

**BULOKE'S BEST LAWN**  
**and**  
**BEFORE AND AFTER RESIDENTIAL YARD MAINTENANCE**  
**PHOTO COMPETITION**

**Terms & Conditions**

**General**

1. This photography competition is conducted by Buloke Shire Council.
2. Entry into this competition means that you accept these terms and conditions.

**Who can enter?**

3. The 'Buloke's best lawn and before and after residential garden maintenance photo competition' is open for entry to all ages and abilities.
4. Entrants must be the owner (landholder) or renter resident and live within the Buloke Shire Council. The location of the residential yard must be in the Buloke Shire Council municipality.

**How to enter**

5. Entries will be accepted from Thursday 16 November to 5pm Friday 15 December 2023. No entries will be accepted after 5pm 15 December 2023.
6. Entrants must follow the instructions provided on the entry form. Entry forms must be fully completed to be eligible for entry into the competition. If you need help, just let us know.
7. There is only one entry allowed per residence and the same photo/s cannot be entered more than once, however you may enter both categories using different photos.
8. Yard maintenance can be performed by the landholder, occupants of the residence (renters), or private contractor. Buloke Shire Council promotes inclusivity and access for all abilities.
9. Entries must be submitted via email and each entry must:
  - Be saved as a JPEG or JPG in colour.
  - Not exceed 5MB
  - Be submitted with the completed entry form.

If you need help with this, just let us know!

**Categories**

10. The following categories are open for entries:
  - Best maintained residential lawn photo competition, and
  - Best before and after residential yard garden maintenance photo competition.
11. Competition finalists (photos only) will be promoted on social media from 16 December 2023 to 25 January 2024. The photos of the winning entries and the names of the winning entrants and their locality (town/area) will be promoted in social media, local papers, website, and wider media platforms for the purposes of the Buloke Shire Australia Day Celebrations and associated publicity purposes and will be retained on Council's website for ongoing public reference and promotion purposes.

12. All images and entry information contained in the entry form will be retained by the Buloke Shire Council for records purposes in accordance with Buloke Shire Council's Information Privacy Policy.

Emailed entries will be received by the Buloke Shire Records department and forwarded to the Community Recovery Coordinator for processing where they will be de-identified and photographs given a reference number. The names and localities of the entrants will not be disclosed to the judging panel. Only the names and locality of the winning entrants will be publicised. All photographs are stored as part of the photographic library maintained by the Buloke Shire Council. Unless consent is withdrawn by the subject, the Buloke Shire Council assumes consent to use the photograph for the stated purposes for an indefinite period.

### **Submission guidelines**

13. Each entry must be an original photograph created by the entrant.

14. All details provided by the entrant must be true and accurate.

15. No identifiable people should be used in your images and care taken to avoid identifying external prominent features of your home visible to the public for privacy purposes.

16. The image must not contain any information that identifies the entrant (e.g. no names or watermarks in your photo).

17. Images must be not contain anything that will cause offence or is considered illegal.

18. You cannot submit a photograph of another person's yard and pass it off as your own, however use of a contractor to complete the garden maintenance is allowed. Finalists may be contacted to request a visit to your residence by a member of the competition's administration staff to verify the photo/s submitted are indeed taken of the residence owned by you (landholder), or that you live at the residence (renter).

19. Entries that do not meet the conditions listed in the terms and conditions will not be entered into the competition and not eligible for judging.

### **Judging**

20. The judging team will be made up of Council staff. Council staff and members of their household are not permitted to enter the competition.

21. The judges' decision in relation to any aspect of the competition is final.

22. The Best Before and After photos must be taken no more than 3 weeks apart. This category is aimed at the those making a commitment to clear high-rise weeds and grass ahead of the fire season.

### **Prizes**

23. Each category will have one winner. The prize includes a one-year-pass of free green waste accepted at the entrants nearest landfill, limited to one cubic metre of green waste, each week.

24. Winners will be announced at the Buloke Shire Council Australia Day celebrations.

### **Rights**

25. All images will remain the property of Buloke Shire Council and will be used for the purposes of advertising the competition, finalists, and winners of the competition on Council's website, social media, and broader news media. The name of the winning entrance and their locality (town/area) will be acknowledged. The entrant will be credited.