

# BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL

## *2025 Garden Competition* NOMINATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### PERMISSION TO ENTER PROPERTY & CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY

I/We hereby give permission for the Garden Competition Judges to enter my property for judging. I/We hereby enter the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Garden Competition, and fully understand and accept the conditions of entry, and any other terms and conditions outlined by Council.

By entering the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Garden Competition, you acknowledge and understand that photographs and/or video footage of your garden may be taken during judging and public viewing. These images may be used by Council for promotional purposes relating to the competition, including on Council's website, social media and printed materials.

☐ Please tick if you give permission to display your address on the Regional Champion Garden 'FRY-HOBBS' Trophy.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominations Close - Wednesday 10th September at 4PM**

**Judging from the 15th - 19th September**

Winners will be announced at the Annual Anglican Flower Show. Winning gardens must be made available for the public viewing the weekend after the judging (27th - 28<sup>th</sup> of September)

### Privacy Notice

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council is collecting the personal information you supply on this form for the purpose of processing your Garden Competition Application. Your personal details will not be disclosed to any other person or agency external to Council without your consent unless required or authorised by law.



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**Overall Regional Champion Garden (FRY-HOBBS trophy) \$500**  
Winners of gardens in **Section One only**  
will be considered for this award

## SECTION ONE

The following gardens will be **judged over both Blackall and Tambo**, with one winner receiving \$500 (this section is deemed to be the major section of the garden competition).

<b>Best Bloomin' Garden</b> This category celebrates gardens that overflow with charm, colour, and seasonal delight. Open to planted and/or potted gardens, entries should feature a vibrant mix of flowering annuals and perennials that create visual impact throughout the space.	
<b>Bush &amp; Beyond – Outdoor Living &amp; Leisure Spaces</b> For gardens that are not just about plants, but how we live in them. BBQ areas, fire pits, birdwatching nooks, bush baths, shady retreats and decked-out pergolas. Judging will also consider how borrowed landscapes (views of surrounding bushland, paddocks, or nearby natural features) are creatively incorporated into the design.	
<b>Outback Orchard (Edible Gardens)</b> From bush tucker to backyard vegies, celebrate gardens that feed a household or a community. This could include wicking beds, fruit trees, container herb gardens or even community garden spaces. Think variety, productivity and sustainability of the food garden. Extra points for the inclusion of pollinator-friendly features such as native or European bee hives, companion planting, or flowering herbs that support your garden's ecosystem.	
<b>Drought-Defying Garden</b> This category celebrates the resilience, creativity and sustainability of gardeners who make beauty bloom in even the toughest conditions. Designed for gardens that thrive under the pressures of our hot, dry outback climate, entries should showcase waterwise choices, clever design and heat-tolerant plants.	



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## SECTION TWO

Judged over **BOTH** Blackall and Tambo with one winner receiving \$250

'Anything But Grounded – Power to the Pot!' and 'My Magical Garden - Fantasy Garden Design': Judged on container displays or section only. Tour of whole of garden not required.

<p><b>Corporate Garden:</b> Open to any <b>non residential</b> gardens from commercial businesses, schools, government premises, childcare centres, aged care facilities, sporting and community clubs/organisations.</p>	
<p><b>Elder Flower Power - Senior's Garden</b> Entrants must be aged over 65 years and the entire garden will be considered for judging. Entries are welcome from both private homes and individual households within retirement villages, such as Coolibah Village in Tambo or Barcoo Retirement Village in Blackall</p>	
<p><b>My Magical Garden – Fantasy Garden Design</b> Challenge: Design a garden for fairies, dragons, dinosaurs, aliens, or a theme of your own choosing!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This could be a physical garden or mini model garden (Lego, natural materials etc).</li> <li>• Encourages imagination, storytelling and play.</li> </ul> <p>Fairy gardens and fantasy spaces may include insect-attracting features like butterfly bushes, frog ponds, or dragonfly-friendly plants – after all, magical creatures need magical wildlife too!</p>	
<p><b>Anything But Grounded - Power to the Pot!</b> This category is for the container champions, those who make magic in pots, troughs, baskets, barrels, upcycled wheelbarrows, or anything with enough space for roots to roam! It may be a colourful cluster of flowering pots on the verandah or a wheeled garden that follows the sun, this one's all about creativity in contained spaces.</p>	
<p><b>The Bird Bath Award (Attracting Nature)</b> For gardens that go out of their way to welcome wildlife – birds, butterflies, bees, frogs, and beyond. Think native planting choices, bird baths, frog ponds, insect hotels, and more. Focus on biodiversity, use of local/native flora, and creative features that support the local ecosystem.</p>	



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## SECTION THREE

The following will be **judged separately** within Blackall and Tambo townships with two winners from each category. Each Winner to receive \$100

Entries in these categories are judged by sections, they do not require a tour of the whole garden.

<b>My favourite garden space:</b> a small area of the garden that has particular appeal. The area to be judged will be approximately 3m x 3m and will be an area developed and regarded by the owner as their "favourite space" - any garden area is eligible for entry in this section.	
<b>If These Plants Could Talk – Garden Stories of the Past</b> For gardens with heritage, or historical significance. Think old homestead trees, plants passed down through generations, or gardens tied to a local story. Entrants are invited to submit a short paragraph or story (100–200 words) telling the tale of their special plant or garden feature. This could be a tree planted by Grandma, a rose from a family wedding, or a plant with a curious history.	
<b>Lawn of the Year</b> This category recognises excellence in lawn presentation and maintenance within a residential or community setting. Judges will be looking for healthy, well-maintained lawns that enhance the overall liveability, appearance and usability of the garden or outdoor space.	

## DISCLAIMER

Garden Competition judge/s shall be under no obligation to award a category winner if they believe not enough entrants are in a section to warrant sufficient competition.



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