



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

Schedule

2026 Sydney Spring Garden Competition

Sydney Showground
Sydney Olympic Park
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2026 SYDNEY SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION INFORMATION

CLOSING DATE OF ENTRY

**ENTRIES FOR THE 2026 SYDNEY SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION
WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2026.**

ENTRIES

The Application for Entry will be accepted online ONLY.

Entries close on Monday 21 SEPTEMBER 2026 enter online at:
www.rasnsw.com.au/flower/Sydney-Spring-Garden

ENTRY FEES

The 2026 Sydney Spring Garden Competition is free to enter.
Only one entry per Exhibitor will be accepted.

COMPETITION DETAILS

The Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales has a long and rich horticultural history. Since 1929, Flower & Garden Competitions have featured at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

In 2026, the Sydney Spring Garden Competition will continue our tradition of fostering excellence in horticulture.

This unique Competition honours the bequest of Lt. Col. Charles Ronald Christian, a British Army surgeon who visited Australia in 1933. Dr. Christian bequeathed equal shares of his estate to the cities of Sydney and Perth for the purpose of awarding annual prizes to beautiful gardens in front of or around private homes. He expressly detailed that such gardens must be viewable to the general public from a public right of way.

Between 1972 and 1979, the Sydney Garden Awards were administered by the City of Sydney, with the assistance of the Royal Horticultural Society of NSW.

Forty years later, Dr. Christian's vision will again be realised by inviting entries from beautiful Sydney gardens.

The 2026 Sydney Spring Garden Competition will consist of one Class only.

CLASS DESCRIPTION

Residential Garden, any style or size, in front of or around a private dwelling. The garden **must** be viewable from a Public Right of Way.

Class supported by The Charles Christian Trust Fund.

JUDGING DATES

Finalists announced - **Monday 28 September 2026**

On site judging - **Monday 5 October to Tuesday 6 October 2026**

Winner announced - **Monday 12 October 2026**

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Exhibitors should familiarise themselves with the Conditions of Entry outlined in the RAS General Regulations and the Sydney Spring Garden Competition Special Regulations in this Schedule.

A condition of entering into Competitions is strict adherence to the Regulations. Accordingly.

The Application for Entry and the Regulations constitute the whole agreement upon which Entries are submitted and the Exhibitor agrees that all representations and statements not appearing on the Application for Entry or in the Regulations are excluded.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Information provided by Exhibitors is primarily used to organise, process and conduct Competitions. This includes relevant information being made available to relevant bodies, to breed societies, to promote the event in the media and to facilitate storage of the information in the RAS Archive. The RAS Privacy Policy is available at www.rasnsw.com.au. Exhibitors have the right of access to and alteration of their personal information, and may lodge a complaint by contacting the RAS Privacy Officer on (02) 9704 1111, or by writing to the RAS, Locked Bag 4317 Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2127.

DISCLAIMER

The information contained in this publication is for the purpose of providing information to our Exhibitors and Show patrons. The information is correct at the time of printing, however, the information may be subject to change or amendments. Please check our websites for the most recent up to date information.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

First prize - a \$2,000 prize money

Runner Up Prizes - 4 x \$100 prize money

SYDNEY SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION SPECIAL REGULATIONS

1. The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS) runs the Sydney Spring Garden Competition (SSGC) in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the RAS General Regulations and these Special Regulations ("collectively The Regulations"). Unless expressly stated in The Regulations, if there is any inconsistency between the RAS General Regulations and these Special Regulations, these Special Regulations prevail. Copies of all Regulations are available from the Administration office at 1 Showground Rd, Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2127. RAS General Regulations are available at www.rasnsw.com.au.
2. Application for Entry is open to Residential Gardens in front of or around private dwellings and **must be viewable from a Public Right of Way**.
3. Residential Gardens are defined as gardens around a single private dwelling used primarily as a place of residence.
4. Public Right of Way is defined as a public road and or footpath.
5. The RAS may accept Applications for Entry at its discretion.
6. Applications for Entry in the name of deceased Person(s) are not eligible for entry.
7. The first prize winner of the Sydney Spring Garden Competition is prohibited from entering the same Competition for the following 3 years after the first prize is awarded.
8. The garden must be located within Greater Sydney Metropolitan Area to be eligible. (Does not include Central Coast, Blue Mountains or Wollongong).
9. Application for Entry must be accompanied by three (3) high resolution colour photographs. Two (2) photographs of your Spring Garden, taken from a Public Right of Way. Each photo should capture a different aspect of your Spring Garden. One (1) photograph must be of your garden taken from a public Right of Way clearly showing your garden in relation to the street scape. This photograph will only be used to establish the location of your garden in the public space.

All three (3) photographs must be current and uploaded with the online entry by 21 September 2026.
10. Photographs will be assessed to assist in determining finalists.
11. Submitted photographs will become the property of the RAS.
12. Exhibitor name, suburb and submitted photographs may be used in any publication or media release associated with the SSGC.
13. Photographs taken by the RAS or their representatives will become the property of the RAS and may be used in any of its publications, including web-based publications. The RAS may edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, or distribute these photos for any lawful purpose associated with The Sydney Spring Garden Competition. Exhibitors irrevocably waive all rights to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of photographs.
14. Judging will be carried out in accordance with the standards of the Royal Horticultural Society of NSW or such other standard as may be determined by the Horticulture Committee of the RAS.
15. A panel of two Judges will independently assess gardens based on the following criteria:
 - a. Landscaping, design & quality of functional and aesthetic aspects to achieve an overall harmony or unity.
 - b. Culture, quality of soft elements, condition & general maintenance.
 - c. Hard elements, choice & utilisation of materials.
 - d. General appeal, unique & imaginative design quality.
16. The Judges' decision shall be final with no right of appeal.
17. Finalists are not permitted to approach or speak to Judges during garden assessment.

RAS employees are not eligible to enter the SSGC.

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