

Enter YOUNG ACHIEVER 2017



2016 winner
Daniel Howard

YOU COULD WIN...

The Winner Receives:

- 5 day trip to the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show, including flights, accommodation and tickets.
- Automatic entry into Young Horticulturist of the Year – \$20,000 prize pool.
- Automatic entry into AGMARDT Market Innovation Project – \$5,000 first prize.
- Free NZPPI Conference registration and 3 nights' accommodation.
- A trophy and framed certificate

Runners up receive:

- A \$500 Prezzy card.
- Free NZPPI Conference registration and 3 nights' accommodation
- A framed certificate

WHY YOU SHOULD ENTER!



"I encourage all aspiring young achievers in the nursery and garden industry to give the competition a go; it's a great experience and an invaluable networking opportunity. I've met people who share my passion for plants, both young and old."

Tom Ferguson, 2015 Young Achiever



"Winning Young Achiever has been an absolutely incredible experience. I have met some very inspiring and influential people. This competition has boosted my confidence in public speaking which in itself is invaluable."

Jacqui Jones, 2014 Young Achiever



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BENEFIT TO EMPLOYERS

“What a rewarding experience for all involved. I encourage all nursery industry leaders to support their young people into the Young Achiever competition. The journey sees your young people grow immensely as they progress through the competition stages, in fact all your staff will benefit.

We supported the winner of the 2016 event, Daniel Howard. Daniel grew immensely with his passion for horticulture driving him all the way. His thirst for knowledge supported by some coaching from us, and people within and out of the industry, saw his knowledge build and his confidence grow.

Having the winner of the competition is a real boost for our business, as people come into meet Daniel after hearing of his win. We know how the competition helps grow your team as our current General Manager, Matt Jellicoe, won the competition back in 2002.”

Dave Fletcher

Managing Director,
Moore's Valley Nurseries.

Moore's Valley Nurseries

“The secret to a successful nursery is talented staff. When Tom applied for a job at the age of 14, we could see the potential and passion for horticulture. Over the years, we have taken every opportunity to train him to be the best he can be. Young Achiever was a great opportunity to highlight Tom's skills, winning Young Achiever and very nearly winning Young Horticulturalist.

Through his involvement in Young Achiever, Tom could meet a wide range of industry leaders and further develop his horticultural knowledge. Winning Young Achiever also took Tom to the Melbourne Flower Show last year, where he could see overseas garden trends.

Through Tom's involvement in the competition we have gained some valuable kudos amongst industry peers as leaders in the development of staff. Our vision as a nursery is long term and we encourage all our staff to participate in different avenues of education and challenge them to be the best they can be in their field.

Young Achiever and Young Horticulturalist have allowed Tom's career to progress, managing the garden centre on Sundays, collecting propagation material for the nursery and editing over 800 plant descriptions for our online and print catalogue. Tom has a following of loyal customers who come to him for plant ID and pest and disease management.

I would recommend employers put forward their young talent in Young Achiever, and I would not hesitate to further support my other young staff through this competition again.”

Chris Smith

Retail Manager, Southernwoods Nursery.



WHAT'S INVOLVED?

Initial Application:

- Complete entry form - outline your experiences and aspirations and demonstrate your knowledge.
- CV with references from industry associates (customers, suppliers, workmates etc.)

Finalists

- Practical Assessments
- Q&A session
- Presentation



CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Applicants must:

- Have their primary employment in the nursery and garden industry
- Be 30 years of age or younger as at 31 December 2017
- Show evidence of completing three years practical work experience in the nursery and garden industry

Entries close 12 May 2017

For a full list of criteria download the entry form at www.nzppi.co.nz/enterYA

More information
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