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PUBLIC HOUSING GARDENS A REAL WINNER

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Minister for Housing Matt Conlan has announced the winners of the Territory Housing Garden Competition for the Top End.

“This competition is an opportunity to reward public housing tenants throughout the Territory who take great pride in looking after their home and gardens,” Mr Conlan said.

“This year we had 60 tenants enter the competition from Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Nhulunbuy and Alice Springs.

“It’s great to see so many tenants devote their time and energy into creating beautiful gardens, setting an important example for other public housing tenants to follow.

“The standard of entries this year was very high and the judges faced a very difficult task in selecting the winners.

“This year, a new category was introduced, the Judges Choice Award, which was awarded by the judges. This award was for a standout garden featuring something unique or for a tenant who has overcome disadvantage to establish their garden.”

Other categories included best house garden, best unit garden, best recently developed/new garden and best communal/complex garden.

Entrants were judged on various criteria with winners taking home vouchers for local gardening stores, enabling further enhancement of their gardens.

The Member for Drysdale, Lia Finocchiaro, presented the Top End winners with their certificates and vouchers in Palmerston today. She was pleased to see many of her local constituents take part in the competition.

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

“The winners, runners-up and entrants have worked hard to make their home environment a place of pride and are doing their part to make Palmerston, and other areas of the Top End, greener. I would particularly like to congratulate Thu Thi Pham from Driver for representing Drysdale and taking out first prize in the Best House Garden.”

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

Winners of the Darwin/Palmerston Region are attached.

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