



Loxton
Lighting the way to the Riverland!

LOXTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY MANUAL

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Overview

Loxton Christmas Lights Committee takes pride in ensuring all activities are undertaken to minimise damage to the environment. The following policies relate to the main operations of the Christmas Lights Festival and include:

- Santa's Workshop
- Light Up Day/Night and other street activities
- Administration
- Installing Decorations
- Delivering paintings to residents
- Noise control
- Traffic Control

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1. Santa's Workshop

Santa's Workshop is utilised for:

- Painting of garden scenes delivered to 120 residents in Santa's Walk (Nativity Scenes, Father Christmas, Animals, Snow Scenes, and Bells, Candles).
- Storage of displays, pole decorations, lights, cables reels and consumables.
- Cutting out of scenes using a jig-saw and sanding of paintings prior to repainting.
- Removal and replacing tinsel on 50 ETSA and East Terrace street poles.
- Preparation of other street decorations – bells, candles, holly.

Environmental Considerations
<p>Painting of scenes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Painting of all scenes is to be undertaken using water-based paint which will ensure cleaning of brushes and jars can be undertaken without damaging the environment• Where possible, rainwater is to be used for washing brushes and jars and rinse-water to be disposed of on grassed area outside.
<p>Cutting out scenes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where possible, ensure off-cuts from larger scenes are utilised when cutting out small items (lambs, parcels etc).
<p>Storage of displays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Re-cycled cardboard obtained from local Olive firm to be used to separate paintings in racks.
<p>Use of electrical equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure all electrical items are switched off when not in use.
<p>Water conservation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dual-flush toilets have been installed.• Refer also to activities relating to cleaning of brushes/jars etc.

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2. Light Up Day and other street activities

Environmental Considerations
<p>Rubbish bins/clearing of rubbish/debris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• With support from Council ensure additional rubbish bins are distributed throughout East Terrace.• With support from Council, ensure all rubbish bins are collected by 9am the following morning.• With support from Council, ensure all stall sites cleared of rubbish and reinstated by 9am the following morning.• With support from Council, ensure all fireworks debris cleared from lawns and other areas by 9am the following morning.
<p>Fireworks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure fireworks are set off well-away from areas that could be subject to environmental damage (fire etc).• With support from Council, ensure all fireworks debris cleared from lawns and other areas by 9am the following morning.

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3. Administration

Environmental Considerations
<p>Preparation of draft Minutes and correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drafts of Minutes and all correspondence to be prepared from recycled paper.• Where possible, Minutes are to be e-mailed to members with an e-mail address.
<p>Disposal of ink cartridges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ink cartridges are to be disposed of through Planet Ark outlets.

4. Installing street decorations

Environmental Considerations
<p>Energy conservation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solar powered globes to be used where possible.• Commence a gradual changeover to energy saving halogen lights for East Terrace.• Residents are encouraged to switch off lights at 11.00pm to as to conserve energy and not to create late-night traffic that might disturb other residents.
<p>Location of displays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All displays to be sited to enhance the appearance of natural surrounds.• All displays to be sited so as not to disturb any natural vegetation.

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5. Delivering paintings

Environmental Considerations
<p>Intrusion/taking care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members/volunteers delivering paintings to take care not to intrude into the lives of residents.• Members/volunteers delivering paintings to take care not to step on any garden items.

6. Noise control

Environmental Considerations
<p>Touring of lights areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residents are encouraged to switch off lights at 11.00pm to as to conserve energy and not to create late-night traffic that might disturb other residents.

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7. Traffic control

Environmental Considerations
<p>Parking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All parking to be at kerb-side and not to occur on grassed areas.• Road-side verges have been widened at Christmas Wonderland.• Bus bay to be situated in Sadleir street (adjacent to St Peter's) for the duration of the festival
<p>Through traffic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Streets to be blocked off for all activities occurring in East Terrace (Light Up Day/Night, Community Carols).• Hilbig Street to be made one-way traffic throughout the festival.