

The Sydney Hills Garden Competition 2026

Special Awards

Eric Mobbs Award for Excellence in Gardening

Pamela Wallace

Champion of Champions

Val Bombardiere

Ron Perrau Award for Excellence in Gardening by a Professional

Stephen Rosenbladh (the contractor for Living Choice)

Category Results

Category A: Residential Garden up to 2500sq m, owner maintained

1st Place Neil Campton **2nd Place** Jim & Denise Hardwick **3rd Place** Neil Perrau

Encouragement Award Palma Thompson, Riva Dale **Commended** Desnoux family

Category B: Entire Garden over 2500 sq m, owner maintained

1st Place Pamela Wallace **2nd Place** Joseph & Mary Bord; **3rd Place** Nicole Walker

Highly Commended Helen Ursino, Greta & Graham Wickham **Commended** Amelia McKee

Encouragement Award Timothy Ward, Ken Willimott

Category C: Small Lot Garden (under 500 sq m), owner maintained

1st Place

Anita Karki and Mishant Shandilya

Category D: Residential Front or Back Garden, owner maintained

1st Place Val Bombardiere **2nd Place** Sharon Matthews **3rd Place** VT Alganar

Highly Commended Neil Campton **Commended** Larissa Victoria, Neil Perrau

Encouragement Award Palma Thompson, Ankit Kumar Khetan

Category E: New Garden, owner maintained

1st Place Nicole Walker, **2nd Place** Amanda Owen, **3rd Place** Gordon & Robyn Scoble

Highly Commended Amelia McKee **Commended** Desnoux family, Ross & Llewelyn Powell, Anita Karki, Nishant Shandilya **Encouragement Award** Ankit Khumar Khetan

Category F: Townhouse, Villa or Courtyard Garden

1st Place John & Carmen Shaw, **2nd Place** Matthew Durhma, **3rd Place** Yi Lam

Category G: Senior Citizen's Gardens/ Entire Garden Owner maintained

1st Place Val Bombardiere, **2nd Place** Bob & Dot Butler, **3rd Place** Ian & Diana Gilmour

Highly Commended Ross & Llewelyn Powell **Commended** Jim & Denise Hardwick, Thomasina Fransen **Encouragement Award** Ria Dale

Category H: Senior Citizen's Garden Owner Maintained - Front or Back Garden

1st Place Ian & Diane Gilmour **2nd Place** VT Alaganar **3rd Place** Helen Ursino

Highly Commended Thomasina Fransen **Commended** Warren French, Dorothy Laws, Larissa Victoria

Category I: Senior Citizen's Garden in a Retirement Complex

1st Place Harvey & Janene Facer **2nd Place** Don & Barbara Hazeltine **3rd Place** Robyn & Gordon Scoble **Highly Commended** Lorraine & Derek Woutersz, Stella Shultz, Warren & Dymphna Sly **Commended** Dorothy Laws **Encouragement** Robyn Sismey

Category J Good Neighbour Gardens

1st Place Bob & Dot Butler, Ray & Lisa Marshall and Bryce Florence, who were the winners.

Category K Specialty Garden

1st Place Sharon Matthews **2nd Place** Simon Gaudy **3rd Place** Community Environment Centre Annangrove **Highly Commended** Amanda Owen & Living Choice Resident's Native Garden **Commended** Living Choice **Resident's Vegetable Garden Encouragement Award** Ken Willimott

Professionally Maintained Gardens

Category L Private Residential Gardens

1st Place Paul & Margaret Gaudry **2nd Place** Lisa Gouwext

Category M Strata or Community Title Property

All of these properties were entered by Chris Shaw of Leave IT Green

1st Place "Aire", Bella Vista **2nd Place** "Central Park", Bella Vista **3rd Place** "Essentia", Bella Vista **Highly Commended** The Lakes, Bella Vista **Commended** The Pointe, Bella Vista

Category N Industrial, Commercial & Institutional

1st Place (joint winners) Lober House, Anglicare and Living Choice Glenhaven

Highly Commended Aminya Retirement Village

Category O Community or Communal Gardens

1st Place Baulkham Hills Community Garden **2nd Place** Aminya Village Community Garden **3rd Place** Living Choice Native Garden **Highly Commended** Community Environment Centre and Living Choice Vegetable Garden **Commended** Norwest Quarter Community Garden **Encouragement** The Hills Men's Shed

Category P Schools Garden

1st Place Our Lady of The Rosary Kellyville.

Best Residential Lawn

The prize in this category was a Husqvarna Robotic Lawn Mower provided by Campbell McKay of Greenspace Partner. The winner was Thomasina Fransen.