



**Media Release**

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**Generations of green thumbs – Warner’s win National Award.**

At the recent 2010 Nursery & Garden Industry Awards held in Darwin, Warner’s Nurseries was named the ‘Best Large Production Nursery’ in Australia and recognised for its all-round performance and outstanding achievements over the past year.

Michael Warner, Managing Director of Warner’s Nurseries said he attributes the success to a number of factors including “our extensive range of quality plants, great customer service and a significant focus on sustainability.” He said “We set out to improve our water management systems and the overall environmental benefits have exceeded our expectations.”

Green thumbs run in the family. Established in 1914, Warner’s Nurseries is still flourishing almost 100 years on and currently nine family members are involved in the 28 strong staff.

“This award is testament to our whole team’s efforts on a daily basis and we are very proud of this accomplishment,” said Michael. “We have to keep evolving and improving to maintain our position as leaders in horticulture that was established by the pioneering generations.”

The ‘Best Large Production Nursery’ award acknowledges producers with over 15 fulltime employees who display extraordinary business operation with a dedicated staff work ethic.

**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 over 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 Environmental Award, Community Award, Training Award, Export Award, Best Small, Medium and Large Garden Centre, Best Small and Medium Production Nursery, Allied Supplier Award and Young Leader Award.

**Information about Warner’s Nurseries**

Warner’s Nurseries is a modern production nursery growing an extensive range of trees and shrubs for the horticultural industry. Established in 1914, the business has grown and prospered through four generations and now sits on a 15 hectare site east of Melbourne. They have seen and adapted to many changes in garden designs and fashion over those decades, but the strong company values of growing quality plants, giving reliable advice and prompt service has been a constant throughout.

For more information visit [www.warners.com.au](http://www.warners.com.au)

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