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NOW is the time to dust off the gardening gloves and start preparing for the annual Rural City of Murray Bridge Spring Garden Competition.

Nominations are now open and entries are invited from a variety of landscapes including traditional back gardens, courtyards, balconies, corporate green-spaces, community gardens and school yards.

Mayor Brenton Lewis said the competition provides an excellent opportunity for green thumbed community members to showcase their horticultural talents.

"The competition seeks to applaud the passion and dedication of our gardeners, and recognise the importance of greenery and living colour on our streets,' he said.

"It also highlights the importance of gardens as a source of community pride. Beautiful gardens attract people outdoors. They can be a catalyst for interaction as neighbours meet and chat, contributing to a strong local community.

"We are really keen to attract gardeners from across the Council area."

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

Nominations close 21 September 2018 and judging will take place from 8 October to 18 October 2018.

Winners in each competition category will be awarded a prize at presentation to be held on 29 October 2018.

Entry forms and guidelines are available at the Local Government Centre and the Murray Bridge Library or on Council's website at www.murraybridge.sa.gov/

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