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Apple & Grape Young Ambassadors 2012 presented at Stanthorpe Race Day!

Out of everyone's control is the weather but with the cheers from the racing crowd plus claps of thunder, Stanthorpe Race Day certainly was one storm of a day!

Despite near deafening competition from the heavens and before the day had to be officially cancelled after just one race, the 2012 Apple & Grape Young Ambassadors were presented with their sashes by 2010 festival title holders, Lauren Grubic and Zoe Dunlop, as part of the Festival Sponsors launch.

"We are extremely grateful to our major Festival sponsors Seven Network, Southern Free Times and Rebel FM," said Apple & Grape Harvest Festival President, Keith Barnett, "plus generous grants from Events Queensland Regional Development Fund, Southern Downs Regional Council and Regional Arts Development Fund for multicultural entertainment. This is a partnership with Arts Queensland and our regional council to support local arts and culture."

Mr Barnett acknowledged that the continued support from The Stanthorpe Jockey Club to allow the Apple & Grape Harvest Festival to be included in this special day is very much appreciated and so is the sponsorship from Heritage Building Society and Health & Daily Living Solutions.

"Special thanks to long-time supporter, John Jurgs from Showcase Jewellers, who for 10 festivals over the last 20 years, has provided each Apple & Grape Young Ambassador with a specially designed sterling silver pin. To Ivy Graham of Goldstone Jewellers, many thanks for giving crystal glass bowls to each Young Ambassador and Perfection Fresh for assistance in introducing the Young Ambassadors at Race Day. Thanks to Greg Thouard, who as emcee hung on to the microphone despite the lightning!"

The Apple & Grape Harvest Festival 2012 runs from 2 – 4 March 2012 and the Festival Young Ambassadors Awards will be announced at the Gala Ball on Friday 2nd. Please visit www.appleandgrape.org for more details.

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The Apple and Grape Harvest Festival is the biggest event held in Stanthorpe every two years. March 2nd, 3rd & 4th 2012 is a time to celebrate what the Granite Belt region has to offer. To kick the weekend off join the locals at the Ball on Friday night where the Apple and Grape Festival Ambassador is announced. Enjoy local produce and a glass of wine at the Multicultural Food and Wine Fiesta whilst listening to some great music. Wonder at the grand parade, the Queensland Grape Crushing competition, and the spectacular fireworks on the Saturday evening. Buy local arts and crafts from the many street stalls. See our website www.appleandgrape.org for updated information as it happens.

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High resolution images are available on request.