



MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

Stanthorpe's iconic Apple and Grape Harvest Festival offers a wonderful three days of family fun while paying tribute to the region's thriving wine and horticultural industries.

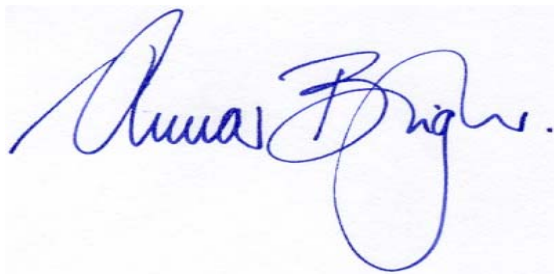
Now in its fourth decade, this popular event attracts visitors from all over the country, keen to sample apples that taste like they used to and local wines that are fast making a name throughout Australia. Street markets, a gala ball, wine fiesta and multicultural events mean this is a festival that truly offers something for everyone.

The Apple and Grape Harvest Festival is proudly supported by my Government through the Queensland Events Regional Development Program.

Regional events deliver an enormous boost to local economies – bringing in business, creating jobs, attracting tourists and fuelling growth, prosperity and a tremendous sense of pride for the host communities.

Already, the funding program has provided more than \$9.7 million to some 460 regional events since it started as a world-first initiative in 2001. 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 is proud to share the passion and the achievements of the State's regions through this investment program. Enjoy the festival, and we hope you will have an opportunity to discover more of Queensland's great events in the coming year.



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PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND**