



**18 December 2013**

## **National Wine Centre's Give Back Dinner**

Tomorrow night will see staff from the National Wine Centre cook, plate up and serve approximately 100 regular patrons of the Fred's Van service at Ferryden Park.

Fred's Van supports some of the most vulnerable people in our community who experience a range of issues such as homelessness, social isolation and unemployment. Those forced to live rough can access Fred's Van for a hot, nutritious meal, blankets, clothing and food vouchers, donated books, social connection and referrals to other community service and Government agencies. The service provides 24,000 nutritious meals a year with the support of its 460 volunteers.

This year the National Wine Centre have kindly offered to host a Christmas dinner including full table settings (with silver Christmas tree centerpieces, bon bons for each place setting, red and white table lanterns) and white covered chairs with red bow sashes (seating generously provided by Budget Party Hire and chair covers by Bliss Events). Wait staff will seat and serve the three course meal while Scene Change provides music and lighting. Sugar and Spice are also kindly providing cupcakes in clear takeaway containers for each diner.

Staff and families from the National Wine Centre along with staff from The Store North Adelaide, Rex Regional Express and Sekisui Rib Loc Australia, have also generously donated items to assemble 40 food hampers for the families to enjoy Christmas Day.

Brian Spencer, Vinnies State President said "we are in awe of the generosity shown by the National Wine Centre. To not only think of others but to then actually provide such a wonderful night at no doubt a very busy time of year for them is heartwarming."

Julia Crea, Business Development Executive with the National Wine Centre of Australia said "I wanted to create a truly unique experience that will have people leaving with a full belly and smiles on their faces knowing they were comforted by people who care about them. I am truly blessed and fortunate to work for a successful company who is passionate about giving back to the community and encourages staff to get involved in community projects."

Ensuring an evening of Christmas fun and cheer for all, pass the parcel and other party games - also sponsored by the National Wine Centre will be on hand from 6.30pm. Santa will make his appearance and hand out gifts at 9.00pm to further brighten the evening for the younger diners.

The event itself has not been publicised to ensure it will be a true surprise for the regular patrons of Fred's Van Ferryden Park service.

To support the Vinnies Christmas Appeal so that we can continue to change lives every day, donations can be made at any IGA store or BankSA branch, at a Vinnies store or by visiting [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au) or calling 13 18 12.

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**Media Interviews Available on the Evening:**

Brian Spencer - Vinnies State President

Julie Crea – National Wine Centre Business Development Executive

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**Event Details:**

When: Thursday, 19 December 2013

Where: St Paul's Lutheran Church Ferryden Park, crn Stuart and Parker St, Ferryden Park

Guests Arrive: 6.30pm

Doors Open: 7.00pm

Service Begins: 7.15pm

Santa Arrives: 9.00pm

Event Concludes: 10.00pm

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