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NATIONAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE NOMINATION FORM

HORT CONNECTIONS 2018 CO-HOSTS





AWARD CATEGORIES

The 2018 National Awards for Excellence will be presented throughout Hort Connections 2018. The Awards for Excellence are a fantastic way to acknowledge and recognise the outstanding contributions of individuals and companies to the industry. Nominations are being sought for the following categories:

GROWER OF THE YEAR

Awarded at Hort Connections Gala Dinner

- A fresh produce grower/business who is outstanding across all aspects of production, including growing, environmental management, staff management and product quality.
- A grower/business who is innovative, challenges convention and implements efficient practices (such as integrated pest management, minimising wastage, water conservation, precision agriculture, technology advances, and value-adding to product).
- A grower/business who actively contributes to the broader industry (such as participating in international R&D tours, industry committees, forums, conferences or field days).



YOUNG GROWER OF THE YEAR (35 years of age or less)

Awarded at Hort Connections Gala Dinner

- A fresh produce grower who champions the success of the industry and shows a commitment to innovation, helping to define the next generations of growers.
- A future leader who demonstrates a high level of commitment to the industry and helps to enrich the community in which they operate as well as working with external stakeholders to introduce new perspectives.
- A grower who understands and practices sustainable practices and is committed to enhancing agriculture and the land.



RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR

Awarded at Hort Connections Gala Dinner

- A researcher who has a track record of research or extension work that has advanced the industry offering long-term industry benefits.
- A researcher who actively communicates research outcomes and encourages uptake of outcomes on-farm.
- A researcher who contributes research or extension work that advances the reputation of Australian science internationally





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INDUSTRY IMPACT AWARD

Awarded at the Hort Connections Gala Dinner

- An individual or business that has invested in creating or has implemented a system of technology or business practice outside of the industry norm.
- The technology or practice has resulted in a significant contribution to best farm practice or in cost savings through the value chain.
- The technology or practice is not in common usage by industry and will provide a commercial and competitive advantage.



INNOVATION PARTNER AWARD

Awarded at Hort Connections Gala Dinner

- A business that has developed an innovation directly benefiting growers through improving their productivity, for example through reducing costs or environmental impact.
- The innovation has significantly contributed in a positive manner to industry.
- The innovation has delivered tangible, measurable results.



WOMEN IN HORTICULTURE

Awarded at the Hort Connections Gala Dinner

- A female industry member who has demonstrated outstanding ability and success in their chosen field, whether it is growing, research and development, farm management, or otherwise.
- An individual who is pro-active and has shown commitment to achieving success in the industry.
- An individual who has a reputation for mentoring women in horticulture.





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COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP AWARD

Awarded at Hort Connections Gala Dinner

- An individual or business that is proactive in developing and/or implementing a system or program of safe storage and use of on-farm materials above and beyond industry standards.
- An individual or business that engages in local or national community events/initiatives with the objective of developing wider industry.
- An individual or business that demonstrates the responsible planning and management of resources, leading to beneficial environmental impacts.



ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

Awarded at the Hort Connections Gala Dinner

- An individual or business who has demonstrated a commitment to implement sustainable farming practices on-farm.
- An individual or business who has developed an innovative solution to meet an environmental challenge on-farm.
- An individual who has shown leadership in promoting environmental issues in the local and wider community.



EXPORTER OF THE YEAR

Awarded at the Export Seminar

- A vegetable or potato grower who has demonstrated a strong commitment to exporting.
- An individual or business that has invested in building a sustainable export capability in their business.
- An individual or business who has actively contributed to activities that will assist the industry to increase vegetable or potato exports.





NOMINATION FORM

Nominations for the 2018 National Awards for Excellence are now open. To nominate yourself or someone you know in any of the categories listed, please fill in the below form and email to info@hortconnections.com.au. Nominations close 30 April 2018.

NOMINATOR DETAILS (YOUR DETAILS)

Title Given name Surname

Phone Email

Company name Position

NOMINEE DETAILS

Title Given name Surname

Phone Email

Company name Position

Address

City/Suburb State Postcode

Nominated award (maximum of two categories per individual/business)

Nominee's contribution to the industry. For the nomination to be valid, the following section must be completed. Supporting documents may be attached.