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JULIAN O'SHEA NAMED 2009 YOUNG SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR

Inspirational young engineer, Julian O'Shea, was last night announced as the 2009 recipient of the prestigious Young South Australian of the Year Award.

The award was announced at the Annual Dinner held at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre in front of an audience of peers, media and high profile South Australians.

The award was presented by His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR.

**“Being named as the Young South Australian of the Year is truly an honour. To be recognised in such a prestigious forum is both a remarkable and humbling experience.”
Julian O'Shea.**

Julian O'Shea is an inspiring young leader within the engineering profession, the Australian Defence Force and the wider community as an active volunteer.

Julian possesses an outstanding academic background having completed a Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in the field of telecommunications from the University of Adelaide, a Masters in Engineering Science from the Australian Defence Force Academy and is currently completing a Masters of Business Administration from the University of South Australia.

His professional expertise has seen him represent Australia at international conferences, serve as an officer in the Royal Australian Navy and currently represents young engineers on the National Information, Telecommunications and Electronic Engineering College Board.

Julian is currently managing the West Head Gunnery Range in Flinders, Victoria, a 15-acre live-fire training facility associated with HMAS Cerberus, the navy's premier training facility.

Late last year Julian was an Australian delegate to the World Engineers Convention in Brazil. He has received the South Australian Department of Trade and Economic Development Achievement Award and the 2009 Advertiser Pride of Australia Medal in the Serving Australia category, presented to service personnel who showed extraordinary courage and devotion to duty under extreme circumstances.

Congratulations to Julian O'Shea on winning the Young South Australian of the Year Award in recognition of his excellence and leadership through the engineering industry and the Royal Australian Navy.

Advantage SA Chairman, Mr Nigel McBride, said Mr O'Shea had demonstrated incredible leadership qualities and an unwavering commitment to his role in the Australian Defence Force.

"I would like to sincerely congratulate Julian on winning the 2009 Young South Australian of the Year Award. This Accolade is in recognition of his amazing achievements in the engineering industry, Australian Defence Force and for the time he dedicates to the community," Mr McBride said.

"Julian is an extremely impressive young man and I look forward to following his career and personal journey well into the future. I believe we will be hearing about Julian's achievements for many years to come."

All winners of the 2009 South Australian of the Year Awards were selected from both public and peer nominations.

Each year, with the support of the Government of South Australia, the South Australian of the Year Awards recognise inspirational South Australians – The awards celebrate and profile individuals or organisations that have a consistent record of excellence and outstanding achievement whilst contributing and further developing the State.

Other inspirational South Australians awarded in 2009 are:

South Australian of the Year – Dr Bill Griggs AM ASM

Arts Award – Timothy Sexton

Sport Award – Adelaide United

Business Award – Stefan Ahrens

Science – Professor Robert Norman

Community Award – Rosemary Wanganeen

Education Award – Christies Beach High School

Tourism Award – Professor Jane James

Health Award – Professor Robert Norman

Environment Award – Friends of Scaale Bay

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