



# THE RURAL CITY OF MURRAY BRIDGE SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION

## INFORMATION SHEET

### WELCOME TO THE RURAL CITY OF MURRAY BRIDGE SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION!

This competition is designed to support and encourage the residents of The Rural City of Murray Bridge to develop their gardening skills and create beautiful, sustainable green spaces within our community.

We're dedicated to help our communities grow and thrive. That's why we're excited to invite you to participate in our annual competition and join our efforts to build stronger, more environmentally conscious communities.

The judges will assess your entry based on various criteria, including presentation, plantings, environmental considerations, creativity and passion.

Here are the categories for this year's competition:

- **Mayor's Award:** This award will go to the garden with the highest overall points, as determined by the judging panel.
- **Best Large Garden:** This category is for gardens that cover more than 1200 square metres, whether the whole garden or a part of it.
- **Best Business Garden:** A business garden is on the frontage of a business or commercial property. A business garden may contain any of the features of the other categories.
- **Best Small Garden:** This category is for gardens covering less than 1200 square metres, such as pot gardens, balconies, and terraces.
- **Best Senior's Garden:** This category is open to residents aged over 65 years where the entrant has personally established and maintained their own garden. This can include private homes, retirement villages and nursing homes; pot gardens will be considered.
- **Best Sustainable Garden:** This award will recognise the garden that's most sustainable, with minimal environmental impact, use of recycled materials, low water requirements, and good environmental practices.

- **Edible Garden:** This category is for gardens that produce crops, and the judges will assess the cleanliness, fertility, cropping practices, use of space, variety of crop, health, vigour and sustainable cultivation methods.
- **Best School Garden:** This category is for any educational institution. The garden should show a connection between the garden and knowledge gained in the classroom.
- **Best Community Garden:** This category is for gardens managed and maintained by community volunteers, with a focus on improving and enhancing the space for the public.

To be eligible for the competition, applicants must reside in the Rural City of Murray Bridge local government area and only one application will be accepted per individual or group per category.

Applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria include gardens belonging to the selection panel members, sponsors, elected members, council staff or their immediate families. Gardens nominated but whose owners don't wish to participate in the competition are also not eligible.

We encourage you to consider the objectives and judging criteria of the Spring Garden Competition when submitting your application.

**We hope you'll join us in creating beautiful, sustainable green spaces in Murray Bridge!**

### COMPETITION DETAILS

**Entries Close:** Monday 16 October 2023

**Judging will take place** 26-27 October 2023

**Presentations** will take place at an awards ceremony to be held on Wednesday 15 November 2023

### SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION FORM

**In person**  
Local Government Centre,  
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