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### Between a Hard Place and a Rock

Amongst the dozens of delegates heading to this year's Queensland Information Centres Association (QICA) conference in Rockhampton will be Roseanne Fritz the Granite Belt Wine & Tourism (GBWT) delegate.

The enthusiastic supervisor of the Visitor Information Centre (pictured) has nominated Stanthorpe for the coveted annual awards. The results of that submission will be announced at the conference dinner on Friday 28 February.

Roseanne heads off to Rockhampton this week, travelling with her husband Russ by road to Brisbane and then by rail onto Rockhampton.

Tucked safely in her luggage will be the Stanthorpe bid to host the QICA AGM & conference in the Queensland wine capital next autumn.

To complete the submission documentation, Roseanne has been working closely with a number of GBWT members who are interested in participating in the conference extras programme.



Roseanne commented, "I love my job and I'm looking forward to meeting others from across the state who share a passion for promoting their region. We have had a very busy summer at the visitor centre so I'm looking forward to having a bit of a break before the Apple & Grape rush!"

The trip may not prove much of a rest, because Roseanne is tireless in spreading the word about the beautiful Granite Belt Wine country. Naturally she hopes to return home with either an award, or the 2009 conference booking in her luggage, or both.

To learn more about Queensland's premier wine region see [www.granitebeltwinecountry.com.au](http://www.granitebeltwinecountry.com.au) or phone 1800 SO COOL and *Expect to be surprised!*

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1. The history of the Queensland wine industry dates back to the 1860s - and like all good wines it has developed with age.
2. Of Queensland's current 1100 hectares planted to wine grapes, approximately half of these are on the Granite Belt. It is also the largest of the ten wine regions in the state and one of only two with official GI status.
3. 64% of Granite Belt plantings are of Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Merlot with an increasing number of plantings of alternative grape varieties proving popular.
4. The Granite Belt is home to approximately 50 wine cellar doors, the state's most awarded winemakers, plus the Queensland College of Wine Tourism - the first of its type in the world.