



Competition

Categories, guidelines and terms & conditions

Turn your patch into a green paradise and win!

We're inviting residents, schools, and local landholders across the City of Canada Bay to take part in the Grow Our Green Spaces Gardening Competition! Whether you're working with a balcony, backyard, or large open space — this is your chance to boost local biodiversity, create habitat, and be recognised for your efforts.

From now until August 2026, entrants will have time to transform and grow their gardens, with fantastic prizes awarded to the best entries in each category. Entries will be judged on creativity, environmental benefit, use of native plants, and overall impact.

Competition categories

The Grow Our Green Spaces Gardening Competition is open to everyone across the City of Canada Bay — no matter the size of your green space! To ensure a fair and inspiring showcase of efforts, we've created three unique categories to reflect the diversity of gardening opportunities in our community:

1. Balcony Gardens

For residents in apartments or townhouses with balconies or patios. Container gardens, vertical gardens, and creative small-space planting is encouraged.

2. Front or Backyard Gardens

For homes with outdoor garden space — big or small. This includes courtyard gardens, nature strip plantings, or mixed-use yards.

3. Large Landholder Gardens

For schools, golf courses and community organisations with access to large land parcels. Great for bushland edges and habitat restoration zones.

Each category will be judged on creativity, environmental impact, use of native species, and overall contribution to greening our city. With fantastic prizes up for grabs, now's the time to plant, nurture, and share your space!



How to enter?

- Register online via bit.ly/growourgreenspaces before 31 August 2026 to get early access and priority to workshops and plant giveaways.
- Take a photo of your current garden or green space and upload it to our competition portal. This will let us know how much your garden has improved.
- Start growing! Plant new trees, grasses, shrubs or ground cover, adding green to your garden or outdoor space. From now until August 2026, you'll have time to enhance your space.
- Use native plants to support biodiversity and improve shade and cooling.
- Submit your entry next winter — including photos, a short description of what you've done, and what inspired your garden.
- Winners will be announced in September 2026!

Competition guidelines

- Your garden must include native plant species and no weed species (check out our Native Planting Guidebook).
- You can start from scratch or build on an existing garden — the key is to increase vegetation and improve biodiversity.
- Judges will assess entries based on:
 - Creativity and effort
 - Use of native plants
 - Support for habitat or pollinators
 - Suitability to site conditions
 - Overall garden transformation
- You may enter one category only.
- Entrants must live or be based within the City of Canada Bay LGA.

Prizes

Each category winner and runner up will receive a fantastic prize pack featuring:

- gardening vouchers
- gardening supplies
- native plants,
- be featured in Council's e-news and social media.



Terms & Conditions

1. Promoter

The promoter of this competition is the City of Canada Bay (ABN 79 130 029 35).

2. Eligibility

This competition is open to residents of the City of Canada Bay Local Government Area only. Entrants under the age of 18 must have permission from a parent or guardian. Employees of Council and their immediate families are ineligible to enter.

3. Competition Period

The competition opens on [insert start date] and closes on 31 August 2026 at 11:59PM AEST.

4. How to Enter

Entrants must register via the Council website or Collaborate platform. Participants can enter one of three categories:

- Balcony Gardens
- Front and Backyard Gardens
- Large Landholder Gardens (e.g. schools, golf courses)

Entries must demonstrate increased vegetation and use of native plant species between the competition start and end dates.

5. Judging & Prizes

This is a game of skill. Chance plays no part in determining winners. A panel of judges selected by Council's Environmental Sustainability and Urban Ecology teams will assess entries based on:

- Creativity and effort
- Use of native plants
- Habitat creation and environmental benefit
- Overall transformation

Winners will be announced in September 2026 and contacted directly. Prize packs will be awarded for each category. Prizes are non-transferable and not redeemable for cash. Council reserves the right to substitute any prize component.

6. Entry Requirements

Entrants must submit photos and a short written or video summary describing the transformation and purpose of their garden. Entries must be original and the property of the entrant. Council reserves the right to disqualify any entry deemed offensive, inappropriate, or in breach of third-party rights.

7. Use of Entries

Images and photos of all entries become the property of the City of Canada Bay and may be used for future promotional, marketing, and educational purposes.

8. Privacy

Entrant information is managed in accordance with Council's [Privacy Policy](#). Personal details will only be used to administer the competition and will not be shared with third parties without consent.

9. Disclaimer

The City of Canada Bay accepts no responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury suffered during participation in the competition or prize redemption, except as required by law.

10. Acceptance of Terms

By entering this competition, all entrants agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions.