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## **M E D I A   R E L E A S E**

**EMBARGOED UNTIL 9PM TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER, 2009**

### **AND THE WINNERS ARE... 2009 SA Great “Far North” Regional Awards**

SA Great has announced the winners of the 2009 SA Great “Far North” Regional Awards.

A cinema, a cultural centre and an employment program for the disabled were just a few of the winners announced at a ceremony held at the Standpipe Golf Motor Inn, Port Augusta last night.

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

The ceremony, hosted by Southern Cross TV presenter, Lisa Neal, was a memorable occasion with much of the Far North community on show to congratulate all winners and commendations.

SA Great CEO, Nikki Seymour-Smith, said SA Great was thrilled to honour such a talented group of individuals, businesses and community groups.

“All winners and commendations from the Far North region should feel extremely proud of their achievements over the past year,” Ms Seymour-Smith said.

“A fantastic example of this achievement is the innovative Outback Smart program, which was awarded for running community education workshops regarding energy consumption in the region and providing over 60 home energy assessments by a team of 40 volunteers.

“SA Great would like to congratulate everybody that entered the Awards from the Far North region. We (SA Great) are determined to continue to inform the South Australian community of the fantastic achievements that are occurring in the Far North.”

SA Great Chairman, Nigel McBride, said it was vital for regional communities to continue their support of the SA Great Regional Awards.

“The Awards play a key role 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 Far North region epitomise what regional South Australia is all about. 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 (08) 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 – The Port August Cultural Centre – Yarta Purli

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

Winner – Cinema Augusta

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

Winner – Phoenix Society Incorporated "Whyalla School Work Program"

### **Westpac Community Group Award**

Winner – Port Augusta Men's Shed

### **Westpac Community Individual Award**

Winner – Paula Crombie

Commendation – Neil Edwards

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

Winner – Outback Smart

### **Sustainability Award**

Winner – 105.5 RoxFM Community Radio

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

Winner – Stuart Range Caravan Park

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

Winner – Laura Packard

### **Adelaide Showground Youth Award**

Winner – Tim West

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