



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Colac Otway Shire 2017 Garden Awards

Please read these Terms and Conditions before completing the Application Form.

The aim of the Colac Otway Shire 2017 Garden Awards is to reward residents and businesses for the care and attention they show to their gardens.

Garden Award Nomination Categories:

- Best Heritage Garden
- Best Coastal Garden
- Best Native Garden
- Best Sustainable Garden
- Best Edible Garden

Judging Criteria

All gardens will be judged according to the following:

- Presentation, general layout and design
- Plantings – use of colour, form and composition, variety and reputation, year round interest
- Environmental consideration – reduced water use, moisture retention strategies, recycling, reuse, minimal pesticide and chemical use, and plant selection.
- Natural environment – encouraging wildlife (provide a habitat or food source for local native fauna), use of native and local plant species and free of declared or environmental weeds
- Creativity, innovation and passion – is the garden creative, innovative or original, does it reflect the effort, enthusiasm and knowledge of the gardeners.

If no nominations are received in a category then no award will be given out.

Eligibility Criteria

- All gardens must be geographically located within the Colac Otway Shire.
- Only one application will be accepted per individual or group per category.

Assessment of Applications

- Applications will be sought via advertisements in the *Colac Herald*, local newsheets and via Council's website and Facebook page.
- Applications open Monday 16 October 2017 and close Friday 10 November 2017.
- Judging will take place week commencing 20 November 2017.
- The judging panel will comprise of three members: Mayor/Councillor of Colac Otway Shire, Team Leader, Parks and Gardens and one industry expert.

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- All prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the judging panel, whose decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- The winners of the award for each category cannot win the same category prize for two consecutive years.
- Each category winner will be awarded a \$100 voucher and a professional photograph of their winning garden.
- All nominations will be acknowledged with a certificate.
- Garden owners agree to allow their gardens to be photographed by a nominated person from the Colac Otway Shire. Photographs may be reproduced in Colac Otway Shire promotional material to be used by Council at its discretion.
- If requested, a successful applicant will also be available or willing to make a representative available for promotional purposes either in the local media or in a Council publication or other promotional material.
- Applicants must submit at least one (1) and up to three (3) photographs in digital format.
- Entry to the Colac Otway Shire 2017 Garden Awards is free.
- Multiple category entries are not permitted.

Further Information

For further information regarding the Colac Otway Shire 2017 Garden Awards contact Council's event department on 5232 9400 or inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au