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PLAYFORD TRUST SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS Winners announced

The Playford Memorial Trust Scholarships were announced today ahead of an Awards Ceremony tonight at:

When: 6pm on Tuesday 26 April 2016

Where: The Braggs Theatre, in The University of Adelaide

The Playford Trust provides prestigious scholarships and awards for high-achieving South Australians. Named in honour of South Australia's longest-serving Premier, the Playford Memorial Trust honours Sir Thomas Playford's legacy, which was marked by a period of population and economic growth unmatched by any other Australian State. Many decisions made during his tenure helped transform South Australia from a predominantly agricultural economy into the modern, innovative State that we know today.

Scholarship awards are made to students studying in areas that benefit South Australia and include undergraduates, residential, Honours and PhD students. The Trust provides about 50 scholarships and awards each year with a total value of about \$350,000. In addition, in 2016 Defence Program Scholarships and Internships will be included for the first time, in association with the Department of State Development.

"This year's field of applicants was exceptionally strong, leading to the Trust extending the number of scholarships awarded, thanks to partnerships with the leading universities," said Dean Brown, Chairman of the Playford Trust.

"PhD scholarships have doubled this year and we have been able to award six Regional Science and Engineering scholarships, helping more students in regional areas to locate to Adelaide to undertake university studies", he said.

The Playford Trust partners with many of the State's leading corporate and private philanthropists and the State Government to fund the scholarship program, which has shown significant benefit in enabling research and skills development to advance areas of strategic importance for South Australia, including:

- Agriculture and Food Production
- Water, Energy and Climate Change
- Advanced Manufacturing and New Technologies
- Mining and Resources Development

Visit www.playfordtrust.com.au for further information.

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Attached list of awardees/...

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