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Maras wins national Mainstreet awards

ADELAIDE property developer, Maras Group, has taken out two top honours in the 2012 national Mainstreet Australia awards for its work in Rundle Street East and for the boss Steve Maras.

The group was awarded the Private Sector Partnership Award for its involvement with the Adelaide City Council in the upgrade of the south side of Rundle Street in 2010/11.

The council did the streetworks while Maras upgraded the buildings it owns along the south side, including new design elements and redecorations.

Managing director Steve Maras was also named National Mainstreet Champion. The citation said he was a "property owner and developer with a strong social conscience ... a supporter, driver and conduit for the numerous and diverse stakeholders within the business, government and community services".

Mr Maras praised the people who worked for the group, along with Mainstreet SA and Renew Adelaide, "all of whom have the promotion and progression of our main streets at heart".

The Maras Group, which has a particular focus on Prospect Road and Rundle Street East, was also a finalist for the Main Street Innovation Award.

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