

WHYALLA NEWS

DUO INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

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Whyalla singer-songwriters **Alison Hams and Mark Tempany** have been recognised for their years of service to the region, being inducted into the **Brand South Australia Regional Awards Hall of Fame**.

The couple's music service Stormfront Productions was inducted last Wednesday night at the South Australian Regional Awards for the Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula region.

The awards were held at the Westland Hotel Motel with about 200 guests celebrating the achievements of individuals, groups and businesses in the region.

Stormfront Productions has been previously recognised in the awards arts category in 2006 and 2010 - the business picking up its third award for service to the arts and creative industries at last week's awards ceremony to earn a place in the Hall of Fame.

Ms Hams said it was interesting to see that arts award category changed this year to incorporate arts and creative industries to recognise viable arts businesses. "We're very proud that the arts cannot only be recognised as creative and sometimes just as a hobby but can also be seen as a sustainable full-time business and as far as Stormfront Productions is concerned, offering a valuable service to the region," she said.

Ms Hams said Stormfront Productions has had a long history with the awards and she and Mr Tempany strongly supported what the South Australian Regional Awards were all about. "We really support Brand SA and their promotion of the regions and for them to have these awards to acknowledge people in country areas that are thinking big is great".

Mr Tempany said it was an incredible honour to be inducted into the Hall of Fame and be provided recognition as a business that might not otherwise "fit in".

"These guys have a really broad view of the regions in everything, not just the arts," Mr Tempany said. "We love that we can use what we can do as musicians to give back - and it's so cool that they're recognising the things that sometimes slip through the cracks."

A number of Whyalla businesses and community organisations were winners on the night with Whyalla Aged Care picking up the Telstra Large Business Award for its professional service in meeting the increasing needs of an ageing population in the region. Bedford Group Eyre Peninsula took out the Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Education Foundation of South Australia Community Group Award for its valuable services in both the Whyalla and Port Lincoln communities.

Rounding out the winners was UniSA's Department for Rural Health Sport 4 Rural Health initiative, picking up the ReturnToWorkSA Award.