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The Barker name is synonymous with Geraldine, South Canterbury – specifically Barker Fruit Processors, Barker's Foodstore & Eatery, and The Vicarage Geraldine boutique accommodation.

Michael was the 4th generation from the Geraldine farming family to attend College. After school, he gained a Bachelor of Horticultural Science and returned home to Geraldine where his parents had diversified from farming into fruit wine-making. Recognising the opportunities, Michael has led the development of world-class jams, chutneys, syrups, and condiments. Anathoth Farm Preserves joined the business in 2007 and a majority stake was sold in 2015 to Andros, a French fruit-processing group. Today, Michael is chairman of Barker Fruit Processors Ltd, which makes over 500 products from more than 1,000 ingredients. Barker's has won many food industry and business innovation awards for processing fruits into grocery, bakery, food service, and food ingredient products. Michael is proud that Barker's is still based on a corner of the family farm.

In 2022, Michael was awarded the Bledisloe Medal by Lincoln University for his outstanding contribution to the fields of business, marketing, manufacturing, and horticulture.



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