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SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION NOW OPEN

Local green thumbs are digging in for the annual City of Ryde Spring Garden Competition.

This hotly contested competition is open to all residents, ratepayers, community groups, schools and businesses in the Ryde area and entry is free. Categories are:

- **Most Beautiful Garden:** may be the whole garden or just a section – small or large
- **Most Beautiful Courtyard or Balcony Garden:** pots, planter boxes, ornaments, walled gardens
- **Best Edible Garden:** vegetable garden, permaculture garden, pots and planters
- **Best Children's Garden:** created by a child, family or community, large or small
- **Best School Garden:** open to all local schools – school and pre-school categories
- **Most Beautiful Commercial Garden:** hotels, retirement villages, commercial premises, small businesses, universities
- **Best Bush Care Site:** for an outstanding contribution to a natural area made by volunteers.

Council's Open Space A/g Manager, Simon James, said: "Gardening is a great way to enjoy the outdoors, to get physical activity, beautify the community, and grow your own food and flowers.

"Whether you are a beginner, part of a group or expert gardener this competition gives residents of all ages the opportunity to showcase their creativity."

Entries close on Friday 30 August 2013. All entries will be personally judged by a panel of appointed garden judges and horticulture professionals. Judging will take place during September when spring gardens are looking their best.

All entrants are invited to a Special Gala Presentation when winners of the Spring Garden Competition are announced.

The City of Ryde Spring Garden Competition is sponsored by Eden Gardens.

Enter online now at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/gardencompetition or call 9952 8222.

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