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AND THE WINNERS ARE... 2009 SA Great "Limestone Coast" Regional Awards

SA Great has announced the winners of the 2009 SA Great "Limestone Coast" Regional Awards.

A volunteer, a football league and a winery were just a few of the winners announced at a ceremony held at the Barn Palais in Mount Gambier last night.

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

The ceremony, hosted by ABC Radio's Stan Thomson, was a glamorous occasion with much of the Limestone Coast community on show to congratulate all winners and commendations.

SA Great CEO, Nikki Seymour-Smith, said all the winners and commendations from the Limestone Coast region had greatly contributed to building excellence in regional South Australia.

"Picking the winners is never an easy task. The creativity and dedication displayed by the Limestone Coast in this year's Awards has been remarkable," Ms Seymour-Smith said.

"Youth category winner, Grace Ploenges-Beltchev is a fantastic example of success in this region. For the fourth year in a row, Grace was selected to participate in the Youth Parliament Program for 2009, showing great determination when she took on the role of Deputy Leader of the Opposition."

"SA Great would like to congratulate everybody that entered the Awards from the Limestone Coast region. This region's winners are prime examples of the 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 Limestone Coast.

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 Limestone Coast 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 – Tenison Woods College Friends of Music

Australia Post Small Business Award

Winner – Framing Solutions

Australia Post Large Business Award

Winner – Teys Bros Naracoorte

Westpac Community Group Award

Winner – Mount Gambier Christmas Parade

Westpac Community Individual Award

Winner – Brian Robert Page

Department for Trade and Economic Development Innovation Award

Winner – Australian Kelp Products

Sustainability Award

Winner – Cape Jaffa Wines

Nippy's Sport Award

Winner – Mid South East Football League

South Australian Tourism Commission Tourism Award

Winner – Limestone Coast Food Group

Adelaide Showground Youth Award

Winner – Graces Ploenges-Beltchev

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