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AND THE WINNERS ARE... 2009 SA Great "Adelaide Hills" Regional Awards

SA Great has announced the winners of the 2009 "Adelaide Hills" Regional Awards.

A volunteer project, a tapestry group and a local magazine were just a few of the 2009 winners announced at Auchendarroch House in Mount Barker last night.

(Please see below for a full list of winners).

The ceremony, hosted by Channel Nine's Troy Gray was a glamorous occasion with much of the Adelaide Hills community on show to congratulate all winners and commendations.

SA Great CEO, Nikki Seymour-Smith, said all the winners and commendations from the Adelaide Hills region displayed a remarkable array of accomplishments.

"The stories of success and inspiration uncovered in this year's Awards are truly astounding," Ms Seymour-Smith said.

"The Hills Volunteering community group is a perfect example of outstanding achievement, winning an award for its Volunteer Step Project, which assists people from the local community to find employment through training and volunteer roles.

"SA Great would like to congratulate everybody that entered the Adelaide Hills Regional Awards. The winners typify the enormous talent that exists in South Australia's regional communities."

The SA Great Regional Award winners had to demonstrate excellence in various categories as well as a commitment to furthering community pride and confidence in the Adelaide Hills region.

SA Great Chairman, Nigel McBride, emphasised the importance of regional communities continuing their support of the SA Great Regional Awards.

"The Awards are vital in making the wider South Australian community aware of the many achievements that occur in our regions every day," Mr McBride said.

“This year’s winners from the Adelaide Hills region epitomise what regional South Australia stands for. It makes me extremely proud to live in this State.”

SA Great Regional Award winner’s achievements will be publicly recognised through their promotion in SA Great’s broader programs and the media. In acknowledgement of their achievements, winners will also receive honorary SA Great regional membership for 2010, an invitation to the Awards celebration event in 2010 and a Glass Pear Trophy, hand made by the Jam Factory.

For more information on this year’s winners including photo requests from the ceremony, please contact Patrick Anderson or Renee Jones from SA Great on 8211 8111.

Program partner, the Government of South Australia – Department of Trade and Economic Development - Office of Regional Affairs, and regional partner, Regional Development South Australia, support the SA Great Regional Awards.

WINNERS:

ETSA Arts Utilities Award

Winner – Lobethal Tapestry Weavers

Australia Post Small Business Award

Winner - Adelaide Hills Magazine

Commendation – Physiotherapy Pilates Proactive

Australia Post Large Business Award

Winner – Beerenberg

Westpac Community Group Award

Winner – Hills Volunteering – Volunteer Step Project

Commendation – Meadows 150 Coordinating Committee

Westpac Community Individual Award

Winner – John Van Doodewaard and Café Alto

Department of Trade and Economic Innovation Award

Winner – Hahndorf Candlemaker

Sustainability Award

Winner – Windmill Hill Salvage & Save

Nippy’s Sport Award

Winner – Mount Pleasant Pony Club

Adelaide Showground Youth Award

Winner – Zak Kartabani

2009 Adelaide Hills Tourism Awards sponsored by Adelaide Hills Tourism

Attractions

Winner - Cleland Wildlife Park

General Tourism Services

Winner - Rich & Lingering

Commendation – Sticky Rice Cooking School

Tourism Restaurants & Catering Services

Winner - The Locavore

Tourism Wineries

Winner - Longview Vineyard

Tourism Accommodation

Winner – Pobblebonk B&B

Significant Festivals & Events

Nil

Outstanding Contribution by an Individual

Winner – Pauline Renner

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