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Subject: **Light up the festive season with Murray Bridge's Christmas Lights Competition**

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The Rural City of Murray Bridge invites residents, businesses and community organisations to dazzle the community with their Christmas lights displays and enter the 2026 Christmas Lights Competition for a chance to win a $200 voucher to spend at a business of their choice within the RCMB Council area.

The community can get into the festive spirit by nominating their own display or a favourite local Christmas lights display in one of five categories: Small, Large, Traditional, Business or the prestigious Mayor's Award.

Help us light up the region this Christmas and bring joy to locals and visitors as they admire the creativity and festive spirit on display. The competition is a great opportunity to showcase your Christmas decorations, brighten your neighbourhood and earn some well-deserved bragging rights!

Mayor Wayne Thorley shared his enthusiasm for the competition.

"Christmas lights bring people together and create something special for the whole community to enjoy. I'm looking forward to seeing the creativity and festive spirit on display across our region this year," said Mayor Thorley.

The competition is open to eligible properties within the Rural City of Murray Bridge local government area, with one nomination permitted per individual or group in each category.

Judges will consider the following when selecting the winning entries:

- **Presentation** – Overall appearance, layout and design
- **Light** – Creative use of colour, form and composition
- **Creativity** – Innovation and imagination behind the display
- **Christmas Spirit** – Reflection of the festive season
- **Wow Factor** – The overall impact of the display

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Nomination forms and competition guidelines will be available at www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/christmaslights, as well as at the Local Government Centre and Murray Bridge Library.

A photo and/or video of the display must accompany all nominations.

- **Nominations open:** Monday 23 November 2026
- **Nominations close:** Wednesday 9 December 2026
- **Judging dates:** Wednesday 9 to Monday 14 December 2026
- **Winners announced:** Thursday 17 December 2026 at the Christmas Lights presentation

Displays must be illuminated each night from 9 to 14 December for judging.

For more information or enquiries, please call 8539 1100 or visit the Council website.

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