Minister Geoff Brock News Release March 23, 2016

Barossa, Light and Lower North Fund My Idea winners announced

A program supporting disadvantaged families and a plan to beautify regional tourist routes have secured funding through the State Government's innovative *Fund My Idea* grants program.

Fund My Idea gives regional communities access to up to \$50,000 for local projects with the community able to vote on which projects secure funding. A round of the program is held to coincide with each Country Cabinet meeting.

Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock said 46 ideas were put forward for the Barossa, Light and Lower North round of the program.

"Fund My Idea is a great program that gets South Australians more involved in Government decision-making," Mr Brock said.

"Funding through this initiative goes to programs put forward by the community, run locally and, ultimately, voted on by the community.

"In this round, \$20,000 will go to the Kind Hearted Kitchen – a great initiative that helps provide nutritious meals to people doing it tough in the Barossa community.

"\$30,000 will go towards a partnership between South Australian tourism identity Andrew "Cosi" Costello and the Light Regional Council to plant trees to beautify tourist routes leading into the region."

Mr Brock congratulated each of the winning entries and thanked those people living in the Barossa, Light and Lower North who voted for their favourite projects.

"Fund My Idea brings out the creativity and passion of people living in regional areas, and provides a great opportunity to develop programs that can make a real difference in those regions," he said.

"I thank everyone involved in this round of *Fund My Idea* – both those who submitted projects, and those who voted."

Find out more about *Fund My Idea* at http://yoursay.sa.gov.au/decisions/fund-my-idea-fund-my-idea-barossa-light-and-lower-north

To read the Government's response to issues raised during the Barossa, Light and Lower North Country Cabinet, go to http://yoursay.sa.gov.au/decisions/barossa-light-and-lower-north/outcome