

2011 Nursery & Garden Industry Awards



2011 Best of the Best National Award Winners announced!!

The 2011 Nursery & Garden Industry National Award winners were announced at the annual awards gala dinner held on Friday April 1 at the Crown Casino in Melbourne.

It was a wonderful night with finalists travelling from all over the nation to celebrate the best businesses in our industry.

Dinner guests were dressed in their best and welcomed to the evening by industry funny man, Tim Pickles from Tim's Garden Centre in NSW. Tim did a fantastic job hosting the night; all in all the dinner was a great success despite the venue losing a box of trophies...only a small issue for an awards dinner.

NSW/ACT Winners

Several NSW/ACT businesses and individuals performed with distinction at the NGIA Annual Awards Dinner at Crown Casino in Melbourne on the 1st of April. In fact six of the sixteen awards were won in NSW/ACT and among them some meritorious performances, especially with Alpine Nurseries, Alstonville picking up the Best Large Production Nursery and Mittagong Nurseries winning the highly competitive Best Medium Garden Centre at their 6th attempt!

For Alpine, owner Peter Knox paid tribute to nursery manager, Bruce Wilson and his team, with a special reference to Chris Rolfe who played a critical role in the design and layout of the nursery.

Phil Mather, for Mittagong, was also magnanimous in his praise of their staff who had played a key role in their success over several years.

Eden Gardens (North Ryde) picked up two awards with both the Environmental Retail Award and the Community Award.

Provincial Plants and Landscapes, for the second year running, won the Environmental Production/Media Award.

Last but by no means least, Ken Bevan from Alpine Nurseries in Dural won the National Young Leader Award. As business development manager, Ken plays a key role in building customer relationships and has just embarked on an MBA.

While all the above are to be congratulated on their achievements, it's also important to acknowledge all those who were state winners and particularly everyone who took the trouble to enter - You are all winners!!

National Award Winners Listed :

Best Small Garden Centre Award –
Gisborne Nusery, VIC

Best Medium Garden Centre Award –
Mittagong Garden Centre, NSW

Best Large Garden Centre Award –
Van Loon's Nursery, VIC

Best Small Production Nursery Award –
Dream-time Wholesale Nursery, VIC

Best Medium Production Nursery Award –
Speciality Trees, VIC

Best Large Production Nursery Award –
Alpine Nursery Alstonville, NSW

Best Propagation Nursery Awards –
Mansfield's Propagation Nursery, VIC

Best Government Nursery Award –
Parkside, City of Whitehorse, VIC

Marketing Award –
Lansdale Rose Gardens, WA

Community Award –
Eden Gardens, NSW

Environment Award (Retail) –
Eden Gardens, NSW

Environment Award (Production/Growing Media) –
Provincial Plants and Landscapes, ACT

Training Award –
Mansfield's Propagation Nursery, VIC

Supplier Award –
Green Fingers Potting Mix, QLD

Young Leader of the Year –
Ken Bevan, Alpine Nurseries NSW

Thank you to all our judges for their hard work especially John Liddle and Sandy Martin who travelled around Australia judging all the national finalists.

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An extra special thanks to our 2011 national sponsors - without them we could not run the awards program.

The 2012 National Awards will be presented at the NGI National Conference on the Gold Coast March 16 2012. Stay tuned to find out what's in store for the new 2012 awards program.....

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Ken Bevan - In his element at Alpine Nurseries



Ken Bevan Alpine Nurseries Dural with Mathew Lethborg, Associations & Partnership Manager from award sponsor OAMPS



2011 National Young Leader Ken Bevan



Simon and Anna Ainsworth with NGIA President Bryan Hillier after receiving the Environmental Award Retail



Anna and Simon Ainsworth, Eden Gardens, proudly display the Community Award presented by Dr Ray Johnson, HAL Board Director



Winner Best Large Production Nursery - Alpine Nurseries, Alstonville. Peter Knox with Ben Habershon, Production Manager and Bruce Wilson Nursery Manager. The award was presented by David Jakobs, representing the sponsor, Yates Australia



Best Medium Garden Centre, Mittagong Garden Centre Roz and Phil Mather with Michael Byrne



Host, Tim Pickles, Tim's Garden Centre



Environmental Award 2011 Production/ Growing Media. Provincial Plants and Landscapes ACT. Lisa Roberts and David Charlton with NGIA President Bryan Hillier



Also in attendance - Nathan, Sarah and Geoff from Jamberoo Native Nursery, finalists in the Medium Production Nursery

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