

Loxton's 68th Mardi Gras Parade: Float List - 22nd February 2025

Float #	Float Organisation	Float Sponsor	DESCRIPTION
1	Riverland Vintage and Classic Car Club	RVCCC	Riverland Vintage and Classic Car Club - see separate notes.
2	Loxton High School Prefects	LMG	<p>Here come the prefects of Loxton High School holding the Mardi Gras's 2025 Parade banner to head off the parade.</p> <p>Loxton High School Prefects are elected by their peers and staff to lead the school in supporting new projects, ideas and fundraising which will improve the environment at school for students.</p> <p>Our Two Head Prefects are Holly Paull & William Simes, they will be supported by our Deputy Head Prefects Ava Lange & Toby McDonald.</p>
3	2025 LOXTON MARDI GRAS FLAG BEARER YAE SCHOENHENZEL	LMG	<p>Welcome everyone.</p> <p>Leading this year's Parade is Mardi Gras Flagbearer 2025, Yae Schoenhenzel. Yae has served many Loxton organisations for more than 20 years - not seeking return or reward. Riding with Yae is her 8-year old great grand niece Alice Lehmann.'</p> <p>Let's give Yae a round of applause! Thank you Yae for your support to our Community.</p> <p><i>How to pronounce Yae's name:- ' Yae' with ' a' as in 'day'; Show -en- henzel</i></p>

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4	2025 Loxton Citizen Of The Year IAN CASS	LMG	<p>Ian is being driven by Bill Ebert in his 1939 Morris 840 Tourer.</p> <p>Ian Cass has been a dedicated and active volunteer in the Loxton community for over three decades. His involvement spans a variety of sectors, from agriculture and education to emergency services and local events. Known for his quiet yet impactful contributions, Ian has consistently worked behind the scenes to support and enhance community life in Loxton, earning a reputation as a selfless, respected leader who empowers others without seeking recognition.</p> <p>Ian rejoined the Loxton A&H Show Management, eventually becoming President in 2022, and contributed to organising major events like the 2023 Howard Hendricks 100th birthday celebration, including the fly-over by RAAF historical planes</p>
5	The Pines - Ford Capri	The Pines	<p>Ella Kingdon's 1962 Ford Capri from The Pines with Genni Lehmann - who is chauffeured by Bert Haslam.</p> <p>Genni was Loxton Citizen of the year in 2024. She has won many service awards over her generous career and volunteering has been an integral part of life .</p> <p>Highlights of her contributions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 35 years and life member with charity Novita. - 35 years with the Red Cross as committee member and member. - 24 years servicing Loxcare. - Mentoring Children for 54 years through the Learning Assistance Program. - Active member of the Catholic Church for 66 years. - Brown's Well Football Club Life member. - Probus committee member for 22 years and still going. - Provided support to victims of violence through Riverland Domestic Violence Action group. <p>Genni continues to volunteer her time to the community, helping organisations where she can.</p>

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6	Loxton Hospital Aged Care	Loxton Hospital	The Loxton hospital residential aged care patients and staff are enjoying a ride with Patsy the Clydesdale. First they visited Our River and now they have come to reminisce with us on all the ways Our River supports our community. Celebrating quality care and the lives of our senior citizens.
7	Riverview Lutheran Rest Home	Riverview	Riverview's 9 seater Toyota bus. Our River's History Riverview residents invite you on a trip down memory lane, showcasing the vital role the Murray River played as a transport route for goods like wheat, oats, wool; and other agricultural products. Paddle steamers made this possible, connecting communities and shaping the development of surrounding regions.
8	Riverview Lutheran Rest Home	Riverview	Holden Captiva Car. Our River's History! Riverview residents invite you on a trip down memory lane, showcasing the vital role that the Murray River played as a transport route for goods like Wheat, Oats, Wool and other agricultural products. Paddle steamers made this possible, connecting communities and shaping the development of the surrounding regions.
9	Nuriootpa Town Band	Nuriootpa Town	An audience favourite - The Nuriootpa Town Band Not only do they play while marching, they will also play popular music during the lunch break at approx 11:00am. Come over to the marquee and hear them play then. The Nuriootpa Town band was established in 1880, by a Shoemaker named Otto Riedel. From this humble beginning the band has continued to grow through the years until 2008, where it changed from a brass band to a concert band enabling a larger selection of musicians to join the band.
10	Loxton Primary School Vehicle with trailer		Here comes Loxton Primary School with their float 'Ponde'. In the Aboriginal Dreaming story of the Hgarrindjeri people, 'Ponde' refers to a giant Murray Cod who while being chased by the ancestral spirit Ngurunderi created the Murray River by sweeping his tail to widen the stream as he swam to escape. Essentially shaping our own Murray River.

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11	Loxton North School Walking		Rivertime Fun - the children are dressed to represent some of the fun activities they like to do, on and by the water. These activities include fishing, swimming, boating and canoeing.
12	Loxton Lutheran School Vehicle With Trailer		Title: The journey of the Murray River - from the hills to the seas, God provides. Our float depicts the Murray River's journey all the way from the Snowy mountains to the Southern Ocean near Goolwa, passing through vibrant towns, and providing life-giving water, nourishment and joy. Gods provision flows through every bend!
13	St Albert School School Bus	St Alberts	St Albert's School believe the river does not only hold a small amount of the Earth's water, but has always been vital to human life, carrying freshwater to people and animals all over the world. St Alberts school float have represented the human life, plant life and animals that are a part of our river and not to mention activities that can occur on the river, like fishing, skiing and boating. Like the River, St Albert's School persistence continues to make a flowing and enjoyable education path for all students who attend there.
14	Living Waters Christian Community Vehicle with trailer	LWCC	Living Waters Christian Community. Following Jesus in community, teaching others to do the same. This float is a representation of of Living Water with blue fabric representing the flow of water. The cross on the float represents Jesus Christ who is the giver of the water.

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15	Loxton Historical Village PS Pyap	LHV	In 1908, the river steamer P.S. Pyap was purchased by Eudunda Farmer's Cooperative as a floating store. It served to carry fresh produce, groceries and the latest fashions to settlers and settlements along the Murray River until 1932. Jackson Wickham has joined with the Historical Village and decorated his replica paddle steamer to represent the Pyap. The PS Pyap is the 1st of 3 floats from the Village and illustrates an early way that produce was moved to market using 'Our River' as a transport 'highway'.
16	Loxton Historical Village 1927 Chev Truck	LHV	From outback, trucks like this one would come to the River to purchase supplies from the store boat PS Pyap, for Mallee towns like Taplan. The arrival of the Steamer was hit and miss, so the truck is bringing activities for the out-of-towners like going for a paddle or hanging a hook or two in Our River while they are waiting . This truck is being driven by former Taplan farmer Lance Pech.
17	Young Citizen of the Year Bryce Westbrook	LMG	Bryce Westbrook is being driven by Lloyd Griffiths in his Ford F-650 Bryce's unwavering commitment to fostering inclusivity, his active participation in Loxton's community life and his reputation as a positive role model has earned him the deserving title as Young Citizen Of The Year 2025. He is known for his numerous contributions both visible and behind the scenes. He has become a cornerstone of the Loxton community, continuously sharing his Joy, Integrity, and Advocacy for all.
18	Previous Year's Ambassadors from 2024. Vehicle	LMG	The 2024 Loxton Mardi Gras Ambassadors Chloe Aldman - Community and Charity Ambassador Jim West - Senior Ambassador Indi Thomas - Junior Ambassador representative Our 2024 ambassadors are being driven by Richard Wood in his 1925 Dodge tourer which will be 100 years old in July. Richard has owned this car since he was 19

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19	Returning Queen from the "5" years Vehicle	LMG	"Returning Loxton Mardi Gras Ambassadors" Connie Kelly (nee Heinrich) was crowned Queen of Loxton Mardi Gras in 1965. Her ongoing devotion to our family festival led to her becoming our first life member. Queen Connie is being chauffeured today by Kevin Manuel in his beautiful Aqua 1968 Mustang Convertible.
20	River Rock Dance Club Vehicle and dance club members	RRDC	Wow – check out these snazzy dudes & dolls – The River Rock Dance Club are a great group of rock n roll dancers whose energy flows just like "Our River" The River Rock Dance Club is headed up by Eric and Maureen Smith in their fantastic looking 1959 Cadillac DeVille. A big welcome to the River Rock Dance Club - they have Rock N Roll & Partner Dancing every Monday night at the Monash Hall from 7pm to 10pm with lessons from 7 to 7.30pm. Come along and enjoy great music, great dancing and a friendly atmosphere. An apology: We have had to cancel the lunchtime dancing demo for both the rockers and the Loxton Community Dance Club - due to the weather
21	Loxton Dirt Kart Club Ute towing boat and 2 - 3 karts	Loxton Dirt Kart Club	Loxton dirt kart club, formed in 1984 by an enthusiastic gathering of local revheads. The dedicated club members have successfully held multiple state and national title events enjoyed by racers of all ages from all over Australia, receiving many awards for their achievements. Dirt Kart racing is fun, adrenalin pumping, affordable family motor sport everyone from age 5 and up can enjoy. Please visit website for more information.
22	Fishcare	PIRSA	Fishcare volunteers teach fishers the rules for recreational fishing in South Australia. You can recognise us by our distinctive uniform. We attend events across the Riverland passing out information. Come over to our stall later and talk with us.
23	Pause for group 1 to finish 2 loops - before group 2 enters the parade		

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24	Ladies Probus	Probus	<p>Welcome to the Loxton Ladies Probus Float</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It's a great day out today, going to Our River at Loxton. Special Invited guests include Queen Camilla and the Queen Mother, all dressed in their finery although not sure what to expect. 2. Con the Fruiterer has made a welcome return while showing off all the wonderful produce grown from our River Murray water. 3. This quaint Riverboat, the 'Love Boat' has been booked for the outing. 4. Fantastic to see the Marilyn Monroe Twins at the Helm today. 5. Ladies are enjoying the cruise and being served local fruit, wine and of course World famous Nangari Hamburgers. 6. What is the Fisherman up to at the back deck? <p>Our river embraces everyone and is the lifeblood of our Community. 2nd time round there will be lots of changing positions and extra laughs in store.</p>
25	Wishart Contractors Large HR truck	Wishart Contractors	<p>Wishart Contractors Bulk cartage and landscape supplies Our River Murray scenes on both sides of the truck - serving the Riverland for 50 years. Wishart pride themselves on quality, reliable service and using well maintained and presented modern equipment</p>
26	Mens Probus	Probus	<p>Name: PS Probus Here we have the paddle steamer PS Probus. Designed and assembled by the Loxton men's Probus club. On the foredeck sits our passenger, a wealthy lady from the city. Our captain stands astute at the helm The engine below keeps a good head of steam for the vessel. On the aft deck two gentlemen of nobility enjoy the scenery and delights of Our River.</p>

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27	Junior Ambassador Hope Ottewill Vehicle with boat on trailer	Loxton Bowling Club	Junior Ambassador entrant Hope Ottewill, sponsored by the Loxton Bowling Club. This float is decorated to reflect all the beautiful things 'Our River' sustains, and the joy it brings to our community. It shows our diverse wildlife, and activities such as fishing, swimming and vital research.
28	Junior Ambassador Alyssa Minerds Heavy Rigid truck with flat bed tray	Riverland Skips and recycling	Alyssa has gained confidence being involved in the Junior Ambassador program as she has gotten to know new people, have new experiences and contribute to her community. She is looking forward to participating in the Mardi Gras this year, and is excited to present her float.
29	Junior Ambassador Matilda Vowles Vehicle With trailer	Marian Pastoral	Matilda Vowles Junior Ambassador entrant sponsored by Marian Pastoral and driven by her Poppa Mike. Matilda and her family love living near our magnificent Murray River. She enjoys the yearly camping trips with family and friends. Her Pop, brother Mason and sister Tahlia enjoy spending time fishing on the River and of course a spot of yabbing when there's some to catch. Her funniest memory was on her 12th birthday when the family went kayaking down Katarapko creek. Everyone hooked their boats together like a train with dad at the front paddling while everyone had a rest and got towed along.
30	Junior Ambassador Scarlett Freeman Vehicle with boat on trailer	Rusty Spoon Café	** Camping Site 11** This float brings to life the excitement of camping by the Murray River - Our River! The winding river flows past giant trees and sandy banks, where a cozy campsite with a glowing fire and a swag is ready for adventure. Speedboats and jet skis zoom by, kayaks drift along, and kookaburras laugh from the trees It's all about fun, freedom and unforgettable summer days on the Murray!

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31	Junior Ambassador Grace Singh Vehicle with boat trailer	Koch's Foodland	Celebrating Our River For Grace, 'Our River' is a place for family and friends to come together and celebrate important milestones to create good memories. Grace has her family and friends joining her for a river party. This includes water sports, fishing and music.
32	Junior Ambassador Cooper Nitschke Vehicle with boat trailer	Nitschke Bulk Transport	'Fun on the river!' This is a Cooper Nitschke, on his family ski boat, sponsored by Nitschke Bulk Transport. He loves boating and fishing on the river with family and friends. Cooper enjoys all water activities but especially the adrenaline rush of biscuiting at high speeds with mates and kneeboarding! Cooper is keen to master skiing and wakeboarding next!
33	Junior Ambassador Marlee Rudd Vehicle With trailer	MGE Mitch Gibbs Enterprise	** Maccullochella Peelii ** - Native of the Murray River, is seen here alongside Marlee as she soaks up the sun under the Willow tree. Sponsored by MGE Spitwater, Marlee chose to showcase the Murray Cod as Australia's largest freshwater bony fish. It is a threatened species - and she would like to bring awareness to help in it's preservation.
34	Junior Ambassadors Bella & Madison Mangelsdorf (sisters) Vehicle With trailer	Loxton Historical Village	Junior ambassadors Madison and Bella Mangelsdorf. <i>Text from the junior ambassadors</i> This is the 3rd float sponsored by the Loxton Historical Village. After the early days of transport by paddle steamer, and then a move away from Our River to transport by trucks - we now see that recreation, fishing, boating and other water sports dominate the present day use of Our River.
35	Junior Ambassador Adelin Angeleski Vehicle vintage Moke	Loxton Club	Adelin Angelski - Junior Ambassador Adelin is really excited to be in the parade today and has enjoyed all the fundraising events, Adelin is heading down to the river to have fun with her friends She is riding in a vintage Moke. Adelin is sponsored by The Loxton Club

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36	Browns Well Cricket Club		The mighty Browns Well cricket club are having a hit on Scholzy's truck. As a friendly and inclusive club, we welcome players in U12's, U16's and B grade. Everywhere we play we promote a strong family atmosphere and a love for Australia's favourite summer sport. At Brown's Well Cows, we believe in 'Keeping our ducks on the river, not on the field!'
37	Lily Hisgrove Community Ambassador	Loxton Club	Tinnies and Tinnies' Lily's float represents the community that Our River provides us. It is a place where we can catch up for a drink and fish with friends and family. Our River brings us together over our country's love of 'Tinnies and Tinnies'
38	Kate Tate Community Ambassador	Loxton Rotary	Loxton Rotary are excited about having Kate Tate as our community ambassador. Kate is in the 'CHESTERFIELD EXPRESS' which is being towed by the One Basin utility driven by Kate's fiancée Darren Snodgrass. Kate has been hard at work with the Blythman's Breakfast and the Valentines Day Social Bowls - raising money for community support. Look out for Kate as she makes a splash with her mermaid and fish escorts!
39	Loxton State Emergency Service Vehicle with boat on trailer	Loxton SES	Loxton State Emergency Service, also known as the SES, are our local volunteer operations unit. You may see them 'Rolling down the River' – like the Murray River Queen that is now docked in Loxton Find out more about us. Training nights are Monday at 7pm. All are welcome. For emergency assistance call 000 or 132500
40	CFS Command Vehicle	Chaffey CFS	Chaffey CFS Group ICV (Incident Command Vehicle) Toyota Hilux, is set up to be used in the field as a mobile Incident Control Centre on the fire ground or at staging areas. Driven by Group Officer Adrian Wright.

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41	CFS Car 2	Chaffey CFS	CFS Car 2 , is a Command Vehicle used on the fire ground to gather information and coordinate fire appliances is the forerunner to the Incident Control Vehicle. Driven by Ian King Deputy Group Officer.
42	CFS Wunkar	Chaffey CFS	Wunkar 34 is a 4 wheel drive fire fighting appliance carrying 3000 litres water and covers the western side of Chaffey Group in the Mantung, Maggea, Wappilka areas. Their Captain is David Gibbs.
43	CFS Taplan	Chaffey CFS	Taplan 34 is a 4 wheel drive fire fighting appliance carrying 3000 litres of water covers the area southeast of Loxton, such as Woodleigh, Bugle Hut and Sunset National Park in Victoria and Peebinga east area. Their Captain is Bevin Fielke.
44	MFS	MFS	Like the CFS in the rural ares, the MFS (Metropolitan Firebrigade Service) stand ready to protect people, and homes and business houses and civic buildings from damage or death.
45	Loxton Ambulance	SA Health	We thank the local Ambulance service for their life saving care for our community!
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