Press Release

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Leah Briggs Named Champion of Champions

On Saturday 31st July, the South Australian Council for Country Music hosted its annual Champion of Champions competition at the Burnside Town Hall.

Country music artists who had won a first or second placing at regional country music festival competitions competed to be named as either the Junior or Senior Champion of Champions.

Beachport teenager Leah Briggs was named as the 2004 Senior Champion of Champions. As part of her prize package, Leah will represent South Australia at the Queensland Champion of Champions event, the Buttercup Concerts at the Tamworth Festival, and at the Trans Tasman competitions at Norfolk Island. Locally, Leah will appear on the South Australian Showcase at Norwood Town Hall on November 27th. Her prize package also includes a cash prize, clothing from RM Williams, a photo shoot with Captured Images, and recording time at TJ Productions. Leah will also be considered for the Rocky Page Memorial Scholarship to attend the Country Music Association of Australia's Country Music College in Tamworth in January.

Leah has achieved a lot of success this year. She was a grand finalist in the Telstra Road to Tamworth competition at Tamworth in January, won a major quest at Moama, and was selected in May, at the Port Pirie Festival, to once again represent SA as a finalist at the Telstra Road to Tamworth competition in Tamworth in 2005. Leah and her family are about to travel to Gympie in Qld where she will compete in the Gympie Muster Talent Search

Murray Bridge teenager Catherine Sumner won the Junior Champion of Champions title. Catherine will also be invited to appear on the South Australian Showcase at Norwood Concert Hall on November 27th and at the Buttercup Concerts in Tamworth.

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Photo: left to right Leah Briggs, Hon Peter Lewis MP Chairman of the Board of the SA Council for Country Music and Catherine Sumner

