

Arid Zone Garden Competition

2022 RULES



Competition Rules:

1. Only gardens located in the Broken Hill LGA are accepted
2. A garden can be back, front or side yard
3. A garden or space can be large or small *Large is a full-size house block – Small is a ½ size house block*
4. To enter both your front and back garden means you need two separate entry forms
5. Incomplete forms will not be accepted by the organisers, and therefore deemed invalid entries:
so please complete all information requested
 - a. Including indicating how the judge can access the garden for judging
 - b. Including the instruction that pets are to be securely placed away from gates and judges on judging day
 - c. Permission request for printing, photographing, and advertising gardens to be completed at time of entry, with a yes or no.
 - d. Permission request for winner to host an open garden to be completed at time of entry.
 - e. Note: a “No” answer does not disqualify your entry from winning.

Prizes

Winners of Sections 1 - 2 will receive, \$200 for First Place, \$100 for Second Place and \$25 for Third.

Winners of Section 3 will receive \$100 for first place and \$50 for Second Place

Winners of Section 4 will receive \$200 for first Place and \$100 for Second Place

Winners of Sections 5 - 6 will win \$200 for First Place and \$100 for Second Place

Winners of Section 7 will win \$100 for first place and \$50 for Second Place

Winners of Section 8 will win \$100 for First place, \$75 for Second Place and \$25 for Third .

All prize winners will receive a certificate and one year’s membership of Landcare Broken Hill.

Entry forms

Entry forms can be submitted via email, (lbhcommunications@gmail.com), via our website, (landcarebrokenhill.com) or on Facebook ([@LandcareBrokenHill](https://www.facebook.com/LandcareBrokenHill)) Entries can also be submitted at the following location: 200 Beryl Street – Centre for Community Office.

How your Garden will be Judged:

Is it complying with Arid Zone Rules	Judges will award points between 1 and 5 for each of the 10 criteria. Judge’s decision is final
Diversity of Plants	Must be endemic/native to this region or be able to survive with water saving, composting, mulching evident
Art of Gardening	Beauty / texture / design / ambience
Layout	For sun / shade / light / ease of access / paths
Health of Plants	Watered efficiently / well fed / well protected
How it attracts bees	Is it a garden that is robust with insects and birds too?
Water Conservation	Evident in the yard
Composting	Evident in the yard
Mulching	Evident in the yard
Water Tank	Evident in the yard
Grey Water	Judge will provide comment on safety factors/issues and efficient use of the resource.

What sort of plants do you grow?

Native Plants

Native plants are probably the simplest to explain on this list. These are groups of plants native to a particular region (and it's surrounding areas) and are otherwise known as Indigenous plants. One very common native Australian plant is the Bottle Brush.

Endemic Plants

Endemic plants are those which can only be found in a particular region. These areas are often more specific than other native plants - as they are pickier with altitudes, climates, weather and soil. The region we live in is Western NSW, Australia.

Introduced / Exotic Plants

Introduced plants, as the name implies, are plants which have been introduced from overseas and are not native to Australia. [Introduced plants](#) are not bad by nature, and are often a good option to ensure your garden is pollinator friendly all year round - rather than just seasonally.

However, some introduced plants are invasive species that threaten surrounding environmental or agricultural resources. This is often caused by overcrowding existing native plants or the blocking of streams.

Our References : **Plants of Western New South Wales**
By GM Cunningham, WE Mulham, PL Milthorpe, JH Leigh

The Glove Box guide to Western Plants

The Weed Index for Western NSW

