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FINAL WEEKS TO ENTER GARDEN AWARDS

Member for Ipswich, Rachel Nolan, today urged local residents to spring into action and get their nominations in for this year's Department of Housing Garden Awards before entries close on Wednesday 1 September.

Ms Nolan said around 1,000 entries had already been received from right across Queensland.

"Every year interest in the Garden Awards continues blossom," she said.

"Anyone considering entering the Awards should submit their nomination form at the Department of Housing's West Moreton Area Office at 4 Bell Street, Ipswich.

"The Awards reflect the great pride most residents feel towards their properties and neighbourhoods.

"It is also a great way for the Department to say 'thank you' to those who show pride in their homes through gardening."

Ms Nolan said the Garden Awards 2004 are open to all tenants in public housing.

"It is free to enter and judging is based on effort and creativity so you don't need a big or expensive garden to win," she said.

"The Awards are judged across several categories including: small gardens, gardens created by children; group gardens; newly-established gardens; native plant gardens; environmentally friendly gardens and practical gardens."

Ms Nolan said all entrants would receive a certificate, a photo of their garden and a plant or voucher for garden products. Special prizes and certificates are given to winners.

For more information or entry forms for the Department of Housing's 2004 Garden Awards, contact the local area office by phoning 1800 636 390.