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## SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION WINNERS REVEALED

The winners of the City of Ryde Spring Garden Competition were revealed at a Gala Event in Eden Gardens last night.

The Spring Garden Competition is one of the longest running events on the City of Ryde calendar, having been held annually for more than 30 years.

This year's event proved extremely popular with a large number of entries received for the 11 categories in which judging took place.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, who was at Eden Gardens to present each category winner with their award, thanked everyone who entered this year's competition.

"From small balcony botanicals, to backyard sanctuaries, large native bush sites and some colourful school gardens, each of the entries received this year reflect the resurgence in gardening in our local area and the increasing interest local residents are taking in the environment," Cllr Laxale said.

"The Spring Garden Competition is an event that involves the whole community – with categories that cater to young budding green thumbs to the most experienced of garden gurus – and I am proud that the City of Ryde can continue to put on such an event each year that showcases these talents."

The full list of winners for this year's City of Ryde Spring Garden Competition is as follows:

- **Best Large Garden (sponsored by Eden Gardens):** Angela Thomas
- **Best Small Garden:** Rae and Annalissa Roy
- **Best Courtyard or Balcony Garden:** Daniel Rosenbaum
- **Best Edible Garden (sponsored by Tumbleweed):** Robin Nichols
- **Best Native and Habitat-Friendly Garden:** The Habitat Nursery
- **Best Children's Garden:** James Mizens
- **Best School Garden:** Kent Road Public School
- **Best Pre-School Garden:** Goulding Hill Pre-School
- **Best Community Garden:** The Habitat Nursery
- **Best Commercial Garden:** Brush Park Bowling Club
- **Best Bushcare Site:** Meadowbank Park Bush Care Group

The City of Ryde would like to thank all of its sponsors who help make the Spring Garden Competition possible, including Gold sponsors Eden Gardens, SUEZ and Tumbleweed, as well Bronze sponsors Sam The Paving Man and Seasol.