



READY: John McRostie, Andrew Friebe, Mark Fidyka, Chas Bevans, Mike Carter, Petar Letic, David Healey, Doug Williams, David Kerr, Sarah McEachern and Chris Mavrangelos in training. **Picture:** BROOKE WHATNALI

Ride to boost disabled housing

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THEY won't have the speed and glamour of the Tour Down Under, but they hope their nine-day trip along the Great Ocean Road to raise money for the disabled will attract many fans.

The group of 14 cyclists – which includes real estate agents, builders and engineers –

will tackle the ride from Melbourne to Adelaide to raise money for Bedford's supported accommodation and housing options projects.

Group leader Andrew Friebe, from Smallacombe, said it made sense for people involved with housing to link themselves with a charity which provided housing for the disabled.

“There's such a shortage of housing for the disabled, and it's something that I can recognise on a personal level because I have a disabled sister who lives at home,” he said.

The ride will take place from January 24 to February 2. For details about sponsoring the ride or making a donation, visit the Bedford website.



Taxpayers to pay for forestry fix

By **CHRIS PIPPOS**

TAXPAYERS are now up for \$1.1 million to fix the forestry crisis in the South of the state that the State Government has blamed on the continued closure of the Triabunna woodchip mill, sold by Gunns Ltd to environmentalists.

The closure of the East Coast mill has created a massive stockpile of logs and timber waste, which will now be transported at taxpayers' expense from the South to the North-West and North.

Britton Timbers at Smithton, to avert a log supply shortage, will receive 5000 tonnes of sawlogs for its sawmill and most of the rest, including forest residue and woodchips, will be exported from Bell Bay.

Gunns sold its Triabunna mill, closed at the time because of the industry downturn and move by the company to exit native forest harvesting, to Jan Cameron and Graeme Wood.

Forestry Minister Bryan Green said the transportation of the

South's wood stockpile "would avert a shutdown of the state's forest industry", adding the matter had reached a "critical stage".

"These costs would not have been incurred if the Triabunna mill was open," Mr Green said.

"Unless the stockpiles are cleared, hundreds of forest workers could be stood down before Christmas.

"We face a major transport task to move pulpwood to the only remaining export facility at Bell Bay, sawlogs to the North-West where there is a lack of supply and to help sawmillers and processors clear their yards of residues."

The logjam at export yards, processing operations and on coupe landings was restricting the ability of contractors to work and "causing safety concerns", he said.

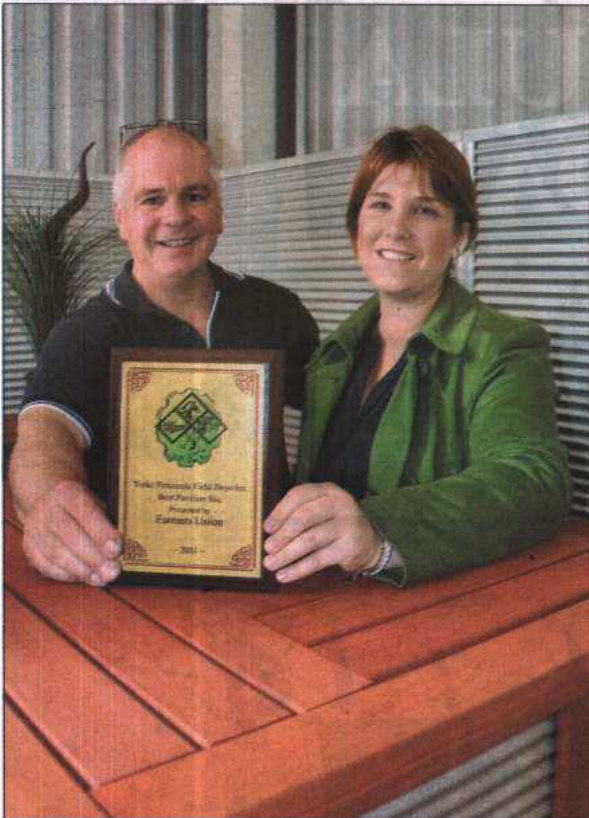
Liberal forestry spokesman Peter Gutwein said the \$1 million payment was a concession Triabunna would not reopen as a consequence of the "disastrous" forestry deal.

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● **GREAT EXHIBIT...** Mike Curtin and Clare Johnston, from the Bedford Group, Kadina, with the award for Best Pavilion Site.



● **TRACTOR TOWN...** Brad Kind, New Holland products service manager; Barry McCallum, Flinders Machinery, Booleroo Centre; and Roger Chapman, Fenton's Gawler, with the award New Holland won for Best Site Tractors and Farm Machinery.



● **BEST AUSTRALIAN MADE MACHINE...** Moonta Engineering's Paul Evans and Michael Eylward in front of their award-winning chaser bin.



● **ENTERTAINING...** Special guest speaker Peter Goers entertains the crowd at the official opening and award presentations on Wednesday.



● **TEAM EFFORT...** The Eyre Peninsula Farmer and Fishermens Market attended the YP Field Days for the first time and won the award, sponsored by the Yorke Peninsula Country Times, for Best Outdoor Site. Pictured are, back: Nada Gobin, Biscotti; Bronwyn Busbridge, Spice Girlz, of McLaren Vale (guest producer); Val Pope, Pope's Honey; Nerissa Schuster, EP Farmer and Fishermens Market coordinator; Kym Turvey, Lincoln Estate Wines; Damian Modra, Modra's Apartments; Brian Milner, Windy Hill Olives; Frank Martin, Martin's Oysters; front: Carmen Whittle, Melt Handmade Fudge; Debi Forster, Swim with the Tuna; Makenna Cox, Calypso Star; Caroline Bonnett, MBC Foods, of Marion Bay (guest producer).



● **NEW TECHNOLOGY...** James Dolling, Wokurna; Nick Stringer, Mundoora; Craig Stringer, Mundoora; and Roger Burt, Port Broughton, with Mike Symes (centre) from Crop Optics Australia which won the award for New Release Broad Acre Machinery.