

Shortlist is out - Plant of the Year

Plants Management Australia (PMA) is proud to announce that two plants in its portfolio have been shortlisted for the title of 'Plant of the Year.'

The 2014 Nursery and Garden Industry Awards recognise the best individuals, products and organisations within the horticultural industry and the category of 'Plant of the Year' is a new one for 2014.

'The Princess' Lavender was bred by renowned Lavender specialists at Plant Growers Australia (PGA) in Victoria. Speaking of the announcement PGA Director of Howard Bentley explained "At PGA we have invested over 15 years in our lavender breeding program with the specific aim of delivering new and improved varieties to the marketplace. 'The Princess Lavender' is the pinnacle of our lavender breeding program and has caused a real stir in the lavender world due to its vivid pink flower colour and superior propagation and production performance."

The official plant of the Centenary of Canberra has also made the grade. Correa 'Canberra Bells' was purpose bred by native expert Peter Ollerenshaw at Bywong Nursery in NSW to mark Canberra's 100th birthday in 2013. It's beautiful red and cream bell-shaped flowers adorned many official engagements and Australians all over the country shared in the celebrations by planting this little gem in their own gardens.

PMA extends its warmest congratulations to the breeders involved. The winner of the 2014 Plant of the Year will be announced at a gala dinner in Sydney on March 13, 2014.

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