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CHRIS DOENING WINS STATE AWARD

Chris Doening, 27 of Paradise has won the prestigious V.I.P. Home Services Small Business Achievement Award in the 2012 Channel 9 Young Achiever Awards. Chris won the Award from a strong field of nominees and was one of ten category winners announced on Saturday 17th March at the Hilton Adelaide. 450 guests including the Hon Jay Weatherill MP, Premier of South Australia attended the Gala event.

Chris was presented with his Award by Bill Vis, Founder/Chairman, V.I.P. Home Services

The ten category winners were:

- Chris Doening, 27 of Paradise - V.I.P. Home Services Small Business Achievement Award
- Michael Richards, 25 of Sommertown - The Coffee Club Arts Award
- Dr Ashley Flavel, 28 of Northgate - The University of Adelaide Faculty of Sciences Science and Technology Award
- Raquel Kerdel, 22 of Seaview Downs - Office for Youth Aboriginal Achievement Award
- Hannah Davis, 26 of Glenelg - Worldwide Online Printing Sports Award
- Adam Kilpatrick, 27 of North Adelaide - Flinders Ports Environment Award
- Cr David Speirs, 27 of Kingston Park - Adelaide Airport Limited Community Leadership Award
- Renae Kirkham, 25 of Port Augusta - Rural Doctors Workforce Agency Rural Health Award
- Ben Gray, 23 of Largs Bay - Factory Direct Home Air Conditioning Young Tradesperson of the Year Award
- Keyvan Abak, 26 of Glengowrie - Proteus Leadership Excellence Award

Ben Gray, 23 of Largs Bay was later announced by the Premier as the 2012 Premier's/Channel 9 Young Achiever of the Year, chosen from the ten winners. The ten winners each received \$1,000 from prize patron HomeStart Finance and a trophy. Ben won an additional \$1,000, the state award trophy and a holiday for two provided by Hilton Hotels.

Chris Doening, 27 of Paradise wanted to own a building company from a young age. Through study and hard work in various areas of construction, he became the youngest person in Australia, at 20, to become a registered builder and supervisor for residential construction. Starting his company with a few jobs on the side, Chris quickly progressed from building two houses in a year to ten. In 2008, he decided to focus full time on his company, "Endeavour Quality Homes". The business now has five full time office staff including his previous boss, and over 120 sub contractors, building 50 houses a year, and growing.

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