



**Australian Institute of Horticulture Inc.**  
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## Australian Horticulturist of the Year Award 2010

The AIH Award of Horticulturist of the Year is an annual event offering a unique opportunity to publicly recognise an outstanding AIH member. By profiling the excellence of AIH members in this way it is hoped to both inspire and challenge horticulturists in their practice and to promote their skills and achievements to the public. This Award is to be presented for their outstanding contribution to a horticultural project of merit, including horticulture education or horticulture media.

This is the highest annual award to be given to a horticulturist in Australia. The winner will be featured on the Institute's website and publicised through media release

### **Who can be nominated?**

It is open to Fellows, Full Members and Associate Members of the Institute.

### **What you need to be nominated**

The criteria for consideration for the AIH Award is a nomination by any current AIH Fellow or Member of another current member who has:

- Demonstrated exemplary conduct as a professional horticulturist through the outcomes of a horticultural project during the past 2 years, completed between January 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 and July 31<sup>st</sup> 2010.
- The subject matter for entries may include planning, design, project management, research, development of techniques or related innovations or achievements in horticulture.
- The Award is open to AIH members in the public or private sectors. An entry may relate to a single project or be part of a larger project or coordinated projects.
- Projects nominated must be completed between January 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 and July 31<sup>st</sup> 2010
- A member may nominate the completion date as the date on which his/her brief was completed or the date on which the whole project was completed. These dates must be clearly stated on the Entry Form as they are most important in determining whether or not an entry will be presented to the judging panel

### **How to Nominate**

- Nominations must be in writing with full details of the Nominator and those of the Nominee.
- It must include the Nominee's Curriculum Vitae, biography or other supporting evidence and testimonials – with at least two high definition digital photographs of the nominee.
- Nominees will be short-listed and may be required for an interview by the Independent Selection Panel
- Winner will be officially announced on the night and receive an outstanding custom designed award and the AIH national publicity program
- Nominations for the AIH Australian Horticulturist of the Year 2010 must be received by COB September 31<sup>st</sup> 2010. Nominations can be received by email. The winner will be required to attend the AIH Golden Anniversary Dinner and National Awards in Sydney on November 20.

**Applications to be sent to National Secretary, PO BOX 2190 □ Delivery Centre BENDIGO VIC 3554 □ Ph: 03 54 100 585 □ Fax: 03 54 415 952 or email to [secretary@aih.org.au](mailto:secretary@aih.org.au)**

Winners will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Originality, innovation or quality of horticultural work
- Meeting the client's needs and budget and
- Community, environmental and social considerations
- Large projects, small projects or parts of projects are equally eligible
- Judging will be on horticultural merit and not related to the scale of the project.

### **Submission Information**

The entrant will submit a written report (and 2 copies) on the work. All pages of each copy of the submission must be on white A4 paper, printed on one side only, unbound and clipped with fold back clips. May also include 3 copies each of photographs, sketches or technical papers (moderate number to illustrate or describe the project).

### **Photographs**

Each submission should include at least three high quality photographs, in .jpeg or .tiff digital format, that can be used for publicity activities and should be enclosed on a CD or thumb drive. No other material will be accepted.

### **Format and Inclusions:**

Submissions should have the following content and format:

- Project title and brief, client name and contact details,
- Your role,
- Synopsis of the project, and other material as required.

Emphasis should be on:

- The technical innovation,
- Quality of horticultural skills and knowledge,
- Benefit the project brings to the client, others and the community in general
- Diversity of the AIH member's skills.

Referee: At least one referee report other than the client

**The judges' assessment will be based on the submission lodged in accordance with the above requirements and other private enquiries that they may wish to make at their discretion. Nomination is acceptance of these terms and permission to use documentation and photographs.**