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HomeStart congratulates 2013's Young Achiever

**HomeStart congratulates Kate Gunn, the 2013 Premier's Young Achiever of the Year
on her outstanding health work in rural areas.**

Kate, who was presented with the Award by the Hon Jay Weatherill MP, Premier of South Australia, also won the Rural Doctors Workforce Agency Rural Health Award and took home \$6,000 in prize money sponsored by HomeStart.

HomeStart Chief Executive Officer John Oliver says Kate shows what amazing outcomes can be achieved with commitment and dedication.

"We are inspired by the way she has harnessed her experiences and insights as a PhD psychology student for the benefit of people living in country South Australia.

"HomeStart has been a proud sponsor of the Young Achiever Awards for nine years, during which time we have recognised and rewarded young people who have used their talents to make a difference to their community."

Mr Oliver believes the values displayed by the young achievers reflect HomeStart's values.

"HomeStart also seeks to make a difference in the community by helping more people into home ownership in more ways.

"In particular, we provide solutions that support young people into home ownership sooner than they might otherwise be able to, in a challenging economic environment.

"We offer a Graduate Loan to help people with specific qualifications get started with as little as \$3,000 upfront. We also offer a Breakthrough Loan to help them boost their borrowing power by up to 35%.

"We want to help them get started sooner so they can lay the foundations for a successful and sustainable future.

"We congratulate all winners who inspire us to continue making a difference."

HomeStart makes home ownership a reality for more South Australians in more ways. We are a statutory authority that reports to the Minister for Housing and Urban Development. We were created by the South Australian Government in 1989 as a response to high interest rates and a lack of affordable home loan finance at the time. Since then we have helped over 62,000 households into home ownership.