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Record numbers for 2014 Christmas Festival and Pageant

An estimated crowd of up to 10,000 people lined York Street and Albany's new Town Square for the 2014 City of Albany Christmas Festival and Pageant.

The new Town Square, which was funded by Lotterywest and completed just prior to the Anzac Albany commemorations, was officially opened as part of the proceedings.

Beginning 4pm, a 10,000-strong crowd packed the Town Square and York Street for a range of exciting Festival entertainment acts, including Zap Circus, the Candy Girls Aerial Show, the Natural Wings Aerial Night Show and more.

At 6pm, a colourful variety of whimsical floats paraded up and down York Street for the Pageant. For the first time, the Pageant included an artist in residence program which matched professional artists with local schools to develop Pageant entries. Ten schools participated.

As usual, a range of community and business groups also took part in the Pageant, including Southern Edge Arts, Albany Pipe Band, Rainbow Coast Neighbourhood Centre, the Holy Family Parish and many, many more *[full list below]*.

Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said the 2014 event was probably the biggest and best in the event's history.

"The Christmas Festival and Pageant is always one of the City of Albany's most popular events, and it just seems to get bigger and better every year," he said.

"This year, the addition of the new Town Square, funded by Lotterywest, added another dimension to the festivities and really brought the event to the next level."

The Christmas Festival and Pageant is part of the City of Albany's Summer Events Program, which also includes the New Year's Eve fireworks and the Australia Day Celebrations at Middleton Beach and Eyre Park.

The 2014 City of Albany Christmas Festival and Pageant was sponsored by GWN7, Radiowest, Albany Advertiser and the State Government's Road Safety Community Grants Program.

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Pageant Prize Winners:

1st Little Grove Playgroup
2nd – Filipino Association
3rd – Trailblazers

Full list of Pageant entries:

SCHOOLS

Yakamia Primary School
Little Grove Primary School
Parklands Primary School
Mt Lockyer Primary School
St Joseph's College
Spencer Park Primary School
Bethel Christian College
Australian Christian College - Southlands
Great Southern Grammar

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Albany Pipe Band
Red Hot Ladies
Albany and Districts Pony Trots
Albany Academy of Irish Dance
Southern Edge Arts
Rainbow Coast Neighbourhood Centre
Holy Family Parish
Albany Community Kindy
Sahara Dance
Trailblazers
Southern Edge Arts
Albany Board Riders
Albany Rock & Roll Dance Club
Little Grove Playgroup
Albany Denmark Taoist Tai Chi Society
Main Roads WA
Southern Edge Arts
Albany Girl Guides
Albany Filipino Association of Aus, Inc
Albany Lions
Falun Gong Meditation group
Troode St - Christian Family Church
St John Ambulance
Disability Awareness Week - Albany celebrations
Albany Soapbox Club
Albany Dragonboat club
Albany Surf Lifesaving Club
SANTA FLOAT