



MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

Drawing thousands of people to Goomeri every May, the Goomeri Pumpkin Festival has gone from strength to strength to become a much loved fixture on the Queensland event calendar.

The Festival includes a fun-filled array of pumpkin related activities like pumpkin bowls, a decorated pumpkin competition, giant pumpkin competition and a pumpkin patchwork challenge and quilt show.

And prepare to be knocked off your feet by the highlight event of the Festival – the truly unique Great Australian Pumpkin Roll.

One of my Government's Toward Q2 ambitions is to promote a safe and caring Queensland community.

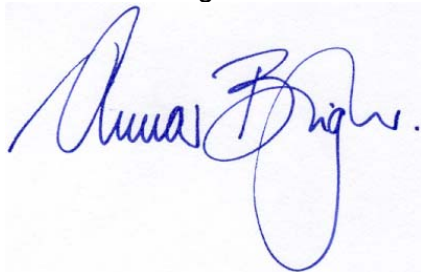
That's why we support events such as the Goomeri Pumpkin Festival through the Queensland Events Regional Development Program.

This program has provided more than \$11.5 million to over 548 regional events since it started as a world-first initiative in 2001.

These events bring in business, create jobs, attract tourists, fuel growth and prosperity and give a tremendous sense of pride for the local host communities.

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.

Enjoy the Festival and I hope you will have an opportunity to discover more of Queensland's great events in the coming year.



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