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MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

The iconic Apple and Grape Harvest Festival is back for another year in 2010 with a three day celebration of the Southern Downs regions' prosperous horticulture and wine industries.

It's a fun filled family weekend with a street carnival, stalls and entertainment, fresh food markets, fruit and vegetable displays, wine fiesta, rides and live music to name a small portion of the weekend's activities.

Come and sample apples freshly picked from the tree and taste test the wine offerings from local producers.

One of my Government's Toward Q2 ambitions is to protect our lifestyle and environment, which is why we support events like the Apple and Grape Harvest Festival through the Queensland Events Regional Development Program.

This program has provided more than \$13.6 million to over 645 regional events since it started as a world-first initiative in 2001.

These events bring in business, create jobs, attract tourists, fuel growth and prosperity and give a tremendous sense of pride for the local host communities.

Across the State, thousands of individuals, community groups, local councils and in some cases entire towns, put countless hours into ensuring their events are a success.

The Queensland Government shares the passion and the achievements of the State's regions through this program. Enjoy the taste testing and the celebrations and I hope you will have an opportunity to discover more of Queensland's great events in the coming year.

**ANNA BLIGH MP PREMIER
OF QUEENSLAND**