MINISTER FOR HOUSING

PUBLIC HOUSING GARDEN COMPETITION NOW OPEN

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Minister for Housing Matt Conlan has encouraged Territory Housing tenants to bring out their green thumbs and get involved in this year’s Public Housing Garden Competition.

Mr Conlan said the competition was now open and tenants had until Friday 25 October 2013 to submit their entries.

“This competition is an opportunity to reward our tenants who take great pride in looking after their home,” Mr Conlan said.

“Many tenants invest a lot of time and energy into creating beautiful and vibrant gardens for their homes and set a great example for others to follow.

“The Public Housing Garden Competition encourages all public housing tenants to take better care of their homes and gain a sense of pride and accomplishment in their efforts.”

The Northern Territory Government is developing a strong society by supporting Territorians living in social housing through programs like the Public Housing Garden Competition.

The competition is open to public housing tenants in Nhulunbuy, Darwin, Casuarina, Palmerston, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. Entry forms will be sent to all residents, and can be posted back or hand delivered to their local Territory Housing office.

Judging categories include: Best House Garden, Best Unit Garden, Best Recently Developed Garden and Best Communal Garden.

Judges will be looking at the presentation and creativity of the gardens as well as sustainable environment issues such as water consumption, use of native flora, natural methods of pest control, composting and fertilisers.

Winners from each category receive a $300 home improvement voucher.

For more information about the Public Housing Garden Competition, including how to enter visit www.housing.nt.gov.au

The Public Housing Garden Competition has been an annual event in the Territory since 1997.

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