



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Twilight Tastings bigger and better than ever**

With less than a month to go, Hastings Co-op's Twilight Tastings is gearing up to exceed all expectations, with a record number of exhibitors and entertainment planned for the March 16 event.

Event organiser, Lisa Atkins, who manages Hastings Co-op's Timbertown and Wauchope Supa IGA Liquor Plus stores, said she has been overwhelmed by the response from local producers.

"Foodies and beer, wine and spirit lovers are in for a real treat," she said.

"The best part is, entry is still \$5 for adults and free for under 18s.

"This is our fourth year and we have a record number of exhibitors from near and far, some amazing exclusive offers, tastings from Timbertown IGA deli, Farmers Market stalls, children's entertainment and live music thanks to Troy White Music School and Chris Rose.

"As the event grows, the sentiment is still the same – Twilight Tastings is all about celebrating beer, wine, spirits and food in a relaxed environment where suppliers can share their products and locals can try something new.

"It will be a great opportunity to talk directly with producers and grab a great deal, which is usually reserved for the stores."

Mrs Atkins said there was also a strong family-friendly focus this year, with an expanded line-up of entertainment and food and drink options for under 18s.

Tastebuds will be tempted by everything from fudge, honey, pizza and salamis to cheese and strawberries, a Lions Club BBQ and award-winning, well-known spirits and boutique beers.

"More than 700 people attended last year, more than doubling the previous year, and there was a real sense of community, which the Hastings is renowned for," Mrs Atkins said.

"Hastings Co-op is passionate about fresh, local produce and supporting local suppliers wherever we can, so Twilight Tastings is a perfect fit and we invite all our valued customers to come along."

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