



The Chronicle



●● COMPETITION ●●

*Celebrating*  
**75** *Years*

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## **Welcome gardeners!**

I am delighted to announce that applications are open for this year's The Chronicle Garden Competition, now celebrating 75 years as a feature event during the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers.

It is an honour to announce the start of the 75th year of the competition, and it's a testament to the work of everyone who has been involved over the years that the competition is as spectacularly successful as it is today.

From the gardeners who have been in the competition long enough to celebrate their own anniversary, to those joining us for the first time this year – and everyone in between – thank you so much for your efforts.

This year, we will continue to encourage more first-time and younger entrants to get out into the garden and carry on the competition's tradition. We desire to see more participation from our local businesses, and as such, have introduced the CBD Premises Commercial option this year in partnership with Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce.

There are some important dates to mark on your calendar.

### **Gardens opening times and dates:**

Friday 20 Sept – Sunday 22 Sept 9am-5pm

Friday 27 Sept – Sunday 29 Sept 9am-5pm

Option to remain open mid-week (Friday 20 – Sunday 29 Sept 9am-5pm)

**Applications Close:** 2pm on 9 August 2024.

**Judging Commences:** on the 2 September 2024.

**Presentation** 10.30am, Thursday 19 September 2024

Venue to be confirmed

**Entrant Liaison:** For specific gardening questions please contact the Entrant Liaison: Mike Wells direct on 0427 821 478 or wellsley@internode.on.net

**More Information:** Email any questions to [chroniclegardencomp@news.com.au](mailto:chroniclegardencomp@news.com.au) or call the Administration Team at Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers on 4688 6661.

Yours sincerely,

Erika Brayshaw  
General Manager



## ENTRY FORM

### Post Completed Entries to:

The Chronicle Garden Competition, C/- Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers, PO Box 3021, Toowoomba Q 4350

**Email Completed Entries to:** [chroniclegardencomp@news.com.au](mailto:chroniclegardencomp@news.com.au)

FullName:.....

Address:.....

..... Post Code: .....

Phone:..... Mobile:.....

Email: .....

- I confirm I will abide by the official opening times of Friday 20 Sept – Sunday 22 Sept and Friday 27 Sept – Sunday 29 Sept, 9am-5pm
- \*additional opening days available* – I commit to opening 10 days from Friday 20 Sept – Sunday 29 Sept, 9am – 5pm
- I have notified my insurer that I have entered the competition
- I have selected my Class and Options category on the Categories for Entry page
- I consent for my personal details to be collected and used for the purpose of determining the outcome of the competition only and I agree to the Competition Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy. I consent for my personal details to be shared with Toowoomba Regional Council for The Chronicle Garden Competition purposes only. Unsigned entry forms will not accepted.

Signed: .....

### Terms and conditions apply.

All entrants should read the full Competition Terms and Conditions which can be found at [www.thechronicle.com.au/competitionterms](http://www.thechronicle.com.au/competitionterms)

Promoter is Qld Newspapers Pty Ltd, 5 Keefe Street, Toowoomba Qld 4350.

Gardens must be available for judging any day during the judging period and must also be available for public viewing on the 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 & 29 of September. Winners will be published in The Chronicle Garden Competition 2024 Visitor Guide on the 20th of September. The judge has the right not to award a prize should a garden not be of sufficient standard.

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**Total value of the prize pool is \$31,650** (inc GST).

**Enquiries:** 07 4688 6661

**Entries close:** 2pm on 9 August 2024.

**Judging commences:** on the 2nd of September 2024

# The Chronicle GARDEN COMPETITION

## Celebrating 75 Years

### CATEGORIES FOR ENTRY

Grand Champion (Prize \$1,500) and Reserve Grand Champion (Prize \$1,000) for both City and Regional Gardens will be determined after all judging has been completed.

**Class - all entries must enter only one class.**

1st, 2nd and 3rd places awarded for all major City and Regional classes.

(Prize money per class – Winner \$1000, Second place \$500, Third place \$250).

- City Small Residential (under 500m<sup>2</sup>)
- City Medium Residential (500m<sup>2</sup> to 1,000m<sup>2</sup>)
- City Large Residential (over 1,000m<sup>2</sup>)
- Regional small/medium residential (up to 1000m<sup>2</sup>)
- Regional Large Residential (over 1,000m<sup>2</sup>)
- Rural Residential (any size garden – property outside city or regional town areas)

**Options Residential only** – can enter a maximum of 2 options (1st, 2nd and 3rd places) (Prize money per option Winner \$500, Second place \$250, Third place \$100).

**City Options**

- Front garden only  
OR
- Back garden only
- Small Space (Under 80m<sup>2</sup>) Unit / Courtyard / Balcony / Pergola / Shadehouse / Potted Plant Collection
- Productive area
- Footpath garden (as per Council Guidelines)
- First Time Entry – Garden only
- Under 45 years Gardener
- Over 70 years Gardener
- Floral Garden

**Regional Options**

- Front garden only  
OR
- Back garden only
- Small Space (Under 80m<sup>2</sup>) Unit / Courtyard / Balcony / Pergola / Shadehouse / Potted Plant Collection
- Productive area

- Footpath garden (as per Council Guidelines)
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**Additional information to be used to assist with developing itineraries for groups, coaches and visitors.**

- Family friendly (areas for children to explore or ignite the imagination)
- Wheelchair friendly (wide, smooth paths and no steps)
- Drive by viewing (for those with mobility issues – see lots of garden from the street)
- Flowering natives on display
- Coach/Bus access – can a coach/bus park and access your address easily (wide streets and turning ability, no low trees near or across road ways from main roads etc)
- Dogs on leash allowed
- Toilet available to visitors
- Plants for Sale
- Other items for sale, please list

**Commercial and Schools\***

**Trophy or Product Prize**

- CBD Business Premises** (no City/Regional – all judged together See page 5 for details)
- Commercial Premises (no City/Regional – all judged together)
- Not for Profit Premises (no City/Regional – all judged together)
- School Premises (Staff/Gardener) (no City/Regional – all judged together)
- Student Garden (looked after by students only) (no City/Regional – all judged together)
- Accommodation Premises (no City/Regional – all judged together)
- Budding Gardener (Entrants must be under 18) (no City/Regional – all judged together. Must be entered by parent / guardian.)

\*commercial and school categories are separate from the Classes and Options. They are their own class / category.







## CITY AND REGIONAL OPTIONS

### Front or Back garden only

The front garden will be judged back to any dividing fence or natural screen, but no further than the back corners of the house.

The back garden will be judged forward to any dividing fence or natural screen, but no further than the front corners of the house.

### Small Space (under 80m<sup>2</sup>) Unit / Courtyard / Balcony / Pergola / Shadehouse / Potted Plant Collection

Utilization of live plants in these areas essential.

### Acreage garden (over 4,046m<sup>2</sup>)

Open to gardens surrounding homes on properties 4,046m<sup>2</sup> (1 acre or more).

### Productive Area

Garden area comprising edible plants such as vegetables, herbs, and/or fruit trees, vines and bushes.

### Floral Garden

Open to whole of garden, front garden, or back garden options.

Judging will be based on the predominance of flowering annuals, perennials, bulbs, shrubs and trees, visual impact, colour combinations, plant selection and placement, plant health and vigour and the use of sustainable practices.

### Footpath Garden

As per Toowoomba Regional Council Guidelines, Self-Assessment is available Checklist SLL 1.1 – Alteration or improvement to local government area or road – Vegetation on council controlled area and road/footpath gardens). Footpath garden no wider than 500mm on front boundary of property.

### First Time Entry - Garden only

Open to any sized garden which has not previously been entered by the current owner in the competition. Entrants cannot win this category if the property has been purchased from a previous Garden Entrant who has won in the last three years.

### Over 70 years Gardener

Open to entrants who are 70 years of age or older.

### Under 45 year old Gardener

Open to entrants who are 45 years of age or younger.

### New Category – CBD Business Premises

Open to all businesses within the Toowoomba CBD – (as far West as Victoria Street, as far East as Hume street, as far North as Russell Street, as far South as Herries Street.

Shop front decorations must be viewable from the footpath and be in the spirit of the Chronicle Garden Competition to include gardening themes, use of colour, and incorporating the 75th anniversary.

Real plants / flowers are not necessary for this category, but community spirit is.

### Summary of judging criteria

Residential Gardens – All City and Regional Residential Garden Classes:

Overall Appearance	<b>30 points</b>
Layout and Design	<b>30 points</b>
Cultural Practices, Sustainability & Plant Selection	<b>20 points</b>
General maintenance and Garden Features	<b>20 points</b>
<b>Total score achievable</b>	<b>100 points</b>