

Friday 23 October 2015

WINNERS OF SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION ANNOUNCED

Winners of 2015 City of Ryde Spring Garden Competition were praised for their creativity, hard work and sustainable gardening practices at a Gala Event last night (Thursday 22 October) at Eden Gardens, North Ryde.

Announcing the awards for the annual competition, City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said: “This is a competition that involves the whole community – from the youngest budding green thumbs to the most experienced garden gurus. In fact, entrants’ ages range from just four years old, right through to octogenarians.

“The Spring Garden Competition brings together people from all walks of life who share a common interest in gardening, a sense of pride in their community and a genuine desire to share their passion for gardening with others.

“While the creators of these beautiful gardens and spaces are singled out for praise, it’s the neighbours, visitors and passers-by, not to mention our City’s green reputation, who are the overall winners in this competition.”

With 87 category entries in this year’s event, the new Native and Habitat-Friendly Garden category helped to boost the overall number of entries by 35%. The Large Gardens and Small Gardens were the most hotly contested categories.

Entries ranged in style from simple to decorative, family projects to grand solo efforts. Community groups and commercial gardens were also congratulated.

The judging panel of Meredith Kirton, Beth Chapman, Judith Sleijpen, Anna Ainsworth, Andy Sutherland and Judy Christie all praised the passion and enthusiasm of the gardeners and commented on the high standard and presentation of all entries

The City of Ryde Spring Garden Competition is one of a handful of Council-managed garden competitions run for the benefit of the community. The support of sponsors Eden Gardens, Snowden Parkes Real Estate, Top Ryde City, SUEZ Environnement and Sam the Paving Man is greatly appreciated.

To see photos of the winning entries in the City of Ryde 2015 Spring Garden Competition go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/springgardenscompetition

➔ Winner details

2015 CITY OF RYDE SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION WINNERS

AWARD	NAME
Large Garden (sponsored by Eden Gardens)	
1st place	Geoffrey Robinson
2nd place (equal)	Marion Nichol
2nd place (equal)	Vanessa Grinter & John Cummins
3rd place	Patricia Pelly
Commended	Trevor and Sandie Edgoose
Small Garden (sponsored by Snowden Parkes Real Estate)	
1st place	Adrienne Hick
2nd place	Rae & Annalissa Roy
3rd place	Heidi Harber
Highly Commended	Douglas Grant
Encouragement Award	Jemma Rollo
Courtyard/Balcony Garden (sponsored by Top Ryde City)	
1st place	Zyad Khouri
2nd place	Judy Thomson
3rd place	Maureen Bennett
Highly Commended	Bianca Starr
Commended	James McAuley
Edible Garden	
1st place	Margaret Perry
2nd place	On Sook Jun
3rd place	James Mizens
Highly Commended	Chandrika Vijayavel
Commended	Bernard Russell & Jimmy Shaw
Children's Garden	
1st place	Charli Simon
2nd place	Sarah & Olivia Yep
3rd place	Aaron Pease
Highly Commended	Grandsons of Barbara Ford - Isaac & Xavier Durnian
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Commercial Garden (sponsored by SUEZ Environnement)	
1st place	Living Choice - Leisure Lea Gardens
2nd place	Goodman - The Park Business Centre
3rd place	Northern Suburbs Memorial Gardens & Crematorium

Community Garden

1st place	184a Pittwater Rd Community Garden
2nd place	Brush Park Bowling Club
3rd place	Macquarie University Community Garden Club
Encouragement Award	Royal Rehab

School Garden

1st place	West Ryde Public School
2nd place	Kent Road Public School
3rd place	Epping Boys High School
Encouragement award	Truscott Street Public School
Special Recognition Award	Gladesville Public School
Special Recognition Award	Marist College Eastwood - Centacare Garden Crew

Pre-School Garden

1st place	KU Eastwood Preschool
2nd place	Top Ryde Early Learning
Encouragement Award	Explore & Develop Epping Road

Native and Habitat-friendly Garden

1st place	Fran Reddacliff
2nd place	Zyad Khouri
3rd place	Pamela Reeves

Bushcare Site

1st place	Friends of Darvall Park Bushcare Group
	Friend of Lane Cove National Park - Mars Creek Bushcare Group
2nd place	
3rd place (equal)	Martin Reserve Bushcare Group
3rd place (equal)	Field of Mars Cemetery Creek 2 Bushcare Group