



**pick one**

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

**EMBARGOED UNTIL 11PM TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2009**

## **AND THE WINNERS ARE...**

### **2009 SA Great Eyre Peninsula & Western Regional Awards**

SA Great has announced the winners of the 2009 “Eyre Peninsula & Western” Regional Awards.

An adventure charter business, a city band and a hotel were just a few of the winners announced at the Port Lincoln Hotel last night.

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

The event, hosted by the ABC’s Lisa Leong, was a glamorous occasion with much of the Eyre Peninsula and Western community on show to congratulate all winners and commendations.

SA Great CEO, Nikki Seymour-Smith, said all the winners and commendations from this region displayed exceptional drive and commitment to their local community.

“The opportunity to recognise such deserving winners from the Eyre Peninsula & Western region is something we (SA Great) take great pride in,” Ms Seymour-Smith said.

“The Arno Bay Estuary Group is a perfect example of the dedication that exists in this community. The group won the sustainability award for volunteering over 3000 hours of labour to construct the Arno Bay Mangrove Boardwalk and provide disabled access to the area.”

“SA Great would like to congratulate everybody who entered the Awards from the Eyre Peninsula and Western region. The winners have demonstrated an exceptional level of talent and SA Great is thrilled to recognise their hard work.”

SA Great Chairman, Nigel McBride, highlighted the importance of regional communities continuing to support 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 for the Eyre Peninsula & Western 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 Utilities Arts Award**

Winner – Port Lincoln City Band  
Commendation – Cummins Music Hall

### **Australia Post Small Business Award**

Winner – Calypso Star Charter

### **Australia Post Large Business Award**

Winner – Ceduna Foreshore Hotel

### **Westpac Community Group Award**

Winner – Civic Hall Management Board

### **Westpac Community Individual Award**

Winner – Brian Foster and Jeff Pearson  
Commendation – Miss Ann Olsen

### **Department of Trade and Economic Development Innovation Award**

Winner – Boston Bay Mussels

### **Sustainability Award**

Winner – Arno Bay Estuary Group

### **South Australian Tourism Commission Tourism Award**

Winner – Adventure Bay Charters  
Commendation – Coffin Bay Explorer

### **Nippy's Sport Award**

Winner – South Australian Freestyle Motor Cross Championships

### **Adelaide Showground Youth Award**

Winner – Kimba Area School's Student Representative Council  
Commendation – Emma Glover

## **MEDIA CONTACT:**

Patrick Anderson  
SA Great Media & PR Manager  
Ph: 8211 8111  
M: 0405 088 284

