

Bedford BigBBQ



Mrs Liz Scarce, Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, Governor of South Australia and Patron of Bedford, Bedford Heart & Soul Award recipient Andreas Morgenthaler with Bedford Chairman Colin Dunsford at the Bedford Achievement Awards, Adelaide Entertainment Centre.

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Bedford Achievement Awards 2010

The amazing achievements of 101 people with disability or disadvantage were celebrated at the 43rd Bedford Achievement Awards in December.

The Achievement Awards recognised the significant contribution Bedford's people make to the local community at formal ceremonies held in Adelaide, Mount Gambier, Port Lincoln and Port Pirie.

The Bedford Achievement Awards are a unique tradition that incites pride and provides members of the Bedford community with the opportunity to be recognised in front of their family and peers. The momentous annual event acknowledges members of the Bedford community across South Australia from our diverse employment, training, housing and day options areas.

Historically held every June, the celebrations took place the week of International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD) for the first time ever.

IDPWD is held every year on 3 December and Bedford chose this date for the new look awards day to pay tribute to the outstanding achievements and contributions of all members of the Bedford community.

IDPWD aims to showcase the abilities and recognise the achievements of people with diverse needs, which is precisely what Bedford is all about!

We continue to diversify our services and we're very proud to see so many people with disability or disadvantage achieving their potential in a variety of areas.

The Bedford Achievement Awards are made possible thanks to the support of Holden and other key organisations – read more about the award recipients on pages 2 and 3.

Bedford to the Max

Achievement Awards

Our Annual Achievement Awards celebrations are always the best events on our calendar. We redefined our award categories to better reflect our culture and indeed our new values of striving for success, being inclusive, embracing diversity, continuously improving, developing relationships and being innovative.

So, in our four new and improved Achievement Awards celebrations in December, we saw an amazing 101 people from across the Bedford community recognised for their achievements during 2010 – truly inspirational!

Once again, for the 42nd year in succession, Holden was our major sponsor. This is an amazing commitment to Bedford and the people we serve by Holden; not only does Holden make the best cars; they enthusiastically promote our most enduring partnership.

Moving Forward

In November we opened our new homes in Port Pirie and the new Day Options Centre at Wallaroo. Both initiatives were put forward as potential merger benefits when Living Skills joined the Bedford Group and we were all so pleased to see the looks on the faces of our new residents and our Day Options members. We sincerely thank the State Government for its capital funding for the 'Homes for 100' programme, which is helping address our accommodation waiting lists, and the District Council of the Copper Coast for providing the land at Wallaroo.

Bedford is now doing so much more for so many more people, with what we call our diversity model, which links people to a broad range of services under the one 'Bedford Group' umbrella. Bedford is now able to provide supported employment in our many Australian Disability Enterprises (ADE's), we can provide community based employment through CareerSystems, we can also provide recreational and life skills programmes, accredited and non accredited training, as well as accommodation, in a range of settings. We are also helping school students along their own learning pathways, with support from the State Government. It is interesting to see that many larger overseas services are taking a similar approach and moving from what we call a 'single service' (or specialty) approach to providing a much broader range of connected options, which provide seamless transitions and pathways.

Support

It was heartening to see our biggest team ever participating in the 2010 City-Bay 'fun' run, with 501 participants, and another successful 'Big Battle' quiz night in October; I thank everyone who participated and donated to our cause.

Your support is as vitally important as ever to us. I hope you enjoy this edition of Talking Bedford; thank you for your interest and assistance.

I hope you and your loved ones had a wonderful Christmas and I wish you a successful, safe and happy 2011.

Best regards,



MAX DYASON
Chief Executive

Congratulations to



Achievement Award recipients Brett Thyer, Wayne Wilkins, Lorrae Faulkner with Rowan Ramsey MP, Member for Grey at Bedford Achievement Awards in Port Pirie.



Teamwork Award recipient Brian Brodie, Bedford Chief Executive Max Dyason and Teamwork Award recipient Daniel Crane at Bedford Achievement Awards in Mount Gambier.

Thank You...



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the Achievement Awards Recipients



Encouragement Award recipient Nick King; Achievement Award recipients Carol Derrick, Jessie Santic, Mark Parfitt; and New Ideas Award recipient Trevor Gilbert at Bedford Achievement Awards in Port Lincoln



New Ideas Award recipients Lauren Andrews, Nick Pettersen, Katie Williams, Angelique Hendrikse, Amanda Shattell, Damien Braun, Derek Bond, Tania Barra and Lisa Drouin at Bedford Achievement Awards in Adelaide.

HEART & SOUL AWARD

Sponsored by Holden

- Andreas Morgenthaler

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Sponsored by Haigh's

- David Barnes
- Samantha Coleman
- Carol Derrick
- Lorrae Faulkner
- Deborah Gomes
- Matthew Graetz
- Scott Leaning
- Christopher Mansfield
- Andrew Mason
- Tyne Milstead
- Mark Parfitt
- Grantley Richards
- Rafello Saccoia
- Jessie Santic
- Denelle Schubert
- Joanne Smith
- Brett Thyer
- Susan Uphill
- Wayne Wilkins
- David Wilsmore

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AWARD

Sponsored by Bluescope Distribution

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- Tammy Frahn
- Nigel Freer
- Steven Giesecke
- Ekayla Latham
- Tracy Lawrence
- Ashley Matthews
- Brett Minervini
- Cindy Taylor
- Brett Thyer
- Morgan Watts
- David Wright

NEW IDEAS AWARD

Sponsored by McCracken Homes

- Lauren Andrews
- Tania Barra
- Derek Bond
- Damien Braun
- Martin De Fluiter
- Lisa Drouin
- Trevor Edwards
- Trevor Gilbert
- Angelique Hendrikse
- Stewart McGillivray
- Diane McKinnon
- Nick Pettersen
- Amanda Shattell
- Katie Williams

TEAMWORK AWARD

Sponsored by Cameron Interstate

- Kym Barrett
- Brian Brodie
- Haydn Button
- Mark Collett
- Daniel Crane
- Geoffrey Creek
- Paul Cullen
- Angelo Ditroia
- Peter Edwards
- Brendan Ellis
- Christopher Emmerson
- Tim Francis
- Wayne Gibson
- Sam Guglielmino
- Christopher Holland
- Sam Hughes
- Kristen King
- Jo Kretschmer
- Errol Mansfield
- Joshua Maynard
- Wayne Neale
- Kevin Telfer
- Ashley Paterson
- Michael Reed
- Michael Spiniello
- Mario Tavasci
- Gary Whitty

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Sponsored by Hafele

- Peter Berkelaar
- Sharna Bradbury
- Lauren Chapman
- Craig Coudrey
- Dale Fielke
- Tammy Frahn
- Raymond Hadchity
- Cory Heaver
- Nick King
- Georgianna Kwong
- Peter Kwong
- Brenda Lawrence
- Matthew Martin
- Wesley Merrett
- Lauren Quinlan
- Samantha Robertson
- Arnold Van Der Werf
- James Velder
- Michael Warren
- Kimberley Waters
- Morgan Watts

EDUCATION AWARD

Sponsored by JLT & Allianz

- Michael Murphy
- Chris Thompson
- Trevor Wells

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Sponsored by EPAC Salary Solutions

- Anthony Dixon
- Mark Hancock
- Paquita Spurr

Special thanks to the sponsors of our regional events, Carter Holt Harvey Woodproducts Australia in Mount Gambier, Viterra in Port Lincoln and Nyrstar in Port Pirie.

How You Can Help...

Bedford could not provide such a diverse range of services for people with disability or disadvantage without the generous support of the South Australian community.

Here's a snapshot of how YOU can help create a brighter future...

Small Business – Big Potential

Could your organisation donate a portion of profits from your business' products or services? Every cent counts so whether you can support Bedford on a large or small scale, you can rest assured your contribution will make a real difference.

'The Bedford team support my business by purchasing lunch here on a regular basis - it was only fair to name one of our sandwiches after them! For every Bedford Bacon Club Sandwich we sell, we donate 50 cents to the Bedford Foundation – an easy way to make a real difference to my local community.'

Wendy Schulz
Koffee Kat, Millicent



Remember Bedford in your Will

Would you consider leaving a gift to Bedford in your Will? Leaving a legacy, large or small, has a significant impact and provides opportunities for people with disability or disadvantage for years to come.

'Since joining Bedford my son Kierran's confidence has grown so much. Knowing he's set up and living independently is so important to me. When I made my Will, I decided to leave my house to Bedford. When I'm no longer around, three people with disability will have a home to call their own. For me, it's an easy way to give something back and plan for people's needs in the future.'

Brian Ferris



Raise Funds for the Bedford Foundation

Are you and your family or friends able to hold a Bedford Backyard BBQ at home, on the beach or even at work - how about cooking up a sausage sizzle one lunchtime and asking staff to make a gold coin donation? What about holding a casual day at work or school?

'My daughter Lauren works in Bedford's cleaning team and lives in her own home thanks to Bedford. I know firsthand how important it is that Bedford can continue their important work, and wanted to help. As part of the Quilt Encounter Committee, my friend Lessa and I launched a Mystery Quilt event where quilters join together to make a quilt with a mystery pattern. All proceeds go to the Bedford Foundation so they can continue creating a brighter future for Lauren and her friends.'

Faye Packham
(Pictured below with her daughter Lauren)



Volunteer at Bedford

Bedford volunteers are an incredible group of people who donate their own time to help create a brighter future for people with disability or disadvantage. If you're interested in volunteering with Bedford, we'd love to hear from you.

The team at Deloitte took part in a corporate volunteer day at Bedford's Panorama site on 12 November, joining our packaging, hospitality and Day Options teams.

If your organisation is interested in taking part in a Bedford volunteer day, contact us and we can tailor a day to meet your needs in a diverse range of areas across South Australia.

'We had a great day at Bedford - it was fantastic to work alongside Bedford employees and hear all about the many activities that go on at Bedford'

Rebecca Court
Deloitte



A Special Thank You...

Start a partnership with Bedford and the possibilities are endless... we must say a very special THANK YOU to Holden who have now sponsored the Bedford Achievement Awards for an amazing 42 years!



Think of Bedford

Stuck for gift ideas for the person who has everything? Why not make a donation to the Bedford Foundation in lieu of a traditional gift for a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion. **Simply donate online at bedfordgroup.com.au or call 1300 300 023.**

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For more information about getting involved at Bedford, or simply to take a tour and see how your support helps, please contact Lauren Marshall, Relationships Manager on **(08) 8275 0221** or **lmarshall@bedfordgroup.com.au**



Bedford Chief Executive Max Dyason with Rio Tinto Managing Director David Peever and Bedford employees Andrew Norman and Rebecca Sergeant at the National Disability Enterprises Excellence Awards

Bedford Recognised with National Business Innovation Award

Bedford's innovative approach to providing meaningful employment for people with disability has been recognised at the annual Australian Disability Enterprises (ADE) Excellence Awards.

Bedford won the ADE Business Innovation Award, which acknowledges disability enterprises focused on providing sustainable work for their supported employees through new and viable business opportunities.

Bedford has developed partnerships with companies including Bunnings, Canberra Investment Corporation (CIC), Delfin Lend Lease, Robern Menz and Carter Holt Harvey Woodproducts Australia to provide stable employment opportunities in multiple industries across the State. The longevity of many of these relationships reflects both the capabilities of people with disability and Bedford's commitment to training and quality systems.



Team Bedford City-Bay participants with sponsor mascots Mr FruChoc, Reggie (The Good Guys Edwardstown) and Adelaide United's Ruby Red

Team Bedford Raising Funds across the State

524 people joined Team Bedford for two fun run events last year, contributing vital sponsorship funds in support of the Bedford Foundation.

Team Bedford made its mark on Mount Gambier on 21 November in the Boral Blue Lake Fun Run, with 23 participants walking or running around Mount Gambier's Blue Lake.

September saw our biggest Team Bedford event yet, with 501 people walking or running up to 12 kilometres in the Sunday Mail City-Bay Fun Run. Team Bedford members enjoyed a delicious breakfast cooked by Bedford's hospitality team at the finish line and were joined by sponsor mascots Ruby Red (Adelaide United Football Club), Reggie the Cash Register (The Good Guys Edwardstown) and Mr FruChoc (Robern Menz) who gave away goodies to members to say thank you for their support of Bedford.



Detmold Packaging's 'Detmold Destroyers' take home the prestigious Big Battle trophy

Adelaide Personalities Unite for Annual Big Battle

Over 320 guests put their knowledge to the test in support of people with disability or disadvantage at the Bedford Big Battle on 21 October. Held at Hilton Adelaide and hosted by Network Ten's Mark Aiston, the second annual high-tech quiz night featured a new venue, new menu and new quiz categories but the same tough competition and dynamic atmosphere as 2009's inaugural event.

32 teams fought it out all night, but it was Detmold Packaging's 'Detmold Destroyers' who took home the Bedford Big Battle trophy.

The event raised over \$35,000 for the Bedford Foundation – a fantastic result. Photos are available at bedfordgroup.com.au and facebook.com/BedfordGroup



New community housing for people with disability in Port Pirie

New Homes for People with Disability in Port Pirie

The Hon Jennifer Rankine MP, Minister for Disability, officially opened Bedford's latest community houses for residents with disability in Port Pirie on 4 November. These homes (one 2-bedroom house, two 2-bedroom units, and one 5-bedroom group home) were the first to be built in regional South Australia as part of Bedford's 'Homes for 100' programme in partnership with the South Australian Government.

These homes are the first step in Bedford's mission to deliver this vital service across regional South Australia. By the end of 2010/11, all 32 planned developments should either be completed, or well advanced.

It is expected that 58 clients will have been accommodated, with another 10 clients expected to be housed early in 2011/12.



The fantastic new Day Options centre in Wallaroo

Bedford Opens New Day Options Centre at Wallaroo

Mayor of the Copper Coast, Paul Thomas officially opened Bedford's new Day Options Centre in Wallaroo on 5 November, joining Bedford staff, members, family, friends and other guests.

Day Options programmes offer a variety of recreational, leisure and development activities which encourage people with disability to become more independent.

The new centre comprises a central activities area adjacent to a modern, air conditioned kitchen, computer area, office and sensory room.

The new facility will provide Bedford with the capacity to maintain and expand member numbers to even more people in the Copper Triangle and Yorke Peninsula.



Team Profile Entwich

IMAGE

Bedford employee Damien Braun, Enterprise House Function Centre Manager Julie Campbell, Bedford employee Angie Hendrikse, Bedford's Derek Bond, Manager, Hospitality, and Business SA Manager Finance and Administration Joe Scordo

Bedford's hospitality team offers employment and training to 37 people with disability. The team provide catering services all over Adelaide in addition to catering for Bedford events and running a subsidised cafeteria at our Panorama site.

Bedford and Enterprise House Function Centre in Unley have enjoyed a successful relationship for over three years, with Bedford as primary catering supplier for Enterprise House's many functions. The partnership was given a new lease in May 2010 when Bedford began running Entwich, the lunch bar located within Enterprise House.

Entwich sells a range of delicious lunch and snack items and is now staffed and operated solely by Bedford. Entwich is proving itself as a wonderful training opportunity for Bedford employees to develop their skills.

Business SA Manager Finance and Administration Joe Scordo said 'It's fantastic seeing Bedford employees at Entwich and the food is fantastic! On behalf of Enterprise House and its corporate owners, Business SA and Australian Industry Group SA, we're very proud to be involved in this community initiative.'

Bedford is grateful to Enterprise House for providing this space and maintaining the equipment free of charge. Special thanks to Business SA CEO Peter Vaughan.

Call in for lunch or a snack Monday to Friday between 10am and 2pm at Enterprise House, 136 Greenhill Road, Unley.

For more information on Bedford's catering services, please contact Derek Bond, Manager, Hospitality on (08) 8374 3074 or catering@bedfordgroup.com.au

Our purpose is to provide the best options and opportunities for people with disability or disadvantage

Bedford Backyard BBQ

Help create a brighter future for people with disability or disadvantage simply by holding a BBQ! You can support the Bedford Foundation by holding a BBQ at home, at work or on the beach!

Register your BBQ and you will receive a Bedford Backyard BBQ pack complete with:

- Bedford Backyard BBQ apron and stubby holder
- Beerenberg sauce
- Poster to advertise your BBQ
- Springfield Butchers gift voucher - just spend \$30 to receive 1kg of BBQ sausages free!
- Donation forms to ensure that everyone can get a tax deductible receipt for their donation

For more details visit bedfordgroup.com.au or contact Chantelle Dolphin, Event Coordinator on (08) 8275 0352 or cdolphin@bedfordgroup.com.au

Get Involved!

- **10 January** – Bedford Foundation Hot, Hot, Hot Summer Lottery opens
- **21 January** – Team Bedford: Mutual Community Challenge Tour, Adelaide
- **15 February** – ‘Abilities for All’ graduation ceremony, Adelaide
- **4 March** – Bedford Big BBQ, Adelaide Oval Pavillion
- **8 April** – Bedford Big BBQ, Port Lincoln



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IMAGE

Bedford Trainer Trish Murphy, Adult Learner of the Year and Bedford student Trevor Wells and Taperoo Community Centre Coordinator Kathy Miller

Bedford Student Shines at Adult Learners Week

Bedford student Trevor Wells has won the title of Adult Learner of the Year at the Adult Learners Week awards ceremony. Trevor joined Bedford's 'Abilities for All' training programme in 2009 and is a shining example for others contemplating adult learning pathways of what can be achieved. Led by Bedford, in collaboration with the Government of South Australia and the Community and Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Association (CANH), 'Abilities for All' is the only programme of its kind to ensure South Australians with disability have access to preparation courses to help find and hold down a job.

At 59, Trevor was made redundant from a manufacturing position he'd held for 35 years. He was devastated, lacked confidence and had become isolated from his peers

After joining Bedford, Trevor began formal training at his local Taperoo Community Centre. Before long he'd successfully fulfilled the requirements of Certificate I in Business. By early 2010 he had earned Certificate II in Business, completed computing courses and is today working towards Certificate I and II in Horticulture and Conservation Land Management.

Trevor's success is testimony to his strength of character and the capabilities of people with disability or disadvantage.

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