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# INSIDE COVER

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### BIG-HEARTED

Telstra WA Business Award winner Scott Houston runs his business with military precision, which is not really a surprise considering he is a former Special Air Service Regiment sniper.

Last year *The West Australian* reported on Houston's transition from military life to the business world — a transition that has seen his Executive Risk Solutions business go from a one-man concern in 2008 to turning over \$20 million a year.

Specialising in emergency response, crisis management and incident security for the mining industry, Houston credits a big part of ERS' success to the early support he received from Gina Rinehart's Roy Hill iron ore project.

But if there's one thing you can say about Houston it's that he gives as good as he gets.

He won two prizes at the Telstra WA Business Awards — WA business of the year and best medium-sized business — which came with prize money of \$10,000 and \$5000 respectively.

After winning, Houston promptly donated the \$5000 to the Tour de Gracetown charity

ride and the Telethon Adventurers and he gave the \$10,000 to the SAS Resources Fund, a trust for serving and former SAS members and their dependants affected by death or disability in the line of duty.

The last cause is understandably close to Houston's heart and the donation followed \$25,000 he contributed to the fund last year and \$25,000 he has earmarked this year.

And with another \$50,000 donated to the Roy Hill Community Foundation, you've got a bloke who has given more to his community — both as a soldier and a civilian — than many of us will do in a lifetime.