



MEDIA RELEASE

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South Australian Of the Year Awards

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!

Nominations are now open for the 2009 South Australian of the Year Awards. Every year the Awards recognise and celebrate the achievements of inspirational South Australians that are making a significant contribution to the State.

2008 South Australian of the Year and Tour Down Under Race Director, Mike Turtur, said the Awards were vital in uncovering and rewarding the efforts of many South Australians.

"I was extremely proud to have been given such a great honour and I urge everybody to get behind the Awards and nominate their role models in 2009", Mr Turtur said.

"I've never been a bragger but one thing that I've always been proud to brag about was the fact that I am South Australian.

"That goes as far back to when I was 15 and I made my first State team and how proud I was to have the State's logo on my chest and the letters on my sleeve".

In 2009 SA Great will announce the South Australian of the Year Awards at the States' night of nights, the SA Great Annual Dinner.

SA Great received an overwhelming response in regards to public nominations in 2008 and is looking forward to building on this success in 2009.

Make sure you nominate your 2009 South Australian of the Year and Young South Australian today!

Public nominations are also open for South Australians who have shown a consistent record of excellence and outstanding achievement in the following categories – Arts, Business, Community, Education, Science, Tourism, Environment, Health and Sport.

SA Great Chairman and Minter Ellison Managing Director / Partner, Nigel McBride, said SA Great was looking forward to uncovering those inspiring individuals and groups in and around South Australia.

“We are really urging the community to get behind the Awards this year so everyone is aware of the massive contribution people in the State are making”, Mr McBride said.

“Every year we see the Awards grow in profile and stature as we continue to recognise achievers from around the State and we hope that 2009 is no different.

“We are also thrilled that the South Australian of the Year winners will be announced at the SA Great Annual Dinner this year. The Annual Dinner offers a wonderful forum to celebrate South Australia so we thought it to be fitting to announce the winners on this night”.

Nominees must be residents of South Australia and Australian citizens. Nominees for Young South Australian of the Year must be 29 years of age or under at the closing date of nominations. Self-nominations are accepted. Full eligibility and selection criteria is available at www.sagreat.com.au

Nominations can be obtained by calling SA Great on (08) 8211 8111, checking The Advertiser and Sunday Mail for published nomination forms, or from your local Bendigo Bank branch. You can also nominate online at www.sagreat.com.au.

2008 South Australian of the Year Winners

South Australian of the Year – Mike Turtur

Young South Australian of the Year – Matt Cowdrey

Arts Award – Fiona Hall

Sport Award – Central District Football Club

Business Award – Robert Hill Smith

Science Award – Professor John Hopwood

Community Award – Maxine Weber

Education Award – Australian Science and Mathematics School

Tourism Award – Jacob’s Creek Visitor Centre

Health Award – Professor Richard Ruffin

Environment Award – Professor Mike Young

SA Great will announce the winners of the South Australian of the Year Awards at the SA Great Annual Dinner at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre on the evening of **Friday, 20th November 2009**.

Nominations close on Monday 5th October.

For more information on the South Australian of the Year Awards please contact SA Great on (08) 8211 8111 or visit www.sagreat.com.au

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