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FINAL REPORT

We laughed and laughed!

On Friday March 30th the sounds of laughter could be heard emanating from the Naracoorte Town Hall, as 160 rural women (and 4 men) from around the Limestone Coast enjoyed a night of fun and frivolity organised by Women in Business and Regional Development.

The networking dinner event was organised in response to the current drought that has impacted on our farming community and related agribusinesses. The committee engaged Peter Salerno, the President of Laughter clubs of Australasia, who is recognized world wide as an inspirational motivational speaker. Salerno entertained the gathering with his alter-ego Sal the Clown, before delivering an encouraging speech on the benefits of thinking positively and enjoying a good laugh in times of uncertainty.

Thanks to the generous donations from sponsors guests enjoyed a scrumptious meal cooked and served by hospitality students from Naracoorte High School, as well as wine kindly donated by DiGiorgio Family Wines, Guichen Bay and Cape Thomas Wines of Mount Benson.

The following sponsors and supporters kindly assisted with this event, and without their contributions the night would not have been possible.

Sponsorship was received from:

- Country Health SA
- South East Regional Community Health
- Limestone Coast Area Consultative Committee
- Stand Like Stone Foundation
- ANZ Bank
- Soroptimist International, Mount Gambier
- DiGiorgio Family Wines
- Mount Benson Wine Centre
 - Guichen Bay Wines
 - Cape Thomas Wines

Supporters of the event included:

- Pomanda Kelpies
- Ausndustry
- CPA Australia
- Teatrick Lavender Estate
- Gramac Solutions
- Blue Lake Hire
- Perfect Touch Therapies
- Mount Gambier & District Bed and Breakfast Group
- It's a Celebration
- Naracoorte Hotel Motel
- Fidler & Webb Pty Ltd

The event was a sellout success and gold coin donations collected on the night will be donated to the Country Women's Association to further benefit rural women in South Australia. The presentation of over \$300 in donations will be presented by the Chairman of Women in Business & Regional Development, Elizabeth Hodges, to the President of CWA-SA, Mrs Bricknell, on Thursday April 26th at 3:30pm in the Naracoorte branch of ANZ bank, with sponsors and media invited to attend.

An online gallery of smiles and games from the 'Laugh With Me' event is available for viewing and downloading at: <http://www.lcacc.org.au/wib/LaughWithMeOnlineGallery.htm>