A public housing complex in Palmerston has been picked to participate in the Australian Open Garden scheme this weekend.

The Open Garden scheme showcases more than 600 private gardens around Australia each year, with only the very best gardens making the cut.

“I was absolutely thrilled to hear our public housing tenants at Moorhen Circuit in Bakewell had been selected to show off their gardens as part of this national scheme,” said Minister for Housing Matt Conlan.

“I congratulate the tenants for their hard work in preparing for this weekend and delivering such fantastic gardens and earning national recognition.

“They are setting a great example for other public housing tenants to take great pride in looking after their home and gardens.”

This weekend’s Australia Open Garden at 13 Moorhen Circuit, Bakewell is titled: ‘Six of the Best’.

The public housing complex was invited to join in the scheme after 2013 Top End Public Housing Garden Competition winner for Best Unit Garden, Avril Smith, was asked to participate.

Ms Smith agreed on the condition the whole complex could show off their gardens too.

As a result, the block of six Territory Housing units will now join together to open their individual garden areas this weekend.

The units each have a different theme - succulents, classic tropical, productive and everything in between. Each townhouse unit has a rear courtyard and front garden area, along with a side access. The units have a strong tropical design, enhanced by the various garden styles. A classic car display is an added attraction.

“The Public Housing Garden Competition is very popular among our public housing tenants and it is great to see their hard work paying off,” said Mr Conlan.
“Congratulations again to Avril and the tenants at 13 Moorhen Circuit and I hope everyone gets along to these beautiful gardens this weekend.”

The Australian Open Garden at 13 Moorhen Circuit, Bakewell will be open to the public from 10am–4.30pm on Saturday 30 August and Sunday 31 August, entry is $7.

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