

The Courier Christmas Lights Competition 2012

Terms and conditions

1. Information on how to enter and prizes form part of the conditions of entry. Entry into this competition deems acceptance of these terms and conditions.
2. The promoter of the competition is The Courier, 110 Creswick Road, Ballarat, Victoria, Australia, 3353. ABN 40 006 247 016.
3. Employees of *The Courier*, Rural Press Printing, Fairfax Media Limited, competition sponsors and their immediate families and associated agencies are ineligible to enter.
4. Registrations close at 5.00pm Monday, December 3, 2012.
5. Registrations must be received by this time on The Courier website at www.thecourier.com.au or at The Courier office at 110 Creswick Rd.
6. Businesses and community groups are encouraged to enter and will be judged under the existing categories.
7. Out of town entries will be accepted at the discretion of *The Courier* and will be judged under the existing categories.
8. Registrations must be received on an official entry form.
9. Display must begin by Monday, December 3rd.
10. *The Courier* will endeavour to verify all entries prior to publication.
11. *The Courier* reserves the right to accept and reject registrations at its discretion.
12. Only one registration per address will be accepted.
13. *The Courier* and associated sponsors are not responsible for late, lost or misdirected entries and accepts no responsibility for errors made by entrants.
14. *The Courier* Christmas Lights Guide will appear in *The Courier* on Friday, December 7, 2012. Full addresses of all accepted/received entries will be published at this time.
15. A panel of representatives from *The Courier* and sponsors will judge entries.
16. Prizes are as follows –1. Judges Prize: \$1000 cash from McDonalds plus 1 x 18 seat Gold Class Certificate, 20 cinema tickets and 4 Gold Class tickets from Regent Cinemas, 2. Charity Fundraiser prize - \$600 in gift cards and a Matador 4 burner bbq from Bunnings. and 3. Readers Choice: \$500 from Gold Bus – Ballarat and \$500 in vouchers from Stems, Ballarat.
17. Winners will be notified by telephone and names will appear in *The Courier* on Saturday, December 22, 2012.
18. *The Courier* Christmas Lights Online Competition will open at 00:01 EST on Friday, December 7, 2012. Full details will be published in *The Courier*.
19. Addresses appearing in *The Courier* Christmas Lights Guide will each be allocated with a number. To vote for your favourite entry, simply go to www.thecourier.com.au and follow the prompts.
20. Each online entry will earn your favourite house one vote in the Reader's choice competition.
21. The voting system will recognise one vote per unique computer.
22. The Promoter accepts no responsibility for any online votes not received by the Promoter or delays in the delivery of the online vote due to technical disruptions, network congestion or for any other reason.
23. *The Courier* Christmas Lights Competition closes at 5.00pm EST Wednesday, December 19, 2012
24. At the close of the competition, the entry that has received the most reader votes will win \$500 cash from Gold Bus and a \$500 voucher from Stems, Ballarat.

25. Prize winners are advised that Tax implications may arise from their prize winnings and they should seek independent financial advice prior to the acceptance of the prize.
26. If for any reason this promotion is not capable of running as planned, including due to infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorised intervention, fraud, technical failures or any other causes beyond the control of the promoter, which corrupt or affect the administration security, fairness or integrity or proper conduct of this promotion, the Promoter reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any individual who tampers with the entry process, take any action that may be available, and to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the competition.
27. Entrants will have the option to nominate to collect donations for The Courier Charity Fund as part of their entry. Ryans IGA will provide lollies to giveaway to those who nominate to collect funds. Fundraising category is an optional activity.
28. Fundraising boxes will be numbered and allocated to nominating entrants. A letter authorising the occupant to raise funds will be provided by The Courier Marketing Manager.
29. Entrants will receive donation boxes by Friday, December 7 and must return donation boxes by midday on Wednesday, December 19th to be eligible for consideration for the Fundraiser prize. All fundraising entrants will be phoned as a reminder to return fundraising boxes. Additional fundraising boxes may be collected if required.
- 30. In the event that an entrant fails to return an allocated fundraising pack with collected funds by the closing time and date a fee of \$50 will be charged to entrant. Fee will then be donated to The Courier Charity Fund.**
31. Judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Unless specified, prizes cannot be redeemed for cash.