



BUY A BALE – OR A SEMITRAILER LOAD FULL

THE Rotary Club of Currumbin-Coolangatta-Tweed Inc, Qld/NSW, recently purchased an entire semitrailer load of hay to help out farmers doing it tough in the rural town of Mitchell, Qld.

The donation was organised in partnership with the Buy a Bale program, which has distributed some 160,000 bales of hay across four states since its foundation in September 2013.

The \$5500 required to purchase the hay and cover transport costs was principally raised through car boot sales run by the club at the close of last year. It took time to locate an appropriate supplier, as hay is scarce in many areas of Queensland and prices south have skyrocketed.

Thankfully, 44 round bales were secured in February from a grower



Rotarians Ken Harbour, Diana Traversi, Peter Allen, president-elect Michelle Mitchell and the truck driver who transported the hay to Mitchell, Qld, for farmers doing it tough in the area.

located in the Lockyer Valley. Rotarians were onsite to lend a hand as the truck was loaded for the six-and-a-half-hour trip to Mitchell.

According to Buy a Bale founder Charles Alder, the hay was used to fatten cattle on a struggling property that had missed the rains.

The effort is a follow-up to a fundraiser run three years ago in which the now amalgamated Rotary Club of Currumbin-Coolangatta

Tweed Inc. combined with two local clubs to collect funding for drought-stricken Queenslanders. These were Coolangatta-Tweed Heads, Kirra-Currumbin and the Rotary Club of Burleigh Heads. A total of \$21,500 was sent to the Rotary Club of Longreach, which did a marvellous job ordering food, fodder and other items from local businesses to assist farmers, graziers and local businesses in that region.