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## SHARPEN YOUR SECATEURS FOR THE ANNUAL SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION

It's time to sharpen your secateurs, perfect your PH balance and hone your hedging in preparation for this year's City of Ryde Spring Garden Competition.

This hands-on community event has been held annually for more than twenty years and City of Ryde is one of the few local councils still organising and providing a garden competition for its local residents and community.

City of Ryde Active Recreation Officer, Meredith Gray, said: "The competition attracts entries from a wide variety of neighbourhood and city landscapes, including traditional back gardens, courtyards, balconies, river-frontages, corporate green-spaces, community gardens, school yards and large tracts of natural bushland.

"It's a chance for local green thumbs to show off their propagation, design and sustainability skills."

If you are a seasoned gardener, beginner, or part of a group, there's a category to suit you, including a new 'community garden' section.

- **Best Large Garden:** private residential garden - whole garden or section
- **Best Small Garden:** private residential garden - whole garden or section
- **Best Courtyard or Balcony:** private residential garden using pots, planter boxes, ornaments, walled gardens etc.
- **Best Edible Garden:** vegetable, fruit, permaculture
- **Best Children's Garden:** private residential gardens inspired and created by a child, group of children or a family with young children
- **Best School Garden:** gardens within local primary or high schools where students and teachers or the community have worked together
- **Best Pre-School Garden:** gardens within local pre-schools where students and teachers or the community have worked together
- **\*New\* Best Community Garden:** garden projects where the local community, groups or community organisations have worked together
- **Best Commercial Garden:** gardens within local businesses and commercial organisations, eg hotels, retirement villages, commercial premises, small businesses, universities etc
- **Best Bushcare Site:** for an outstanding contribution made by volunteers to a Bushcare site.

Sponsors: Gold Eden Gardens, Snowden Park. Silver SITA Organics. Bronze Sam the Paving Man  
For entry form and full details go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/gardencompetition](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/gardencompetition)  
Entries close 31 August. Judging mid-late September. Winners gala presentation October.