



Hastings Blossom Parade

2026 Guidelines for Categories

All entries in any of the following categories need to interpret this year's theme for the Hastings Blossom Parade: '**Great Things Grow Here**' – celebrating all our region has to offer.

Blossom Festival event management team and judges reserve the right to reject any entry deemed offensive or unsafe from inclusion in the parade.

Please note that any floats should comply with basic health and safety requirements and not exceed dimensions of standard road legal vehicles.

- **Best Float**
 - This category is to acknowledge the countless hours that will have been put into making an actual parade float to best represent the participant entry.
- **Best Performance**
 - This category can include any entry and encourages all participants to give the spectators their absolute best!! The performance must be done on the move too!
- **Best use of Blossom**
 - This category offers the challenge to people who want to use flowers and foliage to create a float rivalling some of the masterpieces of the past.
- **Most Unusual**
 - Whatever may inspire you, be it satire, slapstick or plain old-fashioned humour, it has to generate more than a just a lame smile to be a winning contender for this category.

Winner and runner up for each category as judged by the official judges on parade day, will get a cash prize. The people's choice award decided by text vote on parade day will also receive a cash prize.