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FPC achieves second successive win in Nursery & Garden Industry Awards

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The Forest Products Commission (FPC) nursery at West Manjimup has achieved its second successive win in the state finals of the Yates Nursery & Garden Industry Awards.

Presented by Nursery and Garden Industry Australia (NGIA), the annual NGIA Awards are designed to acknowledge the efforts of businesses and individuals within the industry who strive to achieve best business practice. The awards are sponsored by Yates, with Commonwealth Government support through Horticulture Australia Limited (HAL).

The West Manjimup Nursery was originally opened by the then Agricultural Department as a tobacco research facility, before being transferred to then Forest Department in 1968 to grow bare root tree seedlings for forestry.

It is now operating a fully containerised system producing over 14 million seedlings annually for commercial production, sale and delivery of tree seedlings, as well as research and development of tree species for commercial production.

There are 12 categories in the national industry awards, where state winners progress through to the national finals. The FPC's West Manjimup Nursery has again won the state award for the 'Large Production Nursery' category, a title it has taken home for the second year running.

NGIA CEO, Jenny Lambert said "Entrants, such as the Forest Products Commission, are now benefiting from having their business procedures and systems independently assessed and judged."

She said the awards guidelines encourage businesses to strive for exceptional service and innovation, and acknowledge the hard work and dedication of those nurserymen and women who help gardeners achieve their dreams.

State winners are automatically nominated for the national awards, set to be announced at the 2008 Yates Nursery and Garden Industry Awards presentation, held from 26 – 28 March in Adelaide as part of the NGIA National Conference.

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