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BLOSSOMS are making their first appearances on deciduous trees throughout the region to herald the arrival of the annual Rural City of Murray Bridge Spring Garden Competition.

Entries are invited for a variety of landscapes including sustainable gardens, modern gardens, corporate green-spaces, senior's gardens, community gardens and schools.

Mayor Brenton Lewis said gardening was a great way for people to connect with nature, improve their mental health and contribute to a sense of community pride.

"During the COVID-19 pandemic many people have found themselves challenged with the pressures and uncertainty of the situation, spending more time at home and reconnecting with nature in their gardens," he said.

"Gardening is a great way to foster mental health and wellbeing, and with more people recently investing time in their veggie patches and gardens it will be interesting to see what's out there.

"Gardens invite people outdoors where neighbours can meet over the fence to chat, while maintaining social distancing, creating connections and 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 Wednesday 30 September and judging will take place from 12 to 16 October 2020.

Winners in each competition category will be awarded a prize at an awards ceremony to be held on Thursday 29 October.

Entry forms are available online at murraybridge.sa.gov.au/springgarden
For more information on how to enter the competition phone 8539 1100.