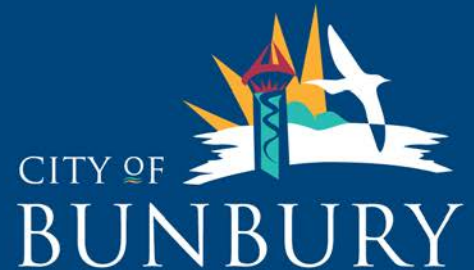


# MEDIA STATEMENT



Wednesday, 13 December 2016

## **Christmas in the City hailed a huge success**

Bunbury's Christmas in the City event on Sunday has been hailed a huge success with a crowd of between 8000 and 10,000 flocking to the CBD for an afternoon and evening of festive fun.

A highlight of the day was the annual parade along Victoria Street with a record 42 floats taking part, thrilling the thousands of people who lined every available vantage point.

The Dolphin Discovery Centre was named winner of the Street Parade Best Float competition, with Morrissey Homestead the runner-up.

The Carols Concert at the Graham Bricknell Memorial Music Shell was also very popular with local acts ensuring a big crowd joined in the festivities.

Christmas in the City's popularity as a family-friendly event was highlighted by the many people who enjoyed the free events from 3pm at Bicentennial Square, which included a host of activities and entertainment such as the Wonder Workshop, Little Elves Craft City, camel rides, food vans and market stalls.

Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan said it was great to see so many people enjoying a fantastic free event celebrating this time of year, despite the threat of wet weather.

"It was a wonderful atmosphere and congratulations go to the sponsors, parade participants, Carols performers and City staff for helping to create such a memorable event," Mr Brennan said.

The Carols Concert was also an opportunity to fundraise for two worthy community organisations with SAFE and South West Women's Refuge sharing in \$1456 raised through the sale of candles.

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