

INNOVATION

Lifeline for packhouses

Phillip Herries' computer skills has earned him the Fourneau award for innovation.

His programme, LabelPal, produces pallet cards, carton labels, grower reports and fruit receipt records.

The citation that went with the trophy said he had won it for computer programmes designed for niche and smaller packhouses.

"Thanks to you, packing remains a viable option for many operations."

Philip has been running his business, Tasc Systems, for 12 years in Miro Street, Hastings.

Most of his work involves packhouses. He has also designed systems for fruit-graders and is now working on systems for growers.

His business and reputation have grown to the point where he is now selling his programmes around the country.

Citrus and kiwifruit growers and packers are looking at installing his grading machine systems.

He has a staff of four, including himself and wife Jane.

DESIGNER: Phillip Herries, of Tasc Systems, with his award for computer programmes designed for niche and smaller packhouses.

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