



Nursery & Garden Industry
Queensland

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Queensland Nursery Awards

The Nursery & Garden Industry Queensland presented its 2006 Annual Awards at a Gala Dinner held on Friday 27 October.

Brad Waddell – State Manager – Yates presented awards to the Queensland Finalists in the Yates 2007 Nursery & Garden Industry Awards to the following.

Best Small Garden Centre – Jeff, Sandra & Craig Martin - Martin Garden Centre - Toowoomba

Best Large Garden Centre – Dennis, Christine & Bradley Nielsen – Nielsens Native Nursery - Loganholme

Best Small Production Nursery – Peter Heaton – Heatons Nursery - Nambour

Best Medium Production Nursery – Bryan & Sharon Hillier – Dracaena Farm Nursery - Beachmere

Supplier of the Year – Horticultural Training Pty Ltd

Young Leader of the Year – Andrew Jeffery – Hillier's Horticultural Cuttings & Cane Supplies

Finalists in other categories to be judged nationally were also announced.

Environmental Award – Logan River Tree Farm & Redlands Nursery Pty Ltd

Community Award – Alexanders Nursery

Training Award – The Plant Management Company & Redlands Nursery Pty Ltd

NGIQ President Bryan Hillier also presented the following prestigious NGIQ Awards.

Certificate of Recognition was awarded to Don Ellison for his service to the industry in the area of export and specialist horticultural publications.

Meritorious Achievement Award was awarded to Colin Campbell for his media work and most recently his advocacy and assistance with water restrictions and approaches to government.

Nursery Person of the Year was awarded to Mirella Jakimoff of Alexanders Nursery in recognition of her outstanding contribution to NGIQ during her terms on the Gold Coast Branch Executive Committee and her progression to the NGIQ Management Committee where she occupied all elected positions including two years as NGIQ President. While on the NGIQ Management Committee Mirella was a tenacious representative particularly in approaching the State Government.

The NGIQ President Bryan Hillier thanked all members for participating in the Awards process indicating that to be acknowledged and recognised by your peers in the industry was in itself a substantial achievement.

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