



## **MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND**

The combination of camping, music and wine tasting is what makes the Dingo Creek Jazz and Blues Festival a unique and wonderful way to spend two days in Queensland.

The beautiful Dingo Creek Winery provides the perfect setting for the Festival and a thoroughly enjoyable experience for visitors.

I congratulate the organisers on their initiative in developing this event as an important fundraiser for SIDS and Kids Queensland.

What makes this event so special is that visitors and musicians have the chance to mingle with each other while enjoying our very own Queensland wine and the greater Cooloola region.

The Dingo Creek Jazz and Blues Festival is 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 offer 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 program. Enjoy Dingo Creek Jazz and Blues Festival 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**