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Bloomin' Marvellous

Born and bred Balaklava girls, Kelly and Abbey Baker (daughters of Bevan and Margaret Baker), are the makers of their very own success story.

Created and owned by the sisters, Edible Blooms, an innovative gift delivery company, specialising in edible bouquets and baskets, was announced as the winner of two awards at the prestigious South Australian 2009 Telstra Business Awards held at the Hilton, Adelaide, in July.

I was fortunate to be a guest at the Awards night, as the then Shadow Minister for Small Business, and witness Edible Blooms being named Telstra South Australian Business of the Year and winner of the MYOB Small Business Award.

Launched online in September 2005, Edible Blooms now has stores in Adelaide, Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane, including an affiliate store in Auckland, New Zealand, and employs 15 full-time staff.

Kelly and Abbey's achievements are awe inspiring and their success is testament of what can be accomplished with a positive attitude, determination and hard work.

The next step for the girls will be to attend the national finals which are being held in Sydney on 20 August to compete in both categories for the title of 2009 Telstra Business of the Year.

Like me, I am certain the people of Goyder are proud of the girls - all the best!



Above: Abbey and Kelly with their parents Margaret and Bevan Baker at the Telstra Business Awards.

Right: Kelly Baker, Edible Blooms.



**YORKE PENINSULA FIELD DAYS
29/09 - 1/10 2009**

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Stansbury on the National stage

Stansbury was awarded two national Tidy Town awards at a ceremony held in Canberra in May. The success follows being named South Australia's Tidiest Town at the 2008 KESAB Tidy Towns awards in November.

Stansbury's Tidy Towns Committee was recognised for its dedicated community effort winning the Dame Phyllis Frost award (she was the founder of Keep Australia Beautiful in 1968).

The devoted group of about 24 people, who were also recognised for more than 4,000 hours of volunteer work, are passionate turning up each week to ensure their town is spick and span. They take great pride in their community and also have involvement with the younger generation of the town. The relationship the group has with the Stansbury Primary School is very much an inspiration.

The Stansbury Primary School took out the Young Legends award, which recognises environmental achievement through youth initiative. Every one of the students in that school was dedicated and their families were very supportive. The staff of the school are wonderful activists for environmental awareness, and the school certainly did South Australia proud.

I had the great honour of supporting the delegation in Canberra as the local State Member of Parliament, together with representatives from the Stansbury Tidy Towns Committee, the progress association, the Stansbury Primary School and the District Council of Yorke Peninsula.

It was wonderful to see the displays by the Tidy Town winners from each State as part of the awards and without being biased, Stansbury quite easily had the best demonstration. The visual impression ensured the rest of the nation were aware of what Stansbury as a community does on Yorke Peninsula by way of improving itself and the self-belief that exists within the community.

The experience was marvellous, I was even getting phone calls on my mobile phone from people all around South Australia wishing Stansbury good luck!



Above: Stansbury Primary School students with their water collection and reuse project



Above: Stansbury display at National Tidy Town Awards in Canberra



My new role as Deputy Leader

In July I was elected by my Liberal parliamentary colleagues as the new Deputy Leader of the Opposition to work alongside Isobel Redmond, Leader of the State Opposition.

To take on this higher level of responsibility after having only been elected to Parliament in March 2006 is a great honour for me. Knowing that I have the support and confidence of my peers to make a difference to South Australia, together with Isobel and a united team, is a heartening experience.

I look forward to the challenges that lay ahead, and while my workload will increase, I will continue to work hard for the people of Goyder and all South Australians.

Following changes in leadership within the State Liberal Party a new Shadow Cabinet was announced. I am now Shadow Treasurer, Shadow Minister for Federal/State Relations and Shadow Minister for Government Enterprises.

With the State election approaching in March 2010 a lot of policy work is taking place. Key issues at the election will include water, employment, roads and taxes.

Left: Steven with Isobel Redmond, Leader of the Opposition

Signed the Road Funding Petition?

At the beginning of August a petition was distributed throughout the electorate calling for more funding for our State Government controlled road network.

I am sick and tired of being ignored by the government on this issue and will present the petition to Parliament when it resumes in September.

Hundreds of kilometres of Transport SA roads exist within the Goyder electorate, yet the State Government has again failed to provide any major funding in the Budget to undertake the level of maintenance required on our roads. In fact, funding for rural road improvements has been slashed from \$7.76 million a year to just \$760,000 this year.

I am continually being contacted by people fed up with the poor condition of the roads that they have no choice but to travel on. Some of the stories I have heard are quite shocking and it is very concerning that people driving on these roads are putting their lives at risk.

Since becoming elected to Parliament in 2006, I have written to the Minister for Transport, the Hon Patrick Conlon MP, many times regarding the condition of the roads within Goyder.

Sadly, I keep receiving the same response that there is not sufficient dollars in the budget to carry out the required works to bring the roads up to a safe and acceptable standard. On the roads that are patched up (in some cases imposing speed limit reductions to 100 km/h), it is often a short term quick fix but the expense is to the tax payer in the long run - money and lives!

I have the honour to represent the people of Goyder as a State Member of Parliament and I will continue to bring this issue forward until adequate investment takes place to upgrade our roads.

By signing the petition people power will show the Government that we won't be ignored!!



Bereavement Support



In May I attended and spoke at the opening of the Yorke Peninsula Bereavement Support Groups first retreat at Port Vincent.

The Group was formed through a need within the community to provide a service for people suffering with grief. With the support of the YP Community Health Service it is an excellent initiative. In understanding that grief can be a lonely experience the Group offer support in a safe and caring environment.

Although based in Minlaton, the service is available to anyone. The retreat offers people a chance to get away with others providing time for relaxation and communication - positive and necessary tools when learning to deal with the emotions that come with grief.

To find out more contact the YP Community Health Service on 8853 2308.

Above: Steven with YP Bereavement Support Group at Port Vincent

Carers Week 2009

Carers Week is a national awareness week held during October each year to raise awareness of the valuable role that carers play in our community. It also provides an opportunity for carers to come together, support one another and share ideas and information.

The theme this year is **Anyone, Anytime**. It was chosen to highlight the diversity of caring situations and the often unplanned nature of becoming a carer.

Carers Week runs from 18—24 October and will this year focus particularly on carers living in regional, rural and remote areas of Australia.

To find out more about Carers Week visit www.carersweek.com.au

The Federal Government introduced changes to Carer Payment from 1 July 2009. If you are not receiving Carer Payment but think you may be eligible, even if you have applied before, please call Centrelink on **13 2717** or visit www.centrelink.gov.au

Useful Centrelink phone numbers:

Carers and Disability Services	13 27 17
Social Work Services	13 17 94
Indigenous Call Centre	13 63 80
Customer Relations	Freecall 1800 050 004
Financial Information Service	13 23 00

Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centres (access information about community and aged services, and for carers, to obtain respite) **Freecall 1800 052 222**

Water - YP Long Term Plan

SA Water has engaged with the community to provide property owners on Yorke Peninsula with the opportunity to have input to the YP Long Term Plan.

Over 600 feedback forms were received raising a broad range of issues and ideas relating to water security on Yorke Peninsula.

Five community information sessions were held in Minlaton, Kadina, Yorketown, Maitland and Adelaide for people to provide input into the planning process. I attended three of these meetings.

SA Water is currently collating the issues and ideas raised at the community meetings including;

- the need to reduce our reliance on the River Murray
- focus and funding for water harvesting projects to capture, store and reuse water
- use of grey water
- improved maintenance on water mains
- sustainability of groundwater systems
- greater incentives for installation of rainwater tanks

These are some of the issues that will be investigated in preparing a draft Long Term Plan for public comment. It is anticipated that the draft plan will be made available during September.

For further information about the Yorke Peninsula Water Infrastructure Long Term Plan please call SA Water on 1800 812 362 or email ypntp@sawater.com.au.

SA Water augmentation charges at Ardrossan

Water supply augmentation charges for new allotments in Ardrossan have been revised to assist residential growth in the town.

During June a revised augmentation charge of \$10,900 for the Ardrossan and Tiddy Widdy Beach areas for the first 100 allotments created was approved by the Minister for Water Security, however a minimum commitment of at least 60 allotments is required before SA Water will clear any development applications. It is hoped the revised charge will encourage regional growth projects. Subsequent applications beyond the first 100 received will incur the existing charge of \$16,608.

No funding for water in the 2009/10 Budget

When the Rann Government handed down their eighth State Budget in June it was apparent that regional areas missed out on any significant funding once again.

Funding for water infrastructure within Goyder is non-existent in the 2009/10 Budget.

The water pipeline project to Port Wakefield discussed two years ago does not appear which is a major disappointment considering water is vital for growth in our region. Additional reticulated water is required to support large scale developments and the expansion of poultry and pig industries.

New water infrastructure is needed to serve our growing communities. It is also very frustrating that lack of maintenance is carried out on our existing and ageing water pipelines.

Balaklava Eisteddfod 2009

With almost 2000 performers in Balaklava for the thirteenth annual Eisteddfod, there was an abundance of talent in town.

Held over the weekend of July 31, August 1 and August 2, the Balaklava Eisteddfod involved over 400 performances in ten different venues throughout the town.

My wife Donna and I again took the opportunity to attend the Finale Concert at the Town Hall on Sunday which attracted a full crowd. We were not let down by the brilliant performances and I was also thrilled to have a cameo role with the junior musical theatre champion, Tayla Coad.

The local community is to be commended on the success, particularly the dedicated volunteers who helped coordinate and run the event.

Photo courtesy of The Plains Producer



Above: Balaklava Eisteddfod winners at the Sunday Finale Concert

Grants

Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program—open 29 August 2009.

Funding for the development of new or existing sport or active recreation facilities. Sport and active recreation clubs/associations, Local Government Authorities and school councils are eligible to apply.

For guidelines and application form go to www.recsport.sa.gov.au or contact my office on 8832 2455.

Premier's Community Initiatives Fund—now open and closes Monday, 28 September.

Provides financial assistance for projects that benefit disadvantaged, disabled or socially isolated members of the community. Up to \$10,000 available to assist organisations to undertake a project.

Guidelines and application form available from www.premcab.sa.gov.au or phone my office for a copy.

Don't forget to visit my website www.stevengriffiths.net for grant and funding information. I am also happy to assist with letters of support to go with applications for community projects.