

Tuesday 27 June 2017

HEY KIDS! GROW YOUR OWN TINY TIM TOMATOES

Spring Garden Competition – Children’s Seed Growing Category

Children all over the City of Ryde will be lining up to get their free packet of Tiny Tim Tomato seeds for this year’s Children’s Seed Growing Competition.

The special children’s category is part of the annual City of Ryde Spring Garden Competition.

City of Ryde Active Recreation Officer, Greg Macken, said: “This new category was very popular when we introduced it last year and for this year we have chosen Tiny Tim Tomatoes.

“Tomatoes are the most popular garden vegetable for gardeners of all ages and Tiny Tim’s are perfect for kids to grow - they are bite sized, sweet and easy to grow.”

The category is open to children aged 3 – 16 years and aims to see who can grow the best Tiny Tim Tomato plant from seed. There are three age brackets and a pot full of exciting prizes to be won.

Here’s what the expert panel of judges will be looking for:

- Overall condition of plant – sturdiness
- Freedom from pests and disease
- Size of plant – height and width
- Number of leaves, flowers and tomatoes
- Best decorated pot also receives an award.

How to enter:

1. Fill out the entry form online at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/gardencomp
2. Collect your free seed growing kit (Tiny Tim Tomato seeds, recycled pot, growing instructions and entry tag – limit of one kit per child) from Eden Gardens, 307 Lane Cove Rd, Macquarie Park, between Saturday 1 – Sunday 30 July 2017.
3. Plant your seeds from Sunday 30 July. (Late entry, collection of seeds and late planting will be permitted up until Monday 14 August, however, this will reduce the seed and plant growing time).
4. Deliver your entries/plants to Eden Gardens for judging on Friday 27 October between 9.00am – 5.00pm or **before** 9.30am Saturday 28 October. Judging will take place between 9.30 – 10.30am. Winners announced Saturday 28 October at 11.00am.

Special Note: When you collect your free seeds growing kit, you can also enter the annual Eden Gardens Gnome Roam decorating competition, a fundraiser for the Father Chris Riley’s Youth Off The Streets.

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