

Innovation award for South Australian fencing business

Innovation award winner Mike Mason believes his new vibrating post driver will not only help save injuries but also save time, money and reduce the number of damaged and broken vineyard posts.

The Advantge SA 2010 Innovation Award for the Murray and Mallee regions was awarded to Mason, for its vibrating post driver, and in recognition of their effort to introduce and implement new and significantly improved goods and services to the local agriculture and viticulture industries.

Mike Mason Fencing owner – and wine and citrus grower – Mike Mason says the new driver makes the job of post installation safer and more efficient.

“The new post driver is a hydraulic vibrating impactor and it can be built with a number of options including a self propelling hydraulic configuration allowing one operator and/or wireless remote technology allowing the machine to be operated at a distance,” Mason said.

“The great thing about this machine is that someone who has never put a post in the ground can use this quickly and safely, you can propel the tractor and install a post while standing in the one spot, it is just too easy.”

Mason says the driver also uses a protector cap and ground level guide to hold the post in place, delivering greater control of impact intensity.

“The use of this machine will potentially result in less broken posts in the lifetime of a trellis system or fence, greatly reducing costs to producers and the environmental burden of stockpiling broken Copper Chrome Arsenic treated posts.”

“We’re proud to be able to deliver a product that’s not only a more efficient and effective method of post installation but is part of the solution to overcoming the growing safety and environmental concerns associated with traditional post driving equipment.” ■

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