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MEDIA RELEASE

“SOUTH AUSTRALIA’S TOP TAXI DRIVER – A CHAMPION BLOKE”

Ashraf Khan, a taxi driver of 29 years experience, has been named as South Australian Taxi Driver of the Year for 2007.

Mr Khan was honoured at a special gala dinner tonight, with the Award presented by South Australian Minister for Transport, The Hon. Patrick Conlon.

Mr Khan was chosen by a panel of judges from the monthly winners, who were all nominated by passengers for “service that stands out from the crowd”.

Several hundred nominations were received for Mr Khan who was regarded by passengers as being a safe, friendly and helpful driver, with comments ranging from “a top bloke” to a “legend” and “a champion”.

Mr Khan, originally from Pakistan, has driven taxis both in Adelaide and Sydney, but says he prefers Adelaide’s friendliness.

He currently drives night-shift, working 70 hours a week.

Nearly 1700 nominations were received for the Awards over a three month period, recognizing driver knowledge and skills, courtesy and helpfulness, driver and vehicle presentation, safety and comfort and service to the elderly and people with disabilities.

The 2007 Taxi Driver of the Year receives a cheque for \$5,000, a \$1000 Unigas voucher and dinner and accommodation packages.

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