albany Highway full roundabout closure (Albany Highway/Lockyer Ave/St Emilie Way, includes car parking bays on York Street between Serpentine Road and Albany Highway) NOTE: Service Station on York St, convenience store open, fuel closed.	5.00pm	8.00pm