



Farmer of the Year | Mick Dan **Good Harvest Organic Farm, Sunshine Coast, Queensland**



Starting his journey in the organic industry more than 11 years ago, Australian Organic Industry Awards Farmer of the Year winner Mick Dan has shown incredible ingenuity to evolve his offering and respond to market opportunities.

Founder and farmer of Good Harvest Organic Farm, based in Woombye on Queensland's Sunshine Coast, Mick's colourful career in organics has seen him establish an organic produce co-operative, service local markets, open two shops, expand his farming operations and offer fresh and seasonal produce home delivery services across the coast.

Over the years, what hasn't changed for Mick is his enduring goal of bringing local organic farmers together to feed the community.

"Right from our very humble beginnings my partner Kelly and I had a big dream," Mr Dan said.

"We wanted to be a catalyst for change by creating opportunities for connected relationships between local communities and organic farmers.

"We are the only certified organic hybrid, community supported, agriculture service on the Sunshine Coast, which makes us pretty unique.

"What this means is we not only have our own certified organic farm, but we manage the entire process from seed, to growth, through to harvest, packing and delivery.

"This provides huge benefits for our customers as it means we can deliver the freshest possible produce, with the turnaround from harvest to plate being less than 24 hours.

"We also work with a range of other local organic farms to ensure our customers have access to the cleanest, freshest and most nutritious produce each week."

On winning the Australian Organic Industry Awards Farmer of the Year, the Sunshine Coast farmer said it was an absolute privilege, however the accolades belonged to the team.

"Our entire team at Good Harvest Organic Farm are proud to work in a value-based industry and provide healthy organic produce for their community.

"I am honoured to be recognised by my peers in such an amazing industry, however this Award win would not be possible without the support of my partner Kelly, our team of employees and of course our many customers."

Learn more about Good Harvest Organic Farm [here](#).