



## **Community growth wins Geoff Miers Garden Solutions National Award**

Geoff Miers Garden Solutions of Alice Springs was awarded the 'National Community Award' at the recent 2010 Nursery & Garden Industry Awards held in Darwin, for its outstanding commitment and dedication to the community.

Owner Geoff Miers said "I am so honoured to receive this award. Over the past year the team has worked extremely hard within the community and supporting local organisations. Taking the National Community Award out on home-turf in Northern Territory makes this win even more special."

With just two years of business under their belt the team at Geoff Miers Garden Solutions are devoted to community involvement and education. "Our focus on the community is an integral part of our business. Alice Springs is in one of the most unique parts of the country and education on gardening sustainably for the environment is so important," said Geoff.

They offer free community workshops on local and topical gardening issues like composting, native gardens, pests and diseases. Aiming to educate and support the local community the nursery works with several local organisations including Desert Knowledge, Greening Australia and Gardens for Wildlife. "The work we do with these organisations is so rewarding – not only for the community but also for our team who are part of the education process," said Geoff.

Geoff is involved in bringing the horticultural section of the Alice Springs show to life, organising and judging the ABC Central Australian Garden Competition and he sponsors various activities including the annual Heritage Alice Springs Flower Show, giving the community the opportunity to enjoy the diversity and excitement of the garden industry.

### **About the 2010 Nursery & Garden Industry Awards**

The Nursery & Garden Industry Awards praise outstanding businesses and individuals within the industry, who have shown excellent business practice in the past 12 months.

There are 14 prestigious categories and are featured at the awards program including two new categories this year, Best Government Nursery and Best Propagation Nursery.

Other categories include the Environment Award, Training Award, Export Award, Best Medium and Large Garden Centre, Best Small, Medium and Large Production Nursery, Allied Supplier Award and Young Leader Award.

### **About Geoff Miers Garden Solutions**

Geoff Miers Garden Solutions is a retail garden centre specialising in arid zone plants species including tubestock through to advanced plants, landscape design and horticultural consultancy services.

*Geoff Miers Garden Solutions is located at 13 Lindsay Avenue, Alice Springs.*

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