



# State tourism award winners

Two Yorke Peninsula tourism entities were named the best in the state in their categories at the 2010 South Australian Tourism Awards, in Adelaide, on Thursday, November 18.

Aboriginal Cultural Tours—Adjahdura Land won the Indigenous Tourism category and Yorke Peninsula Visitor Information Centre (Harvest Corner) at Minlaton won the Visitor Information and Services category.

Other YP businesses took home silver and bronze medals; there were a record 184 entries in 26 categories.

Along with other state winners, the two YP awardees will contest the Qantas Australian Tourism Awards in March.

YP Visitor Information Centre tourism administration coordinator Wendy Story thanked all volunteers for their commitment and the community for their support.

“It is very exciting to be recognised for the second year in a row as the best information centre in the state,” she said.

“Our volunteers strive to provide outstanding customer service and enjoy working in such a positive atmosphere.”

Of the national awards, the centre’s tourism support

officer Cathy Glazbrook said, “We would like to go one better than last year but the problem we have is our size.

“Last year’s winner in Brisbane services 3000 visitors a day and we cannot compete with that.

“We are very proud of what we have achieved and are proud of our customer service, which is regularly commented on.

“People will often come in and ask for information and we will find it. The people say they have been to other visitor centres and not found anything.”

Quenten Agius, of Aboriginal Cultural Tours—Adjahdura Land, said he was over the moon to win the state award.

“It feels good; it’s been a long time between drinks,” Mr Agius said.

“I was also surprised to pick up a bronze medal in the Heritage and Cultural Tourism category.”

Mr Agius dedicated the win to his late mother and said, without her, they would not be where they are.

“She was a big influence on setting up the business as well as other family members, including her sister Elaine Newchurch,” he said.

“Without acknowledging the country we wouldn’t be running as we are today.”



■ Winners of the Indigenous Tourism category, Quenten Agius and Vicki Agius from Aboriginal Cultural Tours.



■ Dianne Rohde and Wendy Story from Yorke Peninsula Visitor Information Centre, Minlaton, took out the Visitor Information and Services category at the South Australian Tourism Awards.

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## Other Yorke Peninsula winners

**Heritage and Cultural Tourism:** Aboriginal Cultural Tours —  
Adjahdura Land, bronze.

**Specialised Tourism Services:** Country Getaways Accommodation  
Booking Service, silver.

**Adventure Tourism:** Mad Keen Fishing Charters, bronze

**Tourist and Caravan Park:** Port Broughton Caravan Park, silver;  
Wallaroo North Beach Tourist Park, bronze.

**Deluxe Accommodation:** Yondah Beach House, silver; Emaroo  
Cottages, bronze.