



media information

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Apple & Grape Harvest Festival 5th, 6th & 7th March 2010

Voted an Iconic Queensland Event in the Q150 celebrations.

March 2010 sees the Apple and Grape Harvest Festival into its 44th year.

Stanthorpe is one of those surprising towns, known as the coldest town in Queensland. Located 1,000 metres above sea level, brings temperatures as low as minus 12 in winter; is it any wonder the region is so suited to growing some of the finest crisp Apples and Wine Grapes in Australia.

The Apple and Grape Harvest Festival is a blooming big party, celebrating the harvest of Apples and Wine Grapes in March. This free entry event (except for the Gala Ball) is held every 2 years and has a proven track record to please the masses time and time again. It's a three day event with something for everyone and up to 80,000 people are estimated to attend the festival.

Come early Friday and take part in Apple Day, with competitions in Apple Peeling and Apple Pie making and then dress in your finery for the Gala Ball. Saturday: kick back in the park and enjoy live music while sipping on fine Granite Belt wines; check out the street stalls and the local art and craft markets. Join us in the main street to watch the Grand Parade and the celebrity challenge Grape Crush. Saturday night is topped off with a fireworks spectacular and live music till late in the park and various venues around town. Sunday: more food, wine and entertainment in the park, street stalls and local art and craft markets right through the day. Every day: visit the Art Gallery for the Stanthorpe Art Festival and take a stroll down the main streets of Stanthorpe where the Decorated Shop Windows Competition is keenly contested. There's so much more to see, taste and be a part of but you'll just have to come and find out for yourself.

The festival attracts between 60,000 and 80,000 visitors of all ages from all parts of Queensland and North Eastern New South Wales. There are some die hard visitors that have been coming to the festival for many years, join them.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FESTIVAL'S ATTRACTIONS:

DATE	DAY HIGHLIGHTS	NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS
FRIDAY 5TH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Apple Peeling Competition ◆ Apple and Preserve Competition ◆ Sports Day Golf and Bowls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Gala Ball and the Festival Young Ambassadors Awards ◆ Family Movie Night (new)
SATURDAY 6TH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Mt Marlay Fun Run ◆ Grand Parade and Street Carnival ◆ Visiting Pipe Bands ◆ Qld Grape Crushing Championships ◆ Market in the Mountains ◆ Wine & Food Fiesta ◆ Fruit Auction ◆ Sideshow Alley & Street Stalls ◆ Youth Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fireworks Spectacular ◆ Wine & Food Fiesta ◆ Rides & Street Stalls ◆ Roving Entertainment ◆ Pizza Eating competition ◆ Pubs & Clubs Scene
SUNDAY 7TH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Wine & Food Fiesta ◆ Multicultural Entertainment ◆ Street Stalls ◆ Market in the Mountains 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Wine & Food Fiesta plus entertainment ◆ Harvest - Thanksgiving service ◆ Concert – Granite Belt Choir

Visit www.appleandgrape.org for updates as exciting new events are revealed for 2010!

Check the images file on our website. If you require further information or editorial on individual events please contact the festival office. The Apple and Grape Harvest Festival is a not for profit community organisation.

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