



In The Field

News for Victorian Vegetable Growers



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Top Awards for Victorian Growers

Last Saturday night saw Victorian growers take out two of Australia's top Vegetable Industry Awards.

The Awards were presented during the National Awards for Excellence Gala Dinner at the AUSVEG Convention at Wrest Point Casino in Hobart.

Tina Lamattina took out the Women in Horticulture Award which was presented by 2011 winner **Deborah Corrigan**.



Frank Ruffo – Vegetable Grower of the Year

Other winners on the night included :

- Steve Newman** (SA) – Environmental Award
- Tim Walker** (TAS) – Rising Star Award
- Denise Kreymborg** (QLD)– Industry Recognition Award
- Joyce Babun** (WA) – Industry Impact Award
- Dr Calum Wilson** (TAS) – Research of the Year Award
- Michael Vorrasi** (SA)– Young Grower of the Year Award
- VISY**– Productivity Partner Award
- John Gilmour** (Dow) – Industry Leader Award

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Tina Lamattina & Family – Women in Horticulture Award

The Award for Grower of the Year went to **Frank Ruffo**. Frank was voted the winner from a large number of worthy nominees.

Frank's sons **Joseph** and **Frankie**, were also nominated for National Excellence Awards.

Successful home delivery franchise business **Aussie Farmers Direct**, received the Award for Innovative Marketing.

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