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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **AND THE WINNERS ARE... 2009 SA Great “Fleurieu Peninsula & Kangaroo Island” Regional Awards**

SA Great has announced the winners of the 2009 SA Great “Fleurieu Peninsula & Kangaroo Island” Regional Awards.

An art gallery, a radio rescue service and an eco-friendly housing development were just a few of the winners announced at a ceremony held at the Southern Lakes Golf Club in Goolwa last night.

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

The ceremony, hosted by SAFM breakfast presenter Andrew ‘Cosi’ Costello, was a spectacular occasion with much of the Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island community on show to congratulate all winners and commendations.

SA Great CEO, Nikki Seymour-Smith, said the winners from this region had once again exceeded all expectations.

“I am delighted that so many Fleurieu and Kangaroo community members were recognised for their outstanding achievements tonight at what was a fantastic evening,” Ms Seymour-Smith said.

“This region has a very strong history of excellence in the ten years that the Awards have been running and this year is no different.

“The Shared Skills program is a perfect example of the many great initiatives developed in this region. The program was awarded for bringing together different generations in the community through a series of courses that enable local school students to share practical skills with older residents.

“SA Great would like to congratulate everybody that entered the Awards from the Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island. We (SA Great) will continue to celebrate all the wonderful achievements and successes in this region.”

SA Great Chairman, Nigel McBride, highlighted the importance for regional communities to continue 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 from the Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island region epitomise 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.

## **WINNERS**

### **ETSA Utilities Arts Award**

Winner – Red Poles

Commendation – Artworx Gallery

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

Winner – Kangaroo Island Wilderness Tours

Commendation – Kingscote Nepean Bay Tourist Park

Commendation – Hindmarsh Dairy Valley

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

Winner - Finding Workable Solutions

### **Westpac Community Group Award**

Winner - Shared Skills in Strathalbyn

### **Westpac Community Individual Award**

Winner - Allan & Carol Miell

Commendation - Martin Dunstan

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

Winner - Tourism Optimisation Management Model (TOMM)

### **Sustainability Award**

Winner - Beyond Today

### **Nippy’s Sport Award**

Winner - Victor Harbor Triathlon & Fun Run Walk

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

Winner - South Australian Whale Centre

Commendation - Kangaroo Island Racing Club

### **Adelaide Showground Youth Award**

Winner - Steph Bennett

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