2026 Christmas Display Competition

Terms and Conditions

1. Eligibility

1. Entry is open to all residents and property owners within the Shire of Kent (the Shire).
2. Both owner-occupied and rental properties may enter. It is recommended tenants obtain permission from the property owner or managing agent before entering.

2. Entry Period

1. Entries open on: **20 November 2026**.
2. Entries close on: **14 December 2026**. Late entries may not be accepted.
3. Judging will take place on: **16 December 2026**.
4. Winners will be announced on the Shire's website and social media pages on: **18 December 2026**.

3. Safety and Electrical Requirements

1. Entrants are responsible for ensuring their display is installed, maintained and operated safely at all times.
2. All electrical equipment, lighting products, extension leads and power boards used in the display must comply with applicable Australian Standards and New Zealand Standards, including relevant AS/NZS electrical safety requirements.
3. Outdoor electrical equipment must be suitable and rated for outdoor use.
4. Electrical cords and equipment must be secured to minimise trip hazards and prevent public access where possible.
5. Displays must not obstruct footpaths, roadways, driveways, emergency access routes or traffic sight lines.
6. The Shire reserves the right to exclude any entry deemed unsafe or non-compliant with applicable safety requirements.
7. Entrants acknowledge that participation is at their own risk.

4. Public Access Management

1. Entrants are responsible for managing visitors to their property and ensuring their display does not create unreasonable impacts on neighbouring properties.
2. Entrants must comply with all relevant local laws and parking requirements.
3. The Shire may, at its absolute discretion, remove an entry from the competition if it receives substantiated complaints regarding safety or unreasonable disruption.

5. Photography and Promotion

1. By entering the Competition, entrants consent to the Shire publishing:
    - The display address; and
    - Photographs and videos of the display.
2. Entrants agree that their display location may be included and made publicly available on a Christmas Lights Map, promotional material, website, social media platforms and other communications produced by the Shire.
3. Entrants acknowledge that publication of their display location may encourage members of the public to visit the area to view the display.

6. Judging

1. Displays will be assessed by judges appointed by the Shire.
2. The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

7. Indemnity and Liability

1. Entrants participate in the Competition entirely at their own risk.
2. To the fullest extent permitted by law, entrants release and indemnify the Shire, its employees, councillors, and contractors from and against any claim, loss, damage, liability, injury, expense or cost arising from, but not limited to:
    - Participation in the Competition;
    - Installation, operation or removal of the display;
    - Electrical faults or failures;
    - Injury to any person;
    - Damage to property; or
    - Any acts or omissions of the entrant.
3. The Shire accepts no responsibility for theft, vandalism, damage, personal injury or loss associated with any display.

8. Privacy

Personal information collected will be used for the administration of the Competition and in accordance with the Shire's Privacy Policy and applicable legislation.

9. General

1. The Shire reserves the right to amend, suspend or cancel the Competition at any time.
2. Entry into the Competition constitutes acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.