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## Christmas Light Up winners announced

Thursday, 11 December 2003 - Jean and Paul Phillips of 14 Aethalia Street, Currumbin Waters, are the grand champions of the record-breaking Gold Coast City Council Christmas Light Up competition.

The couple won a total of more than \$2250 in the competition, in which more than two million additional light globes from 95 entries illuminate the City's night sky.

They received their prizes today (Thursday, December 11) from Mayor Gary Baidon at a ceremony at Robina Town Centre.

Winners in four categories (best-illuminated residence, best-animated residence, best single feature and best first-year entry) each won more than \$1250 in prizes, with the grand champions, chosen from winners of these categories, receiving an additional \$1000.

All entries now remain switched on throughout the City from 7pm every evening to Christmas Eve.

Official tours by Murrays Coaches on (07) 5561 6444 will be run from Thursday to Christmas Eve, or residents and visitors may tour individually.

Murrays tours, which must be booked, cost \$12 per person, with \$1 donated to the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

In response to the huge interest in the Christmas Light Up tours Murrays Coaches is laying on an additional two tours to the Beenleigh area on December 16 and 22.

Presenting the prizes Mayor Gary Baidon said the competition was special because it was living proof — written in lights — that the Gold Coast was a community.



Jean Phillips of Currumbin Waters, Grand Champion winner of the Christmas Light Up Competition and Mayor Councillor Gary Baidon.

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“A City, certainly, but a city that still knows how to show the heart and spirit that goes with Christmas, and the love of peace and goodwill that has marked this seasonal celebration for 2000 years,” said Cr Baildon.

“This is a whole ocean of small homes and large, businesses and churches, single windows and whole streets... all saying to the skies: “Hey, it’s Christmas! Let’s celebrate.”

### **GOLD COAST CITY COUNCIL 2003 CHRISTMAS LIGHT UP COMPETITION**

#### **GRAND CHAMPION**

Jean & Paul Phillips  
14 Aethalia Street  
Currumbin Waters

#### **BEST ANIMATED RESIDENCE (LIGHTING & CHARACTER)**

1st Christine & Gordon Forrester  
29 Boab Street  
Elanora

2nd Garrie, Dianne & Gavin Ellice  
68 Katunga Court  
Ormeau

3rd Brian & Margaret Chippendale  
11 Sweetgum Street  
Ashmore

#### **Highly Commended**

Jacqueline Attard  
45 Galapagos Way  
Pacific Pines

#### **BEST ILLUMINATED RESIDENCE (LIGHTING)**

1st Jean & Paul Phillips  
14 Aethalia Street  
Currumbin Waters

2nd The Salmon Family  
3 Malekula Rise  
Gaven

3rd George Litfin  
98 Eugaree Street  
Southport

#### **Highly Commended**

Neil Wilcox  
11 Rochelle Court  
Edens Landing

#### **BEST FIRST YEAR ENTRY**

1st G & W Taylor  
437 Tallebudgera Creek Road  
Tallebudgera

**2nd Michael & Jo Wales**  
104 Dipper Drive  
Burleigh Waters

**3rd Steve & Tania Carr**  
4 The Mores  
Nerang

**Highly Commended**

**Grant & Amy Wyvill**  
15 Bergomi Court  
Eagleby

**BEST SINGLE ENTRY**

**1st The Howell Family**  
17 Wattle Street  
Stephens

**2nd Andrew Lowe**  
3 Cuckoo Crescent  
Burleigh Waters

**3rd Pat & Ursula O'Brien**  
13 Nangana Street  
Tugun

**Highly Commended**

**Margaret Cotton**  
54 Federation Drive  
Bethania

**BEST ILLUMINATED STREET**

**1st Sidney Nolan Drive**  
Coombah

**BEST ILLUMINATED SMALL BUSINESS**

**1st La Porchetta Burleigh Heads**  
11 James Street  
Burleigh Heads

**2nd Tallebudgera Country Kids**  
231 Tallebudgera Connection Road  
Tallebudgera

**3rd Real Way**  
72 Marine Parade  
Coolangatta

**Highly Commended**

Showcase Collectables  
Shop 9, Boonoroo Park Shopping Centre  
1 Nielsens Road,  
Carrara

**BEST COMMERCIAL ILLUMINATED DISPLAY**

1st Cavill Mall  
The Esplanade  
Surfers Paradise

2nd Sanctuary Cove Marine Village  
Masthead Way  
Sanctuary Cove

**BEST ILLUMINATED CHURCH**

1st Dream Centre Christian Church  
Corner Nerang-Broadbeach Road & Chisholm Road  
Carrara

2nd Beenleigh & District Baptist Church  
79 – 87 Pheasant Avenue  
Beenleigh

3rd Uniting Church Burleigh Heads  
Corner West Burleigh Road & Burleigh Street  
Burleigh Heads

**Highly Commended**

Beenleigh Uniting Church  
32 – 50 Mt Warren Blvd  
MtWarren Park

**Categories**

- Best illuminated residence (lighting)
- Best animated residence (lighting & character)
- Best single feature e.g. window
- Best first year entry
- Best illuminated small business
- Best commercial illuminated display (Shopping centre, hotel, tourist facility)
- Best illuminated church
- Best illuminated street

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