

Mark Engall named Nursery and Gardening Industry's Young Leader of the Year

Mark Engall of Engall's Nursery, Dural, was named National Young Leader at the 2010 Nursery & Garden Industry Awards held in Darwin this week, recognising his ongoing contribution to the industry and outstanding personal and business achievements over the past year.

"I am so honoured to receive such a prestigious award with such a high calibre of competition and in front of so many admired peers," said Mark.

Green thumbs run in Mark's family, he is the third generation to helm Engall's Nursery. The legacy of Engall's love of horticulture is embraced by Mark; "My Dad set me up with such a good name and reputation, as did his father before that. It has given me the best platform to build on."

When Mark was 23 years old his father Robert Engall passed away, and he took over the family business. "When Dad died the nursery and garden industry was fantastic. Dad's friends and colleagues looked after me and still do, I am indebted to them to this day," said Mark. "I know Dad would be really proud of me with this award win."

In the decade since then Mark has seen Engall's Nursery focus on the production element of horticulture and this has enabled Engall's Nursery to grow quality plants, securing the nursery to be one day passed onto the fourth generation. "We've really flourished as a production nursery and the team is going from strength to strength. I couldn't do any of this without them," said Mark.

Mark will use his award win to encourage and inspire; "I want to use it as a platform to encourage as many young people as possible to join this fantastic industry and experience the enjoyment that I get going to work every day."

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 Small, Medium and Large Garden Centre, Best Medium and Large Production Nursery, and Allied Supplier Award.

About Engall's Nursery

Engall's Nursery is a specialist grower of Citrus, Fruit Trees and Roses. The nursery is located in the peaceful suburb of Dural in Sydney's Northwest outskirts. Their plants are distributed to Nurseries, Garden Centres, chain stores and landscapers across Australia and they also sell directly to the public.

Engalls is located at 997 Old Northern Rd, Dural

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