



Accolade is cherry on top for accommodation

LILYDALE'S Cherry Top accommodation has won TakeABreak's national award for Australia's best farm-stay accommodation.

It was the fourth annual award announced by the web-based company that promotes Australian business.

Cherry Top owner John Gallagher said he was pleasantly surprised to receive the accolade.

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"We highlight the food production process with people and what it's like to be involved with growing food — I guess it's a good example of how the private section is rewarding its customers."

He said all listings on TakeABreak were reviewed by guests and the finalists

needed to qualify with consistent four-out-of-five star-ratings from five or more customers.

"The farm is set up for couples to enjoy fresh cooked food and tranquility, or for families to meet the animals," Mr Gallagher said.

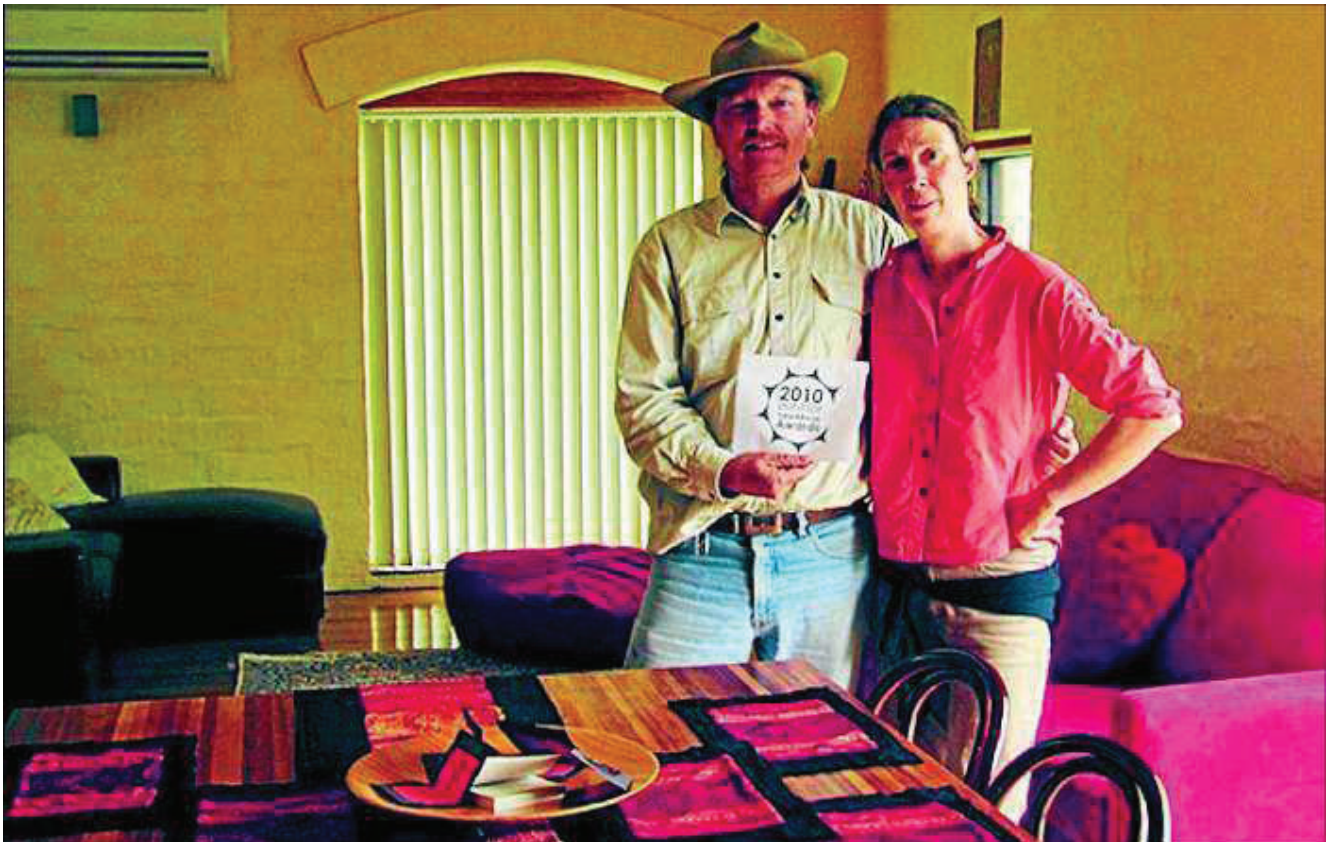
"We have a horse, a pony,

seven geese, nine chooks, five ducks and a cat called Tab Tab."

He said the award would mean more publicity for his company around Australia.

"As a reward they put it up on their site, and we get the badge as this year's winner," Mr Gallagher said.

"One of the factors that might have contributed to our popularity was when we gave out accommodation as the prize for the Clean-Up Australia Day, which was held nationally this year."



TakeABreak national winners John and Lesley Gallagher, of Cherry Top Accommodation, are thrilled with the honour