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Teen green thumb is a young achiever

A LOCAL university student who is passionate about the environment has been awarded a prestigious accolade at the Channel 9 Young Achiever Awards.

Willunga's Saskia Gerhardy, 19, won the Flinders Ports Environment Award at the Channel 9 Young Achiever Awards night on Saturday, March 28.

Saskia is studying a bachelor degree in Biodiversity and Conservation.

She volunteers for Trees for Life, Adelaide Mount Lofty Rangers Natural Resource Management and Willunga Landcare Group.

Judges recognised her efforts rescuing orphaned, injured or sick animals and assisting in programs to monitor endangered animals such as Greater Bilbies, Burrowing Bettongs and Southern Hairy Nosed wombats.

She leads a group of young environmentalists encouraging them to be active in local community environmental projects and has recently been appointed as a School Services Officer at Willunga Primary School to co-ordinate and deliver the



CONGRATULATIONS: Saskia Gerhardy (right) received a Young Achiever award. She is pictured with Alison Snel of Flinders Ports, the award sponsor.

EnviroKids Program.

Saskia was presented the environment award in front of 400 guests at the awards night, which

was held at the Hilton Adelaide.

There were nine category winners, each receiving a \$1000 prize and a trophy.