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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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THE GROUND is warming, buds are forming, Spring is just around the corner and so is the annual Rural City of Murray Bridge Spring Garden Competition.

Nominations are now open and entries are invited from a variety of landscapes including sustainable gardens, modern gardens, corporate green-spaces, senior's gardens, community gardens and school yards.

Mayor Brenton Lewis said judging the competition was one of the highlights of his role and he looked forward to seeing more entries from outer townships this year.

"This competition has uncovered some wonderful gardens in our region and I'm sure there are more waiting to be discovered in the backyards of Mypolonga, Callington, Wellington and others," he said.

"Beautiful gardens invite people outdoors where neighbours often meet and chat, contributing to thriving communities.

"This competition highlights the importance of gardens as a source of community pride and I encourage everyone who has a special little patch they're proud of to come forward and share it with the community."

Judging criteria will include design and layout, plant selection, plant health and maintenance and water saving measures used in the garden.

Nominations close 27 September 2019 and judging will take place from 8 October to 18 October 2019.

Winners in each competition category will be awarded a prize at presentation to be held on 28 October 2019.

Entry forms and guidelines are available at the Local Government Centre, the Murray Bridge Library and online at www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/springgarden

For more information on how to enter the competition phone 8539 1100.