



NGIV Plant of the Year 2026 application form

Applicant details

Applicant name (and ACN or ABN)	
Contact details	
Contact name	
Email address	
Phone number	
Is the applicant the breeder? (Yes or No)	
Are you a member of an NGI? If so, please provide your state and member number. If unknown, leave blank.	
If not, please specify the breeder's name and the relationship of the applicant to the breeder:	
What is the basis of the applicant's right to enter this plant in the NGIV Plant of the Year? For example: the applicant bred the plant, the applicant holds plant breeder's rights in relation to the plant, the applicant is otherwise entitled to exploit the plant	

Plant information

Botanical name of variety (genus/species/cultivar/trade name) – please detail	
Plant type (please tick)	
Tree	
Shrub	
Herbaceous (Annual or Perennial)	
Australian Native	
Other/specialist (Climber/vine, edible, succulent, indoor/house)	
Please tell us in 100 words or less, why you think this plant should win NGIV Plant of the Year 2026.	

Please respond to each of the 3 categories for evaluation in the judging criteria. Include as much evidence as possible that supports your claims (see criteria for further evidence notes). Evidence will not be included in the word count. Our recommendation is to keep each section under 250 words.

Sensory appeal

Growth & performance

Innovation & marketability

Plant details

Short description of plant (including dimensions at maturity, for promotional purposes)	
Applicable growing regions/climate best adapted to (tropical, sub tropical, cold temperature, warm temperature, arid, indoor, other)	
Date of plant availability in market	Where is/will the plant be sold?
Description and evidence of trials in Australia	
Has this cultivar ever been declared as a weed in any state or territory?	

General applicant declarations

On behalf of the applicant I hereby confirm that the information provided in this application is true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions of the 'NGIV Plant of the Year award set out below, and I agree to adhere to those Terms and Conditions. I understand that any false or misleading information may result in the disqualification of my application from the Plant of the Year award consideration.

Signature

Name (please print)

Position/title

Date

Post-submission information

After submitting this application form an invoice will be issued from NGIV.

One specimen of the nominated plant must be delivered to Melbourne University, Burnley Campus for judging. Pick up is also required, however there is an option to donate the plant to Melbourne University at the end of the judging period.

Delivery and pick-up instructions:

Delivery

Friday 7 November between 8 and 9 am

Melbourne University, Burnley Campus, 500 Yarra Blvd, Richmond VIC 3121

Please ensure your plant is well labelled and make your way to the Reception building. For any issues on the day, or assistance with directions, contact David Reid, 0421 885 257.

Pickup

☐ Please donate the plant to Melbourne University after judging.

Pickup time and date TBC, from the same address as above.

NGIV Plant of the Year award - Terms and Conditions

- The NGIV Plant of the Year award is open to any applicant who meets the specified eligibility criteria as determined and amended from time to time by Nursery & Garden Industry Victoria (NGIV).
- The applicant warrants that all information provided in its application is true, accurate, and complete at all times, to the best of the applicant's knowledge. Any information the applicant finds is not true accurate or complete must be promptly notified to NGIV in writing.
- Once made, an application is irrevocable.
- Each plant entry will incur a fee, and entrants must specify the category in which the plant is being nominated. Category winners are eligible for Plant of the Year. Plants may be entered in multiple categories, with a separate fee payment and tailored application required for each.
- The selection process for choosing winners is at the sole discretion of NGIV. The decision of NGIV is final, and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into regarding the outcome. The judging panel's decisions are also final and binding and may not be challenged by any person.
- NGIV reserves the right to disqualify any application that is incomplete or contains false or misleading information. Such disqualification may result in legal action or other consequences as determined by NGIV or other impacted parties.
- NGIV retains the right to disqualify any application or applicant for any other reasonable reason, with or without prior notice, including (without limitation) where the applicant cannot establish, to NGIV's reasonable satisfaction, its entitlement to enter the plant.
- The applicant must promptly provide all reasonable co-operation to NGIV in relation to the promotion of its entry, whether or not a category or overall award winner.
- NGIV may use any or all of the information in the application for its promotional or other purposes, and the applicant grants NGIV an irrevocable and royalty-free licence to use and sublicense any associated intellectual property for those purposes.
- Any branding, other intellectual property, or materials incorporating such branding or other intellectual property that NGIV permits an applicant and/or winner to use in relation to the Plant of the Year program must be used strictly in accordance with NGIV's requirements from time to time.
- The applicant grant to NGIV the right to publish the names and details of any award recipient (being the plant) for promotional and educational purposes. Details of the applicant/breeder will accompany the award recipient.
- The applicant must indemnify NGIV, its directors, officers, employees, and partners and each member of the judging panel (the **Indemnified**) against liability, loss, damage, claim, cost or expense (each a **Loss**) suffered or incurred by any of them in relation to the application or the Plant of the Year program more generally (including without limitation any Loss in relation to any actual or alleged breach of the intellectual property rights of any other person). NGIV holds the benefit of this indemnity on trust for itself and each of the Indemnified..
- The members of the judging panel are not liable or responsible for any discrepancies or unexpected changes in a plant's attributes that may emerge over time. Their assessments are based on the information available to them during the judging process, and any unanticipated developments are beyond their control.

- Submission of an application does not guarantee that the plant will achieve any particular outcome, including that an award will be granted.
- NGIV reserves the right to modify, suspend, or terminate the Plant of the Year award program at any time (including without limitation, the process for determining winners, and the entitlements of winners), with or without prior notice to any person, and without any liability to refund any entry fee or other sum paid (unless the program is terminated less than 30 days prior to the date applications close in any particular year).