

# AUSVEG VIC AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE 2023



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Saturday 29 April 2023

Pullman Melbourne on the Park, East Melbourne



**The AUSVEG VIC Awards for Excellence 2023 will be presented on Saturday 29 April at the Pullman Melbourne on the Park, East Melbourne.**

The Awards for Excellence are a fantastic way to acknowledge and recognise the outstanding contributions of individuals and companies to industry.

The Awards Nomination Process is being chaired by an external agency, and the award selection criteria involves:

- 1 x Executive - AUSVEG VIC
- 1 x Executive - Agriculture Victoria,
- 1 x Independent Supply-Chain company representative,
- 1 x Lead Sponsor

**Nominations are being sought for the following categories.**

## 01 GROWER OF THE YEAR

- A vegetable or potato grower that is outstanding across all aspects of vegetable production, including growing, environmental management, staff management and product quality.
- A grower that is innovative, challenges convention and implements efficient practices (such as integrated pest management, minimising wastage, water conservation, precision agriculture, technology advances, and value-adding to product).
- A grower who actively contributes to the broader industry (such as participating in international R&D tours, industry committees, forums, conferences or field days).

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## 02 YOUNG GROWER OF THE YEAR

- A vegetable or potato grower who shows excellent business acumen and innovation and has applied it on-farm and in the wider farming community when practicable.
- A grower that demonstrates a high level of commitment to the industry, possibly illustrated through involvement in off-farm activities, participation as a member of industry groups/committees or in community activities (such as Landcare).

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## 03 COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP AWARD

- An individual or business that is proactive in developing and/or implementing a system or program of safe storage and use of on-farm materials above and beyond industry standards.
- An individual or business that engages in local or national community events/ initiatives with the objective of developing wider industry.
- An individual or business that demonstrates the responsible planning and management of resources, leading to beneficial environmental impacts.

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## 04 ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

- An individual who has demonstrated a commitment to implement sustainable farming practices on-farm.
- An individual who has developed an innovative solution to meet an environmental challenge on-farm.
- An individual who has shown leadership in promoting environmental issues in the local and wider community

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## 05 WOMEN IN HORTICULTURE AWARD

- A female industry member that has demonstrated outstanding ability and success in their chosen field, whether it is growing, research and development, farm management, or otherwise.
- An individual that is pro-active and has shown commitment to achieving success in the industry.
- An individual that has a reputation for mentoring women in horticulture.

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## 06 R&D ADOPTION AND INDUSTRY IMPACT AWARD

- A vegetable grower who has demonstrated a commitment to industry funded research and development (R&D) projects.
- A grower who has hosted field trials, demonstration sites or events or contributed to a Project Reference Group for the benefit of the broader vegetable industry.
- A grower who has changed practice or adopted new technology on-farm because of being involved in a levy funded R&D project.
- An individual or business that has invested in creating or has implemented a system of technology or business practice outside of the industry norm.
- The technology or practice has resulted in a significant contribution to best farm practice or in cost savings through the value chain.
- A grower who is perceived by the industry and their peers as a leader and influencer to improve the productivity, profitability and sustainability of the vegetable industry beyond their individual business.

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## NOMINATOR DETAILS (YOUR DETAILS)

First name

Last name

Email

Company name

## NOMINEE DETAILS

**This nomination is for:**

First name

Last name

Email

Company name

## NOMINATION

Which award are you nominating this person for?

How long has the nominee worked in the industry?

Why is the nominee deserving of the award based on its criteria?

If required, attach any extra supporting evidence.

Please return completed form to [info@ausvegvic.com.au](mailto:info@ausvegvic.com.au)