

## Riverland photo competition... winners all round!

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Relationships Australia (SA) Berri was awarded the Elders Community Group Award at the 11th Annual Advantage SA Regional Awards for the Murray Mallee region. The inaugural awards presentation, on Wednesday, 3 November 2010 in Renmark, publicly recognised and rewarded excellence to those individuals and groups who make a significant contribution to their region.

Relationships Australia (SA) Berri office was awarded for the success of the “Celebrating the Riverland” photographic competition, which was a community development initiative undertaken by the Drought Response team in the Riverland region.

Ro Forgan, Drought Recovery Coordinator graciously accepted the award, on behalf of the staff and volunteers involved in the project and said,

***“The team worked tirelessly to ensure the project was planned and executed successfully. The competition, which involved over 300 local children taking photos of the natural beauty of the Riverland, aimed to help build resilience in children by asking them to reflect on what they found beautiful, fun or interesting in their drought affected communities. The families of the children have told us how important it was for them to be involved with their children in the taking of the photos and how it provided a way of relating with their children and also how they saw beauty in the Riverland which they had not been aware of.”***

Some 1500 photographs were judged by professional photographers and displayed at the Riverland Field Days and at an exhibition in Adelaide.

This initiative is just one of several projects that Relationships Australia (SA) and other community service providers, are involved in to help make a difference to the children and families in the Riverland community.

**Photos available on request.**

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