

# G4W 2024 R4 garden visit application

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### Eligibility

\* indicates a required field

All gardens in Hume City are eligible

Only properties within Hume City Council can organise to have a garden visit through this Gardens for Wildlife (G4W) application.

**Is the garden located in the municipal boundaries of Hume City Council? \***

- Yes
- No

Gardens for Wildlife Victoria

Check the affiliate page on the [Gardens for Wildlife Victoria webpage](#) to see if there is a program running in your local government area.

### Assistance

Support offered

Please contact Council if you need any assistance to complete this form, or to let us know how to best support you to be involved.

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Language

**153 different languages are spoken by Hume City's diverse multicultural communities.**

Currently, only a small number of volunteer Garden Guides are available to do the garden visits, who mainly speak English. A few Garden Guides can fluently speak several languages. We hope to attract and train more volunteers who speak a wide variety of languages.

Other than English, please let us know which language you would require for a garden visit to occur. If required, please ask a family member or friend to act as an interpreter.

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### What is your preferred spoken language (not including English)?

- |   |                                    |  |
|---|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arabic           | <input type="checkbox"/> Punjabi   | <input type="checkbox"/> Urdu                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkish          | <input type="checkbox"/> Sinhalese | <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino/Tagalog            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assyrian/Aramaic | <input type="checkbox"/> Greek     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Italian          | <input type="checkbox"/> Hindi     |  |

Only if it is relevant.

## Inclusion

Gardens for Wildlife aims to connect people and wildlife through gardening. It is inclusive and beneficial for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

Please let us know if there are any other considerations that you need, in order for you to be able to comfortably participate.

### How can we ensure you are treated with respect, understanding and inclusiveness?

Only if it is relevant.

## Introduction

### Background

This application will take 15-20 minutes to complete.

Please answer all the compulsory questions with a red asterisk, after which the review and submit buttons will become active.

You are applying to have a one hour garden visit with volunteer Garden Guides, who will come to your place and have a chat with you about wildlife-friendly gardening.

### What to expect next

A Garden Guide will contact you to arrange a mutually convenient date and time.

Please be patient as it may take several weeks to a few months to arrange a visit with you. We keep the round open until we have 25 to 30 interested people apply.

Garden Guides are community members who enjoy encouraging other people to get involved with habitat gardening, each with their own particular skills, interests and knowledge. Please understand if they do not have all the answers during your visit. An exchange of ideas is always welcomed.

You will receive a small gift to show you are part of G4W. People who have a garden visit will then become eligible to receive some free indigenous seedlings (normally available at June pick-up event).

### After the garden visit

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The Garden Guides will prepare a garden visit report, including relevant information and follow-up resources. We aim to send you a detailed report 4-6 weeks after the visit.

Council will ask for some feedback several months after the garden visit, via a link back to a SmartyGrants survey form - please remember your login email and password. Let us know about the wildlife you seen and what you have experienced through the Gardens for Wildlife program.

You will also receive an invitation (in autumn) to come to an indigenous seedling pick-up event, usually scheduled on a Sunday morning in June in Bulla.

We hope that you are inspired to include many wildlife-friendly gardening ingredients at your place.

## Other Council issues

Contact Hume City Council if there are any other issues you need assistance to resolve.

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## Privacy statement

Any personal information collected will be used solely for the primary purpose of conducting the Gardens for Wildlife Program. The intended recipients of the information are Gardens for Wildlife staff, volunteers and partnering organisations. Council may disclose information to organisations authorised to collect it. Individuals have a right to seek access to their personal information and make corrections by contacting Customer Service on 9205 2205. You may also view Council's Privacy Policy [here](#) or obtain a copy from any of our Council offices.

## Participant Details

\* indicates a required field

### Type of participant

#### **Where in Hume City Council is the garden located: \***

- At my house
- At my school or childcare centre
- At my workplace or organisation

The garden must be located within the municipal boundaries of Hume City Council.

## Contact Details

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### Participant Name \*

Title First Name Last Name

The best person to contact to organise the garden visit.

### Garden Address \*

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

### Email \*

Must be an email address.

Garden visits will be confirmed by email, and the report will be emailed to you (can also mail a hard copy)

### Mobile Phone \*

Must be an Australian phone number.

Please provide your mobile phone number, as the preferred contact.

### Other Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Please provide a landline phone number as a secondary number to contact you on.

## Businesses and Organisations

### Business or Organisation Name \*

Organisation Name

### Briefly describe your business or organisation.

### How many people from your business or organisation will participate in the garden visit?

Must be a number.

### Approximately how many years has your business or organisation operated at this property?

Must be a number.

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### Schools

#### **School or Childcare Centre Name \***

Organisation Name

#### **How many adults at the school will participate in the garden visit?**

Must be a number.

#### **How many students or children will participate in the garden visit?**

Must be a number.

### Your Availability

\* indicates a required field

#### Preferred Times

Indicate your availability in a normal week so that Garden Guides can be matched up to do your visit.

#### **What are the best days and times for you to have a garden visit: \***

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday Morning    | <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Afternoon | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Morning   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday Afternoon  | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Morning    | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Afternoon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Morning   | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Afternoon  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Morning     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Afternoon | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday Morning      | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Afternoon   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Morning | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday Afternoon    |   |

Please check all the boxes when you would be usually be available.

#### **Any brief comments about your availability?**

Any preference for times, or restrictions on your availability.

### Your Interests

\* indicates a required field

#### Your interest in Gardens for Wildlife

The garden visit focuses on creating wildlife habitat and having wildlife-friendly gardens. In the box below, please include any wildlife gardening interests, issues or questions you may have, that we should prepare for.

#### **Why would you like to have a garden visit? \***

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Provide a short description

### How much do you already know about wildlife gardening? \*

- A lot
- A little
- Nothing

Choose the best statement.

## Your interest in gardening

Being connected with nature is good for our health and wellbeing.

### On average per week, how much time do you spend in nature, outdoors or your garden? \*

- More than 6 hours per week
- 3 to 5 hours per week
- 1 to 2 hours per week
- Less than 1 hour per week
- Don't/ or can't spend any time each week

### What do you like most about your garden? \*

### How often do you spend time RELAXING in your garden? \*

- Everyday
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Never

Eg time is at least 15mins

### How often do you spend time WORKING in your garden? \*

- Everyday
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Never

Eg time is at least 15mins

### What aspects of your garden do you find challenging?

## Your interest in wildlife

During the garden visit, Garden Guides will refer to the wildlife-friendly garden recipe. You may chat about plants, habitat features, wildlife-friendly behaviours, or sustainable gardening practices.

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### What native wildlife have you seen or heard in your garden? \*

- Birds
- Butterflies, bees and other insects
- Frogs
- Lizards
- Snakes
- Mammals
- Other:

Tick all the animals visiting your garden already.

### What native wildlife would you like to try to attract to your garden? \*

- Birds
- Butterflies, bees and other insects
- Frogs
- Lizards
- Mammals
- Other:

Tick all the animals you would like to visit your garden.

### Any special wildlife or plants you briefly want to mention?

Only if it is relevant.

## Safety

\* indicates a required field

### About the Garden Guides

Gardens for Wildlife is a formal volunteer program at Hume City. The Garden Guides have undergone screening, induction and training to undertake this role. A photo identity card is provided to Council-endorsed Garden Guides.

Normally a pair of Gardens Guides will do the garden visit. Sometimes trainee volunteers may also tag along.

It is safe to have them visit your home, school, business or organisation.

### Hazards

Please help us identify and remove any hazards that would present a risk to people's health and wellbeing.

### Are there any hazards that the Garden Guides should be aware of? Select all that apply: \*

- None
- Stairs

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- Trip Hazards
- Uneven ground
- Hazardous trees, prickly or poisonous plants
- Insect nest or spiders or snakes present
- Other:

### Pets or Livestock

Please provide details about any pets or livestock at your property, as some Garden Guides may have allergies or phobias.

**Are there any pets or livestock at the property? \***

- Yes
- No

### Pets

Please ensure your pets and livestock are contained while the Garden Guides are present at your property.

We also kindly ask that all dog poo has been picked up before the visit.

**Describe what pets or livestock you have. \***

**Do you agree to keep these animals restrained during the garden visit? \***

- Yes
- No

### Directions

**Is your house number clearly visible from the street? \***

- Yes
- No

### Identifying your house

**How can we identify the correct house to visit? \***

Describe any features that distinguishes your property from your neighbours or where to look for your property number.

### Car Parking

**Please describe the best place for the Garden Guides to park their cars. \***

E.g. on the street, in the driveway



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### Garden Access

For your privacy and as a safety policy, Garden Guides prefer not to enter your house unless it's the only way to access your garden, e.g. to a balcony garden.

**Is your garden accessible from an external pathway, without having to enter the house? \***

- Yes
- No

### Your Place

Please tell us more about your place

It is optional to complete these questions about your place. Your answers will help us prepare for the garden visit.

This data also provides a snapshot of participant demographics and the inclusiveness of G4W.

Your privacy will be maintained, as no individual responses will be identifiable or reported. Instead, data reported will be as group totals.

**Which one of these options best describes your household?**

- Couple with children
- One parent family
- Single person
- Couple
- Group household

**How long have you lived at this address?**

- Less than 1 year
- Between 1 and 5 years
- Between 6 and 10 years
- Between 11 and 20 years
- Over 21 years

**Do you rent or own the property being visited?**

- Rent
  - Own
- Other - e.g.

**What size of garden is being visited?**

- Small space (e.g. balcony, terrace or courtyard)
- Traditional suburban front yard and/or back yard
- Large acreage or rural property

**What type of dwelling do you live in?**

- House
- Townhouse
- Unit
- Apartment

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### Which of these options best describes your local neighbourhood?

- Established suburb (older than 5 years)
- Newly-built suburb (less than 5 years)
- Built-up urban centre
- Semi-rural lifestyle blocks or large rural properties

## Almost done!

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### Program Promotion

#### How did you find out about Hume City's Gardens for Wildlife program? Tick all that apply. \*

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Word of Mouth                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> G4W pop-up stall, Council festival |
| <input type="checkbox"/> From a G4W member                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Council's Volunteer Gateway        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> G4W brochure or publications       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council's website                              | <input type="checkbox"/> G4W letterbox sticker              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council's LiveGreen communications             | <input type="checkbox"/> G4W lapel pin or other merchandise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council's ReSource newsletter                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet search                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Council communications                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper article (print, online)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other community group or school communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/>        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G4W event - community planting, workshop, talk |   |

Choose as many as you like

### Photographs

With your prior consent and written permission, the Garden Guides will take some photos of your garden, to include in your report.

Some of the photos may also be used for Council's promotion of the G4W program.

#### Are you happy for photographs of your property to be taken? \*

- Yes
- No

### Subscribe

To stay up informed about G4W, subscribe to Council's LiveGreen, ReSource and other publications [here](#).

### Thank You

Thanks for being interested in G4W and for completing this garden visit application.

Once all the compulsory questions with a red asterisk are answered, the review and submit buttons will then become active.

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After your review and submit your application, the system will send an email to confirm it has been received.

**We'll be in touch to arrange a garden visit.**