



Most Weed-Wise Nursery in Australia

SELECTION CRITERIA

Anyone can nominate a retail nursery or garden centre for these awards, including nursery owners or their staff.

Key dates

- **Three copies** of the nomination are to be with 'The Secretary' of the appropriate member society by 30 June each year.
- Australian State/Territory winners will be announced in July.
- The National Winners for Australia and New Zealand will be announced in September.

Information to be included in the nomination

1. The name and contact details of the nominating person or organisation.
2. The name of the retail Nursery or Garden Centre nominated, address, other contact details and any other relevant information such as website.
3. A written assessment of the nursery. The assessment should be no more than three A4 pages and cover:
 - 3.1 A summary of the species of plants sold/not sold, for example:
 - Has the nursery voluntarily removed invasive species, especially popular species sold by other nurseries?
 - Does the nursery sell examples of local native flora?
 - 3.2 The standard of labelling of plants, for example:
 - Do the plants have the correct scientific name?
 - Are potentially invasive species labelled as such?
 - Regarding points 3.1 and 3.2, it is expected the nursery will **not** be selling legislated species (i.e. noxious/declared/proclaimed weeds)

- 3.3 Whether the nursery is accredited with any industry associations(s) and, if so, what that accreditation means (e.g., freedom of specified pathogens, use of local native flora, plans to deal with water run-off, minimisation of pesticide use etc.)
- If documentation or certification to prove the accreditation is needed, it should be included as an attachment.
- 3.4 Whether the nursery has a policy on invasive species and/or related issues such as sustainability, biodiversity conservation and/or agriculture protection. If so, the policy(ies) should be included as (an) attachment(s).
- 3.5 Whether the nursery is a participant in any schemes such as ‘Grow Me Instead’ (or any similar schemes run by local government or community groups), ‘Flora for Fauna’, ‘Water Wise’, ‘Frog Watch’ and so on, and what impact this has on plant species stocked, other products sold, and education of customers.
- Relevant brochures, pamphlets etc. and/or other supporting documentation should be included as attachments.
- 3.6 Does the nursery educate customers about environmental issues, including invasive species?
- This could be through various means such as a newsletter, website, signage and/or support of local community groups - relevant documentation could be included as an attachment.
 - The nomination could include photographs, a video and/or other supporting evidence.
4. There should be at least **one independent referee** that submits a report of at least 250 words.
- The referee should have visited the nursery.
 - The referee should include information on their expertise with regards to weed/invasive plant issues.

Submission and Contacts

Submit the nomination to your State/Territory* weed society by 30 June:

[The Weed Society of New South Wales \(Inc\)](#)

PO Box 438, WAHROONGA NSW 2076

[The Weed Society of Queensland \(Inc\)](#)

GPO Box 1607, BRISBANE QLD 4001

[The Weed Management Society of South Australia Inc.](#)

PO Box 517, TORRENS PARK SA 5062

[The Weed Society of Victoria \(Inc\)](#)

PO Box 987, FRANKSTON VIC 3199

[The Weeds Society of Western Australia \(Inc\)](#)

PO Box 190, VICTORIA PARK WA 6100

[Tasmanian Weed Society \(Inc\)](#)

P.O. Box 4608, Bathurst St, HOBART TAS 7000

**Any ACT nominees should be submitted through The Weed Society of New South Wales. Any NT nominees should be submitted through The Weed Management Society of South Australia.*

Queries and further information

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