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**NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN: 14th
ANNUAL ADVANTAGE SA REGIONAL AWARDS**

Nominations are now open for the 2013 Advantage SA Regional Awards, which recognise and celebrate outstanding achievements in regional South Australia.

Individuals, groups and businesses living and/or working in regional South Australia can be nominated for the following Awards:

2013 Advantage SA Regional Awards

The Dr+PC **Arts** Award

The Adelaide Showgrounds **Community Group** Award

The Seniors Card **Community Individual** Award

The Flinders University **Education** Award

The WorkCoverSA **Health** Award

The Department for Manufacturing, Innovation, Trade, Resources and Energy **Innovation** Award

The Westpac **Large Business** Award

The Westpac **Small Business** Award

The Food SA Premium Food and Wine from our clean environment – **Food** Award

The PIRSA Premium Food and Wine from our clean environment – **Wine** Award

The Thoroughbred Racing SA **Sports** Award

The Toyota **Sustainability** Award

The Statewide Financial Management Services **Tourism** Award

The **Youth** Award

Advantage SA CEO Karen Raffen urged South Australians to support the 2013 Regional Awards and celebrate the individuals, group and businesses that are making a significant contribution to regional communities.

“I encourage all South Australians to get behind the 2013 Advantage SA Regional Awards, to show their support for the people who are making a positive difference in our State’s regions,” Ms Raffen said.

“Advantage SA are delighted to have PIRSA as their Major Partner and category sponsor for the 2013 Advantage SA Regional Awards.”

Minister for Regional Development Gail Gago said the Advantage SA Regional Awards were an important way of recognising those who make significant contributions to regional South Australia.

“I am proud that this Government has developed a strong partnership with Advantage SA, and that Primary Industries and Regions SA, PIRSA, is the Major Partner of these awards for 2013,”



Ms Gago said.

“Through my portfolios of Regional Development, Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, and Forests, my role is to advocate for regional South Australia across the three levels of Government.

“This Government is committed to supporting South Australia’s regions to be innovative, competitive and sustainable.

“As such, we are introducing a new category at the 2013 Advantage SA Regional Awards: the PIRSA sponsored Premium Food and Wine from our Clean Environment Wine Award.

“This Award will recognise wine companies leading the way in using their clean environment credentials or sustainability practices to enhance the credence values of their products.

“I look forward to seeing how the 2013 Regional Awards showcase the great work being done across regional South Australia.”

Karen Raffan said that 2013 would be a really exciting year for the Regional Awards.

“We are delighted to have the new PIRSA Premium Food and Wine from our clean environment Wine Award, which will celebrate the amazing wine industry in South Australia,” she said.

“We are looking forward to uncovering new regional success stories and celebrating amazing achievements across regional South Australia.”

Nominations can be made online at www.advantagesa.com.au, and will close Friday 21 June.

2013 winners will be announced at the Advantage SA Regional Awards ceremonies held annually in seven different regions across South Australia in October.

2013 Advantage SA Regional Awards regions

Barossa
Far North
Hills and Coasts
Murraylands and Riverland
Limestone Coast
Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula
Yorke and Mid North

The Advantage SA Regional Awards are proudly supported by the Government of South Australia with the awards major partner is the Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA).

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