

Loxton's 68th Mardi Gras Parade: Float List - 28 February 2026

Float #	Float Organisation	Float Sponsor	DESCRIPTION
1	The Pines - Ford Capri	The Pines	<p>Dr Peter Hamilton (Hamo) is driving the rare 1962 Pines Capri - formerly owned by Ella Kingdon and gifted to the Loxton Community as part of her estate. Now managed by the Pines and Loxton Historical Village.</p> <p>Peter is accompanied by senior citizen, 96 yo Percy Voigt, Bronnie Hamilton's father, originally from New Residence, now resident in Loxton again - an active member of the Lutheran Church and the Men's Shed. Winner of the SA Masters athletics 60m and 100m sprints, 1500m walk, shotput and discus gold medals 3 years running.</p>
1A	Riverland Vintage and Classic Car Club	RVCCC	Riverland Vintage and Classic Car Club - see separate notes.
1B	Loxton Customs & Classics	LMG	Loxton Customs & Classics - see separate notes.
2	Loxton High School Prefects	LMG	<p>The prefects of Loxton High School are heading the parade and holding the Mardi Gras's 2026 Parade banner</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 as well as raise money for their chosen charity.</p> <p>Our Two Head Prefects are Sam & Saskia alongside their deputies Jacob and Trinity. Following them are year 12's Bridie, Tyler, Amahli, Lisa-Marie and Reagan.</p> <p>Then year 11's Eamon, Josh, Daniel, Daniel, Kiana, Adele and Matilda.</p>

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3	2026 LOXTON MARDI GRAS FLAG BEARERS MERV & RAELENE GLADIGAU	LMG	<p>Please welcome Merv and Raelene Gladigau — two remarkable community contributors whose story stretches from Alawoona to Loxton. For more than six decades they've given their time and talents to church life, Christmas lights, the Historical Village, Neighbourhood Watch, the Riverland Orchid Club, and the Gideons.</p> <p>Merv helped preserve local history through his writing, while Raelene has shared her gifts in nursing, gardening, and the Christmas Tree Festival. Together they've raised five children and supported countless community groups.</p> <p>Today we celebrate their lifelong service and the joy they've brought to our region.</p>
4	PATSY THE CLYDESDALE	LMG	<p>Everyone Loves Patsy - and her best friend Ray Jennings. Travelling today with them are couple of Ray's Grand Daughters and Great Grand Daughters</p> <p>Patsy is a Clydesdale horse - a heavy draught breed known for strength and gentle temperament</p> <p>Patsy's adventures include a five-day trek from Loxton to Karoonda (in March 2025) to participate in a regional farm fair</p> <p>After the parade today, Patsy will be taking you Disney fans for a ride - starting on the track from behind the Hockey Club</p>
5	Loxton Hospital Aged Care	Loxton Hospital	<p>Loxton District Nursing Home brings the magic of One Hundred and One Dalmatians to the parade — reminding us that every spot brings smiles and joy, just like the care we provide for our older persons.</p> <p>The story's heart — kindness, courage, and compassion — reflects the values that guide us every day. We believe small acts of kindness create big moments of happiness: a warm smile, a listening ear, a helping hand.</p> <p>And just as every dalmatian has its own unique spots, every person has their own unique story — each one deserving dignity, respect, and heartfelt care.</p>

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6	GOOFY GRANDIES		<p>We all like new things!</p> <p>And here we have a brand-new group of oldies on their gophers — proudly rolling into the 69th Loxton Mardi Gras with full Disney spirit. Today they've taken the theme quite literally, dressing as the one and only Goofy.</p> <p>There are many types of gopher goofys: Grumpy, grouchy ones, Growling, grizzly ones, and Gorgeous, gracious ones! But no matter which type you spot today, they're all happy go-getters — and very proud of our lovely town of Loxton. Give them a big cheer as they cruise by, bringing Disney magic, local pride, and a whole lot of Goofy charm to the parade.</p>
7	Riverview Lutheran Rest Home	Riverview	<p>Loxton Lutheran Rest Home brings the magic of It's a Small World to this year's parade. Their car and mini-bus are decorated with colourful flags and cheerful characters, all lovingly painted and coloured by the residents themselves.</p> <p>It's a beautiful reminder that no matter our age, creativity and joy connect us all. with us today.</p>
8	Riverview Lutheran Rest Home	Riverview	<p>Each flag, each smiling face, and each brushstroke celebrates the idea that it truly is a small world — one filled with friendship, colour, and community.</p> <p>Please give a warm cheer to the residents and staff of Loxton Lutheran Rest Home, proudly sharing their artwork and their spirit with us today.</p>

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9	LDCC Woodleigh		<p>Woodleigh Childcare Centre proudly presents our float, <i>Where Little Dreams Begin</i> .</p> <p>Bringing a touch of magic to our community, we're delighted to showcase our beautifully created Disney-inspired castle — a celebration of imagination, wonder, and the joy of childhood.</p> <p>At Woodleigh, we believe every child's journey begins with a dream. Our castle symbolises creativity, adventure, exploration, and the endless possibilities that start in early childhood.</p> <p>Big dreams start small, and at Woodleigh we bring that magic to life every day. We're proud to create a warm, nurturing, imaginative, and inspiring environment — because here at Woodleigh Childcare Centre, little dreams truly do begin.</p>
10	LDCC Pre-Kindy		<p>2026 is already a milestone year for Woodleigh — not only with our exciting expansion, but with the launch of our new 3-year-old Pre-School as part of the Flying Start program.</p> <p>Just like our float celebrates imagination and the magic of early childhood, this initiative gives our youngest learners the perfect place to begin their journey. Guided by registered teachers and experienced educators, our Pre-Kindy program offers high-quality, play-based learning that builds confidence, curiosity, and strong foundations for school and beyond.</p> <p>Big dreams start small — and at Woodleigh, we're proud to help every child take their very first steps into a world of possibility.</p>
11	Nuriootpa Town Band	Nuriootpa Town	<p>An audience favourite - The Nuriootpa Town Band</p> <p>Not only do they play while marching, they will also play popular music during the lunch break at approx 12:00noon. 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.</p>

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12	<p>Loxton Primary School</p> <p>Vehicle with trailer</p> <p>Walkers before and after</p>	LPS	<p>Get ready, Loxton — the Clubhouse crew is on the loose! Loxton Primary School is rolling in with a burst of colour, noise, and pure Disney-inspired fun. Their float brings the magic of the Mickey Mouse Clubhouse to life, with Mickey, Minnie, and all their friends ready to smile, wave, and spread the joy. Full of imagination, teamwork, and plenty of Disney-inspired magic, this float celebrates the spirit of childhood and the wonderful creativity of the Loxton Primary School community.</p> <p>So grab your biggest smiles — the Clubhouse fun has arrived at the Loxton Mardi Gras Parade!</p>
13	<p>Loxton North School</p> <p>Walking</p>	LNS	<p>Loxton North School proudly presents their <i>Inside Out</i> themed float! Inspired by the powerful message of understanding and embracing our emotions, this connects closely with the Resilience Project. Just like in <i>Inside Out</i>, we know that every feeling matters. Through practising gratitude, empathy and mindfulness, our students are learning how to recognise their emotions, support one another, and build resilience from the inside out.</p>
14	<p>Loxton Lutheran School</p> <p>School Bus With Trailer</p>		<p>At Loxton Lutheran School the students are celebrating a timeless community value captured in God’s word Proverbs 17:17 — “A friend loves at all times.” Many Disney stories, including Toy Story’s “You’ve Got a Friend in Me,” highlight loyalty, kindness and standing by one another through change and challenge.</p> <p>“We are all part of “God’s Family”.</p> <p>Disney reminds us of a simple truth — Loxton Mardi Gras is about community, friendship, belonging, and standing together in good times and tough times.</p>

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15	St Albert School School Bus	St Alberts	<p>As St Albert's celebrates 70 wonderful years, our journey shines with the enchantment of a Disney classic — where dreams sparkle, courage leads the way, and every chapter brings new adventure.</p> <p>St Albert's community continues to believe in something magical.</p> <p>With exciting new beginnings ahead and guided by respect, compassion, gratitude, pride and persistence, our school community continues to grow and shine.</p> <p>With exciting new opportunities ahead, St Albert's remains a place where every student can believe, achieve and be part of something truly special.</p>
16	Loxton Historical Village 1800's Drover's Wagon	LHV	<p>The Loxton Historical Village is proud to present two wonderful floats in this year's Mardi Gras parade, embracing the Disney theme in true Village style</p> <p>Leading the way is a genuine 1800s drover's wagon, once used to carry supplies while droving sheep across the Australian outback. Today, it has been transformed into a fairytale scene, drawn by Cinderella, her handsome Prince, and two magnificent white horses.</p> <p>Woody, Scooby-Doo, Winnie the Pooh, Tigger, Rabbit and Mr Potato Head have all climbed aboard, ready for a Disney theme ride.</p>
17	Loxton Historical Village Vintage Carousel	LHV	<p>Following behind is a beautifully restored vintage carousel, estimated to be between 70 and 90 years old. The animals look like they have jumped from the Jungle book onto the Carousal for a Disney ride.</p> <p>Be sure to visit the Loxton Historical Village, open Tuesday through Sunday, and mark your calendar for Alive Day on June 6th, the long weekend. This year's theme is "Back to the Past," so fire up the flux capacitor and visit the village for a day of nostalgia and fun.</p> <p>For more information, please contact Barb at The Loxton Historical Village, where history and imagination ride side by side</p>

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18	Loxton Hockey Club	LHC	The Loxton Hockey Club has a stationary 'float' which allows all of you to have a go at their popular game - Jball. This is a fun version of Hockey that is inclusive for the very young to the young at heart. During the lunch break pop over there and give it a try!
Pause for group 1 to finish 2 loops - before group 2 enters the parade			
19	<p>Young Citizen of the Year ETHAN GROSSE</p> <p>(pronounced as G-ross-ee)</p> <p>Returning Citizen of the year from 2025</p> <p>IAN CASS</p>	LMG	<p>This monster UTE is a Ford 650 belonging to Lloyd Griffiths</p> <p><u>Ethan Grosse</u> exemplifies dedication and compassion as both a professional and a volunteer. As a Disability Support Worker at LAAS and Pastoral Care Worker at Loxton High School. Beyond the school, he contributes to multiple church communities as a Youth Camp organiser, volunteer, and lay preacher</p> <p><u>Ian Cass</u> is the returning 2025 Citizen of the Year. Ian is a dedicated and active volunteer in the Loxton community for over three decades - spanning a variety of sectors, from agriculture and education to emergency services and local events. Ian has earned a reputation as a selfless, respected leader who empowers others without seeking recognition. Ian rejoined the Loxton A&H Show Management, eventually becoming President in 2022.</p>

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20	<p>Previous Year's Ambassador from 1986 BRIONY RUDIGER</p> <p>Vehicle</p>	LMG	<p>This beautiful vehicle is a 1925 Dodge tourer which will be 100 years old in July. The driver is Richard Wood, he has owned this car since he was 19</p> <p>The returning 1986 Mardi Gras Queen 2025 is Briony Rudiger. In that year Briony represented the Loxton Lions Club. As part of her role, Briony attended the Mr Loxton quest organised by the Loxton Football Club, where she met her husband, Paul Rudiger.</p> <p>Briony now operates and manages the family's fifth-generation farm just outside Loxton.</p> <p>Continuing a long family tradition, Briony, Paul and their three children have all been actively involved on local committees and in fundraising initiatives, proudly supporting the Loxton community.</p>
21	<p>Previous Year's Ambassador from 2016. SHELLEE VALIS</p> <p>Vehicle</p>	LMG	<p>Our 2016 Community and Charity Ambassador <u>Shelle Vallis</u> returns to the Loxton Mardi Gras today with a sprinkle of pixie dust.</p> <p>Shellee is dressed as Tinker Bell, with her son Arlo joining her as Peter Pan — a perfect pair for this year's Disney magic.</p> <p>Shellee has loved this festival since childhood, especially with grandparents who were heavily involved in the Probus floats.</p> <p>She looks back proudly on her Ambassador year, fundraising with the support of the Loxton Rotary Club, where she grew her confidence and strengthened both personal and professional skills.</p> <p>She encourages everyone to step up, get involved, and experience the magic for themselves.</p> <p>Shellee is being chauffeured today by Kevin Manuel in his beautiful Aqua 1968 Mustang Convertible.</p>

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22	Ladies Probus	Probus	<p>Here comes the Loxton Ladies Probus Float....</p> <p>These sprightly senior aged Mini Mouses are 'All going on a Summer Holiday' to Hawaii with 'Disney Retirement Tours'.</p> <p>This fabulous Retro Bus is driven by "Mr Walt Disney".</p> <p>Tagging along are Mickey Mouse and his family.</p> <p>Give a wave out to Noleen Milich, the 2016 Senior Ambassador Winner.</p> <p>See the anticipation, adventure and excitement as they travel on their First Overseas Holiday.</p> <p>Nurse Janet is at the rear ready to check on their Health.</p>
23	Loxton Rotary	Rotary	<p>"Mickey Mouse"</p> <p>The Rotary Club of Loxton is proud to light up the Mardi Gras again with a colourful float celebrating Disney magic, colour and community spirit. Rotary is thrilled to join the festivities as a long-time supporter of this beloved Riverland event and the Loxton Community.</p>
24	Mens Probus	Probus	<p>The Pirates of the Caribbean have dropped anchor in Loxton — or rather, the Loxton Men's Probus Club has transformed into a crew of swashbuckling rogues for the day.</p> <p>These lads are armed with eye patches, bad pirate accents, and absolutely no respect for personal treasure.</p> <p>So keep an eye on your cargo, your coins, and maybe even your lunch... this cheeky crew loves a good raid. Give a hearty "yo-ho-ho" for our Probus pirates as they sail past.</p>

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25	Junior Ambassador Hope Ottewill Vehicle with trailer	Loxton Bowling Club	BRAVE - Hope's float is inspired by the fiery spirit of Merida from Disney's Brave — a strong-willed, confident young hero who reminds us that courage isn't about being fearless, but about choosing your own path with heart. Just like Merida, Hope's float celebrates independence, determination, and the power of standing up for what you believe in. But it also honours the importance of love and family. Give a big cheer for Hope and her beautiful Brave-themed float, bringing courage and colour to the Loxton Mardi Gras.
26	Junior Ambassador Amity Ottewill Vehicle with trailer	Loxton Bowling Club	I do believe in fairies — and Amity's float brings that magic to life. She's created a whimsy filled with wonders, wishes, and fluttering fairies, all sparkling with colour and imagination. At the heart of it is Tinker Bell herself — a tiny fire-cracker with a heart twice her size, just like Amity. With a little faith, a little trust, and of course a sprinkle of pixie dust, this float reminds us that the world is always brighter when you believe in a little magic.
27	Junior Ambassador Marlee Link Vehicle with trailer		Moanna's Island Adventure Junior ambassador Marlee Linke is setting sail in true adventurer style aboard Moana's boat. This stunning float celebrates bravery, leadership and the confidence to follow your dreams. Just like Moana answering the ocean's call, she represents determination, kindness and community spirit. With vibrant tropical details and seaside charm, her voyage reminds us that even the smallest sailor can make the biggest waves when they believe in themselves.

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28	Junior Ambassador Alyssa Minerds		<p>Leading this magical journey is Junior Ambassador Alyssa Minerds, proudly sponsored by her family business, Riverland Skips.</p> <p>Step into a world of wonder, where magic carpets soar and dreams take flight. This is the fourth year we've welcomed the Minerds family as Junior Ambassador entrants — and once again, they've created a fantastic float. Join Aladdin, Princess Jasmine, and a Genie with phenomenal cosmic powers...</p> <p>So make a wish and let your imagination fly — here comes Alyssa's Aladdin themed float!</p>
29	Junior Ambassador Britney Carson		<p>Britney Carson arrives in true Disney style with her beautiful Cinderella-themed float, proudly sponsored by MGE Riverland.</p> <p>Just like Cinderella, Britney brings kindness, determination, passion and a touch of sparkle to everything she does.</p> <p>She's loved every moment of her Ambassador journey — from community events to carols, raffles, and even Bingo night — but she says being on her very own float will be the absolute best.</p> <p>Give a big cheer for Britney as she brings a Cinderella fairy-tale magic to the Loxton Mardi Gras</p>
30	Junior Ambaasador Marlowe Petch	Loxton Home Hardware	<p>The Mad Hatters Tea Party - sponsored by Loxton Home Hardware.</p> <p>Junior Ambassador Marlowe Petch is the Mad Hatter who is hosting her friends to a fabulous tea party.</p> <p>As you can see, they are all mad in there!!</p>

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31	Junior Ambassador Maisie Munn	Fit To Fly	Maisie’s float brings Disney’s Moana splashing to life! Here comes Moana’s boat, ready for her big ocean adventure to restore the heart of Te Fiti. She’s not travelling alone — HeiHei and Pua are along for the ride, and even Tamatoa the “so shiny” crab has crawled in to steal the spotlight And here’s a fun one for the crowd: “HeiHei” actually means “chicken” in Māori. A bright, bold, totally seaworthy float from Maisie today
32	Royal Flying Doctor Service Riverland Support Group	RFDS	The RFDS Riverland Support Group proudly raises funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. On the right is the Pilatus PC-12, regularly flying to Renmark, Loxton and Waikerie, carrying up to two patients. On the left is the Pilatus PC-24 jet — a world-first aeromedical aircraft with ICU capability for three patients, including neonatal care, and able to land on unpaved airstrips to reach remote communities.
33	2025 Junior Ambassador Representative SCARLETT FREEMAN		A big welcome to the 2025 Junior Ambassador Representative, Scarlett Freeman — returning to the Loxton Mardi Gras. Proudly sponsored by the Rusty Spoon Café, and riding in style thanks to the beautiful Mustang loaned by Riverland Motor Group, Scarlett shines with the same spirit she showed last year. She loved representing her town, making new friends, and joining in all the fundraising fun — and today she brings that joy back to the parade, celebrating the wonder and imagination that make our community feel like its own little Disney story.

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34	St Peter's		<p>Once upon a time — right here in Loxton — a Lutheran congregation built St Peter's, dedicated on 7 March 1926 before a crowd of more than 2,000. Next weekend, St Peter's celebrates 100 years of this church building with a special centenary service at 10am, giving thanks for God's faithfulness across generations.</p> <p>The miniature model on the float was crafted in 1986 by Julian Nickolai for the 60th anniversary, reminding us that each generation builds on the last. Joining the float are the children of St Peter's dressed as Disney characters — a playful nod to the fact that Disney is only two years older than the church. St Peter's is a story of many generations... rooted in Christ, passed on in faith, and still going.</p>
35	Riverland Life FM Vehicle with trailer and walkers		<p>Life FM Riverland is family friendly community radio broadcasting on 100.7 FM across the Riverland.</p> <p>Our float has the theme "Every Story Can Inspire Hope". Blending Christian values with the positive moral lessons we love from Disney, this float celebrates courage, kindness and the belief that God can use every story to shine His Light.</p> <p>Just like on our radio show Talking Books with Margaret Wormald, Life FM reminds us that hope is always worth sharing.</p>
36	Browns Well Cricket Club		<p>The Browns Well Cows vs Disney Allstars float brings laughs, colour and classic country fun to the Mardi Gras. Set at the legendary DCG - the Disney Cricket Ground - our U12 and U16 cricketers square off in a good-natured bush cricket showdown against a star-studded Disney lineup. Huey and Dewey opened the batting, Donald Duck Bradman is showing off his questionable technique, and a few other shady Disney characters join him</p>

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37	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 with their truck, 4wd and boat which are used for many emergencies such as Road Crashes & Marine rescue. They do swift water and land search rescues as well as deal with storm and flood damage. They have other roles including radio, operations and administration. Training nights are Monday at 7pm. All are welcome. For emergency assistance call 000 or 132500
38	Loxton Ambulance	SA Health	We thank the local Ambulance service for their life saving care for our community!
The following fire-fighting appliances are too heavy to drive on our rain affected parade route - they are on static display on the gravel track just past the food vans			
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.
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 3,4 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 3,4 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. Bevin has been a volunteer for 45 years and captain for six years. The Taplan brigade has about 22 members - predominately farmers. They welcome anyone interested in becoming a volunteer.

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44	CFS Browns Well	Chaffey CFS	Browns Well 3,4 is a 4 wheel drive fire fighting appliance carrying 3000 litres of water covers the area south of Loxton, such as Browns Well (Paruna), Meribah, Pebinga, Alawoona & mid-way between Paruna and Loxton. Their Captain is Phil Johnson
45	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. Their captain is Michael Biele