

PRODUCTION

# Awards recognise top producers

This year, for the first time production nurseries participated in the Australian Garden Industry Awards, presented at the Nursery & Garden Industry Australia's national conference in March. Siân Thomas looks at what makes the winning businesses stand out.

The Australian Garden Industry Awards were made across four production categories this year: best large-production nursery, best medium-production nursery, best small-production nursery and environmental excellence.

The best large-production nursery title went to **Proteafloora Nursery** of Monbulk, Victoria.

Judge Richard Stephens said the business demonstrated excellence in all areas, including production processes, site maintenance, hygiene, product quality, marketing, occupational health and safety, and staff training.



Proteafloora's David Mathews says his business uses a range of methods to control pests and disease.



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