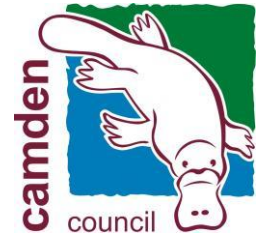


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Put your green thumb to the test

We're calling all proud gardeners and passionate green thumbs to show us their finest work, in Camden Council's annual Garden Competition!

Whether you're an amateur who loves to potter or a seasoned garden expert, you can enter your yard, plot or patio in one of the following categories:

- Senior Citizen Garden;
- Small Residential;
- Large Residential;
- Veggie Garden/Plot;
- Best Floral Display;
- School/Class Plot;
- Professionally Maintained Garden;
- Most Creative Garden;
- Most Sustainable Garden;
- Best Lawn; and
- Commercial Garden.

Elderslie resident, Brett Gibson, took out the New Garden category last year and was also named runner-up in the Small Residential category.

"I received a trophy, framed certificate and a voucher for my win, and another framed certificate and voucher for second place," Mr Gibson said.

"I had a lot of fun. I enjoyed going through all my plants with the judges and the feedback they gave me was really helpful.

"I would highly recommend people give it a go. I didn't expect to win anything but, when I did, I felt so proud. I still get a big grin when I think back to the moment I found out!"

This year's competition will be judged by acclaimed florist, Cecily Rogers, who will be critiquing entries on the following criteria:

- Overall garden layout, which includes the design and placement of garden features, practicality and aesthetics;
- Plant selection, which includes the variety, features, quality, suitability, covering and screenings of the plants;
- Hard landscaping, which looks at materials used around garden, paths and definition edging and constructed features; and
- Maintenance, which includes soil, mulching, pruning, plant shaping and health.

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Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said only residents of the Camden local government area are eligible to enter.

“It’s a really fun competition that highlights some really talented residents!” Cr Fedeli said.

“Entries are now open and will close on Monday 30 September. Each entry will be judged from Tuesday 15 to Thursday 17 October and winners will be announced on our Facebook page not long after.

For more information about the competition and categories, or to enter your garden, visit camden.nsw.gov.au and search ‘Garden Competition’.

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