

THE *History* OF NGIQ

In January 1934, the Citrus Nurserymen's Association of Queensland was established. Eleven years later, in 1945, the association broadened its scope by becoming The Nurserymen's Seedmen's and Florists Association of Queensland, launching its first-ever Queensland Garden Guide magazine. It wasn't until 1958 that the association refocused its efforts on nurseries, rebranding as the Queensland Nurserymen's Association.

Since then, the organization has undergone four additional name changes, ultimately settling on Nursery and Garden Industry Queensland in 2014.

In the last 90 years, no matter our name, we have aimed to support both retail, wholesale and production nurseries throughout Queensland. The NGIQ has run a huge number of programs in its time including EcoHort – the industry Environmental Management System. SEQ-IF which gained funding around irrigation practice improvements, as well as NIASA, Nursery Industry Accreditation Scheme Australia which underpins the national Australian Plant Production Standard (APPS). NGIQ has focused a huge amount of effort into events that support both retail and production nurseries along with allied trades, these have helped to boost the industry across Queensland for hundreds of businesses.

Documented timeline milestones:

