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BUMPER CROP OF ENTRIES IN SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION

Growth in the number of Bushcare entries in this year's City of Ryde Spring Garden Competition has pushed the total to a record fifty nine entries, up from 50 last year.

The eight Bushcare entries represent the work of around 138 volunteers and an estimated 2,396 volunteer hours. Five of the Bushcare groups are part of Council's Bushcare program and three work independently to Council.

Strong levels of entries have been received across all categories, especially in the Most Beautiful Garden, Best Edible Garden and Best School Garden classifications.

"Interest in the garden competition continues to grow with entrants ranging in age from pre-schoolers to seniors," said Baharak Sahebkhari, City of Ryde's A/g Group Manager Community Life. "Their passions include landscaped and ornamental gardens, balconies and courtyards, school projects, edible gardens and bush sites."

Judging by a panel of gardening and horticulture professionals will take place throughout September. Judging is based on:

- Design - aspects such as layout, colour, use of line, form and texture, plant use and attention to detail.
- Intent - the active participation of the entrant, level of knowledge and enthusiasm and extent of third party assistance.
- Maintenance - the lack of elements such as dead and diseased plants, well presented lawns and clipped shrubs, considered water usage and overall attention to detail.
- In the Bushcare category primary considerations include application of established Bushcare principles and best practice.

The winners will be announced at a special Gala Evening on Thursday 24 October held at Eden Gardens.

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