



Apple and Grape Harvest Festival Update

Volunteers – Moira Van Houdt, 2012 Volunteers Director, is looking for you to help with not only the festival weekend but with the lead up to the festival. Moira said “with less than 50 days to go we need to allocate volunteers to various areas. Right now we are looking for helpers with selling raffle tickets for the Young Ambassadors and to help with putting up the Festival lights and bunting on February 11th. Strong Volunteers are required on Friday of the Festival for Seniors Concert to assist with moving table and chairs. Also on Festival Friday, help is needed with 'Apple day' in Farley Piazza and of course the Rio Carnival ball. For those early risers we will need several volunteers to assist the Directors with stalls set up both Saturday and Sunday. Anyone who holds a license in traffic control and can assist on the Saturday and Sunday with traffic flow on road closures for various events please contact the office as soon as possible. As always we are looking for assistance with marshalling crowds, supervision for the Grand Parade, Fireworks, Mt Marlay Fun Run and other events. All we need from you as a volunteer is a cheerful approach and are willing to make our thousands of visitors who come to Stanthorpe for this special weekend, feel very welcome. No festival of this size can run without the wonderful band of volunteers who donate their time.” For those of you who think “what can I do”? Just email Moira volunteers@appleandgrape.org or leave a message at the Festival Shop, there is always a job to be done. Stop and have a chat at the Apple and Grape Harvest Festival stall at the Stanthorpe Show on February 3rd and 4th, you might be surprised on the many ways you can help your community.

Grand Parade – have you started to design your float yet? The theme for the 2012 Festival is Rio Carnival and there are some great prizes and trophies on offer. We have several categories for those who wish to enter the competition: Commercial, Not for Profit and Schools.

Decorated Windows – for our very creative business owners around town, join in the Rio Carnival fun and decorated your windows. Locals and visitors alike love strolling around town in the week before the festival to see what the business owners have created. Unfortunately this year we will not have our resident champion George Patti and family from Furnishing n Things, we are sure many visitors will be sad to hear they have retired from business. Who will win the Best Other Premises category in 2012?

Stalls - sites are still available in Maryland Street for Saturday March 3rd 2012 but filling fast. All forms can be downloaded for the website or drop into the Festival Shop and pick one up. Don't forget you can purchase your Rio Carnival Ball tickets and also register for the Mt Marlay 10km Challenge and 5km fun run online just visit www.appleandgrape.org or contact the Festival Shop (07) 4681 4111.

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