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FUNDING FOR QUEENSLAND REGIONAL EVENTS CLOSING SOON

Events held in regional Queensland have until Friday 17 February to be eligible to receive funding under Round 22 of the Events Queensland Regional Development Program (EQRDP).

The Queensland Government, through Events Queensland, has invested \$18.3 million in 856 events since the EQRDP began in 2001.

Member for Toowoomba North Kerry Shine is encouraging local event organisers to submit their funding applications by the Round 22 deadline for events held between 1 July 2012 and 31 December 2013.

“Assistance under the EQRDP is a great way for local event organisers to receive a helping-hand in creating a must-see event in the Toowoomba region,” said Mr Shine.

The Queensland Government, through Events Queensland, is investing in regional events throughout Queensland as they provide vital support for the tourism industry, and local businesses.

“The Queensland Government recognises the importance of regional events to their host communities and local economy – they are a great source of pride, showcase the region and attract visitors,” he said.

“That’s why the Bligh Government increased funding to the program by \$600,000 per year – bringing the total program commitment to \$3 million annually.”

Events held after 31 December 2013 can apply in the next funding cycle – Round 23.

For more information on the EQRDP and to see upcoming events in Queensland visit www.eventsqld.com.au

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