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AND THE WINNER IS... 2009 SA Great "Barossa" Regional Awards

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

A theatre group, a wakeboarder and a resort were just a few of the winners announced at a ceremony held at the Chateau Tanunda Estate last night.

(Please see below for list of winners)

The ceremony, hosted by SAFM breakfast presenter, Andrew 'Cosi' Costello, was a memorable occasion with much of the Barossa community on show to congratulate all winners and commendations.

SA Great CEO, Nikki Seymour-Smith, said she was thrilled to have the opportunity to personally congratulate all the winners and commendations at the Barossa ceremony.

"The event was a fantastic opportunity to experience first hand the amazing successes occurring in the Barossa region," Ms Seymour-Smith said.

"It is wonderful to see the Barossa region continue to make a real and significant contribution to the State of South Australia.

"Trudi Penrose-Starr is an excellent example of the dedication that exists in this community. Trudi was awarded for co-founding a program that provides vital support and education for local parents who have experienced the loss of their infant.

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

SA Great Chairman, Nigel McBride, said it was vital that regional communities continue to support the SA Great Regional Awards

"The Awards are essential 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 Barossa region represent what regional South Australia is all about. It makes me extremely proud to live in this State."

SA Great Regional Award winners will be publicly recognised for their achievements through their promotion in SA Great's broader programs and the media. To acknowledge their achievements, winners will also receive an honorary regional membership of SA Great 2010, an invitation to an 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 – Rod Schubert

Australia Post Small Business Award

Winner – Waechter's Dux

Australia Post Large Business Award

Winner – Novotel Barossa

Westpac Community Group Award

Winner – Two Wells Melodrama Group

Westpac Community Individual Award

Winner – Trudi Penrose-Starr

Department of Trade and Economic Development Innovation Award

Winner – Dragonfly and Alabaster

Sustainability Award

Winner - Yalumba

South Australian Tourism Commission Tourism Award

Winner – Jacob Creek Visitor Centre

Nippy's Sport Award

Winner – Parker Siegele

Adelaide Showground Youth Award

Winner – 2009 Barossa Young Ambassador Program

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