



# **DROUGHT RELIEF WINE AUCTION**

## **Major Rotary Fundraiser Announced for Barossa Valley to help our farmers.**

The Rotary Club of Barossa Valley has dedicated its major fundraiser this year to families on the land who are suffering and need help. Farmers are the lifeblood of our country and they are in crisis. Record breaking heat and lack of rain means farmers are struggling to feed sheep and cattle, and to keep crops alive.

Rotary Australia was quick to partner with the Channel 9 Today Show and the National Farmers' Federation to launch an appeal to provide some emergency relief. Local members of The Rotary Club of Barossa Valley unanimously voted to support this national initiative.

Members are now busy rounding up donations to raise funds at a Wine Auction and Tapas Afternoon to be held at the Nuriootpa Soldiers Memorial Hall on Saturday 27 October 2018.

Rotarians are all volunteers who are passionate about making a difference and their enthusiasm for this project has already seen an immediate pledge of quality wines. Event organisers, John Little and Peter Canning, say the Barossa community is responding with typical generosity.

"Everyone is aware of the plight of our farmers and buying wine is something the Barossa does so well! We all appreciate another bottle in the cellar because we know that wines are made to be enjoyed, so our cellars rarely stay full", said John. "All we ask is for the community to come along and make one more bid for drought relief."

"We hope to fill the Soldiers' Memorial Hall with plenty of bidders, so we are encouraging people to pre-purchase their tickets as places will be limited" said Peter.

Entry tickets are just \$10 per person and include a free glass of wine on arrival and a delicious selection of Tapas to enjoy. Doors will open at 1.30pm with the auction of wines commencing promptly at 2.30pm. Live music will keep guests entertained before the auction and during the afternoon. It is anticipated the event will conclude by approximately 5pm.

Call Peter Canning on 0417 616 092 to secure your tickets. Anyone with donations of wine can contact John Little on 0418 820 956 who will gratefully receive and catalogue your items.

100% of donations goes to the farmers and is tax deductible via Rotary. Show your support on Saturday 27 October because every dollar counts in the fight for our farmers.