



Stunning rhododendrons: The colourful spring display at Cashmere's Swan Lake gardens.

Swan Lake gardens win further prizes

CASHMERE'S SWAN Lake gardens have won more prizes, this time in the spring competitions.

Swan Lake won two awards for the best five-star commercial garden in Christchurch, a first prize and a second prize, in the Beautifying Association and Horticultural Society competitions.

That's six awards this year – five firsts and one second in garden competitions.

"This may be unprecedented in Christchurch," says Swan Lake spokesman Duncan Laing.

"The previous awards were gained in February for the summer garden competition."

Swan Lake was proud of its very pretty spring display with all the rhododendrons and camellias out, along with the spring bulbs, he said.

"We are unaffected by the earthquake, and business is

recovering as people's confidence grows," he said.

Swan Lake also hoped to gain the accreditation of a garden of national significance award from the New Zealand Gardens Trust this month, he said.

This would put it on the world must-see list, as a garden and a destination, he said.

The garden is open to the public, and offers guided garden and spa tours.