



Power FM Begonia Festival Parade

**Wendouree Parade,
near the Botanical
Gardens**

March 13 at 11am

This book has been created to use as a learning tool and will help individuals to understand what to expect when visiting the Power FM Begonia Festival Parade.

This book aims to provide information about:

1. What the Power FM Begonia Festival Parade is
2. Some sounds and sights that people may experience
3. Things people can do to feel comfortable and safe
4. Where to get help

You can also use the Ballarat Begonia Festival book to share information about the whole event at the Ballarat Botanical Gardens from March 11 – 13.





I am going to the Begonia Festival Parade.

The parade is on Monday March 13.

I do not have to go to school on this day because it is a public holiday.

The parade starts at 11 o'clock in the morning and takes about 1 hour.



A parade is a group of people who all walk or roll together down a road as part of a festival.

People in parades often dress up in costumes.



I will see more than 30 groups of people in the parade.

In the parade there will be:

- marching bands
- people dancing or performing
- animals
- trucks, cars or motorbikes with decorations.



The parade is held outside.

I might like to bring a hat,
sunscreen and a full water bottle.

I can bring a coat if it is cold.

Some people take chairs to sit on.

Some people stand or sit on the
ground.



I might have to walk a little bit to get to the parade from the car or bus.

Some roads nearby will be closed so that they are ready for the parade.



I will see helpers wearing a top that says 'Event Staff' or a fluorescent top.

They can help me to find a place to watch the parade or can answer a question I have.

They might tell me to stand back from the parade.

They want to keep me safe.



The parade will travel along Wendouree Parade starting at the Tramways Museum and end near the North Gardens.

People can choose to watch the parade anywhere from where it starts to where it finishes.

Once I choose a place to watch, it is a good idea to stay there until the parade is finished.



I will see lots of people watching the parade.

I can stay close to my support person.

There will be lots of people in the parade too.

They will move past me.

I can wave or clap if I want to.



I might feel like the parade is busy and noisy.

Different sounds might include:

- Microphones and speakers
- Music
- People laughing or calling out
- Bands playing
- Dogs barking
- Cars, trucks and motorbikes

I can use ear protection or ear plugs if I want to.



Some animals will be in the parade.

They must be with their owner at all times.



The parade is part of the Begonia Festival.

I can do activities at the festival before or after the parade.

I can read a book to learn more about the Begonia Festival.



The Begonia Festival Parade is a fun event for everyone.



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