

Dear Port Mandurah Canal Residents,

Season's Greetings Port Mandurah Canal Residents. We hope you are all well. We are looking forward to seeing your incredible Christmas lights displays again this festive season.

Our Christmas Lights Cruises will be commencing on Friday 1st December and they are operating every night (excluding Christmas Day) at 7:30pm and 8:45pm through to Sunday 7th January 2018. We have added more Christmas spirit to our cruises this year with Santa greeting guests on the jetty every night in the lead up to Christmas Day and Christmas carollers/singers performing on the jetty.

The Port Mandurah Canals Christmas lights displays have again received great exposure; listed with Western Australia as a major event and promoted by Tourism Australia, Tourism WA, Experience Perth and MAPTO. We have also taken the Christmas Lights internationally, attending major tourism trade shows in Australia, China, Singapore and Malaysia. We are hoping to have Channel 9 news do a story on the Christmas Lights phenomenon in Mandurah again this year, in the first week of December. Local / state newspapers and online bloggers have also been publishing articles.

The joy that your displays bring to everyone who visit the canals during the festive season is truly wonderful.

To all of the Port Mandurah Residents who put up stunning Christmas lights displays each year, we will again be having a competition to reward you for your efforts.

The competition will again be divided into two awards:

1. The Judges Awards: Selected by a special group of hand-picked judges.
2. The Peoples Award: Judged by the passengers on the Mandurah Cruises Christmas Lights Tours.

Further details, prizes and the date of judging will be confirmed shortly and we will inform you all of this important information as soon as possible.

There will also be an end of season party/awards evening on Sunday 4th February, 5pm to 7pm, at the Old Mandurah Yacht Club (Address: 1A Halls head Parade, Halls Head). Food and drinks provided. Trophies and prizes will be presented for the Judges Awards & People's Choice Award winners and the Rotary Wishing Well total announced. So, save the date in your diary!

The Rotary Wishing Well will be back again this season. Our vessels stop at the Wishing Well during all of our Christmas Lights Cruises. Donations are collected from passengers on board and thrown into the well by our hostess and little helpers (children on board).

Last season a new record total of over \$21,000 was raised (beating the previous year's total of \$20,000) thanks to the amazing generosity of our passengers and the general public cruising the canals.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me on 9581 1242 or email natalie@mandurahcruises.com.au

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On behalf of Mandurah Cruises, I'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all at the end of season party/awards night.

Regards,

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