



2024 SOMERSET  
**GARDEN**  
**COMPETITION**

**LEGAL DECLARATION**

By signing this declaration, I agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the 2024 Somerset Garden Competition.

I hereby agree to Somerset Regional Council and its associated partners in the 2024 Somerset Garden Competition to advertise the location of my registered garden to the public. I also agree to permit other entrants on my property at an arranged time and the public on my property during the open garden days on Saturday, 28 September and Sunday, 29 September 2024 from 9am to 2pm. I agree to have my garden and myself photographed and understand these images may be used by Somerset Regional Council in future advertising.

**SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED  
ENTRY FORM BY 4PM  
THURSDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Somerset Regional Council  
2024 Somerset Garden Competition  
PO Box 117, Esk QLD 4312  
or mail@somerset.qld.gov.au



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ENTRIES OPEN  
Monday, 1 July 2024

ENTRIES CLOSE  
4pm Thursday, 5 September 2024

JUDGING WILL OCCUR  
Monday, 9 September to Friday, 13 September 2024

WINNERS ANNOUNCED  
Wednesday, 18 September 2024

OPEN GARDENS  
9am to 2pm Saturday, 28 September and  
Sunday, 29 September 2024

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**\$3000\***  
IN PRIZES TO BE WON

**REGISTER  
TODAY!**



*Every entry receives a signature Searles gift pack*



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# 2024 SOMERSET GARDEN COMPETITION

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- All entries must be based in the Somerset Regional Council area.
- Entry is free for the 2024 Somerset Garden Competition.
- Entries open Monday, 1 July 2024 and close at 4pm Thursday, 5 September 2024.
- By entering the competition applicants agree to allow the judges access to view their garden between Monday, 9 September and Friday, 13 September 2024.
- All entrants must permit the public on their property for the open gardens from 9am to 2pm Saturday, 28 September and Sunday, 29 September 2024.
- All entrants must accept that their address will be published via Council channels to various media outlets, including radio, newspapers, social media and media releases.
- Somerset Regional Council will not be liable for, or indemnify you against or respond to any claims made for damage or injury suffered by you or a third party while participating in the 2024 Somerset Garden Competition. You should obtain your own advice in regard to your insurance position, but it is recommended that you notify your insurer of your intention to participate in the competition.
- Garden owners agree to allow their gardens to be photographed by a nominated person from Somerset Regional Council. Photographs may be reproduced in promotional material to be used by Council at its discretion.
- All prizes are awarded at the discretion of the judges, whose decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- By signing this entry form you understand and agree to the competition terms and conditions.
- Unsigned entry forms will not be accepted.

## Prizes

- First place winners in each of the four major categories will receive a \$500 cash prize.
- Four encouragement awards will be presented in the four major categories and recipients will receive a \$150 cash prize.
- Four bonus category winners will receive a \$250 cash prize.

## Category specific criteria

### Major categories

- **Best Rural Garden** - Typically on an acre or more in land size, well separated from neighbours and reliant on tank/bore' water and/or septic systems.
- **Best Urban Garden** - Typically less than an acre in size and connected to town water, in a suburban/town environment or with neighbours in close proximity.
- **Best Business / Community Group Garden** - Located within the businesses property or created and maintained by a community group, the gardens may include displays inside and/or outside.
- **Best First Time Entrant Garden** - Entrants must not have previously entered the Somerset Garden Competition at that property. Please note that in 2024, first time entrants from 2022 and 2023 will be accepted.

### Encouragement awards

Will be presented for each of the major categories - must meet criteria and display a high level of knowledge and enthusiasm.

### Other categories

These additional categories will be awarded at the discretion of the judges based on the suitability of the gardens against the category

- **Best Sustainable Garden** - These gardens focus on being environmentally sustainable. They may include features like compost, water tanks, worm farms, mulch and native plants. Plants are grown, propagated and/or locally sourced and there is an edible component. Minimal to no use of commercial pesticides.
- **Best Habitat Garden** - These gardens will attract and support native wildlife and insects and feature native plants and habitat features such as hollows, nest boxes, hives and ponds/water sources. The garden may also include features to help native wildlife travel around more easily and protect wildlife from introduced species.
- **Best Floral Garden** - These gardens will have a strong visual impact and represent a selection of annuals, perennials and/or bulbs and include flowering native or introduced species conducive to the regional climate. It may also include edible flowering plants.
- **Best Repurposed / Upcycled Garden** - Must contain items that have been repurposed into a garden feature. Knowledge of the history of the item considered an advantage.

## Judging

Each category will be judged on the following selection criteria:

- **Design** - originality, balance, selection of plants (including variety, spacing, appropriate use of plant species, use of colour and texture), traffic flow and hard landscaping (including driveway paving, walkways, and use of statues, stones, rocks, containers, walls, fencing and water features).
- **Maintenance** - cleanliness of garden, free from disease and weeds, good garden practices, well presented lawns and clipped shrubs.

# HOW TO ENTER

Complete this entry form and sign the declaration over page ensuring you have read and agree with the terms and conditions of this competition

## ENTRY FORM

### Major categories (please tick one)

- Best Rural Garden**  
 **Best Urban Garden**  
 **Best Business/Community Group Garden**  
 **Best First Time Entrant Garden**

Note: Encouragement awards will be presented for each of the major categories. All entrants will also be included in \*Bonus categories at the discretion of the judges.

Bonus categories are:

Habitat Garden, Floral Garden, Sustainable Garden and Repurposed/Upcycled Garden. For more information, please refer to terms and conditions.

### Your details

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_

Business / Community group \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understood and agree to the terms and conditions stated on this form. All entrants must sign (if under 18, a parent or guardian of the entrant must sign).

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Date

