Treasury Wine Estates launches Global Volunteering Week

Employees across the world lend a helping hand in their local community

From making hot meals to collecting litter and planting trees, employees from Treasury Wine Estates (TWE) will be out in force this week to support charities and not-for-profit organisations across the world as part of the Company’s inaugural Global Volunteering Week, running from 18-22 May 2015.

Global Volunteering Week forms a central pillar of TWE’s Corporate Responsibility program, and while the Company has a solid history of community engagement, this is the first year all employee volunteering activities have been co-ordinated and focused on a single week across the world.

Employees in every function and region of the Company, including Australia, New Zealand, the Americas, Asia and Europe, Middle East & Africa (EMEA) will be taking allocated volunteering leave to conduct valuable work in their communities across a wide range of charitable partners.

TWE Chief Executive Officer, Michael Clarke will join other employees from the Southbank head office to complete shifts in the kitchen at Melbourne-based food charity FareShare. Using donations of surplus food from supermarkets, farmers and other businesses, FareShare and its volunteers cook 20,000 free nutritious meals for other Victorian charities including soup vans, homeless shelters, food banks and school breakfast programs each week.

Another team from TWE’s head office will be joined by TWE Chairman Paul Rayner to help the Port Phillip EcoCentre and Friends of Westgate Park with litter collections and planting of native vegetation in Westgate Park. Teams will also be cleaning up along the St Kilda foreshore, as well as volunteering their time with Collingwood Children’s Farm, St Kilda Mums and St Mary’s House of Welcome.

‘It’s great to be able to get out and support some of the charities that make a real difference. I am proud of the efforts of our employees and it’s heartening to see the positive impact we can all make by volunteering in our community,” said Clarke.
Other organisations partnering with TWE for volunteering activities across the Company’s regions include: Cleland Wildlife Park, Barossa Bush Gardens, Food Bank and Bedford Industries Packaging in Australia; Muriwai Environmental Trust, Motutapu Restoration Trust, the Department of Conservation and Keep Waitakere Beautiful in New Zealand; Napa Valley CanDo, Napa County Resource Conservation District, Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, Napa Valley FoodBank, Solano-Napa Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels of San Francisco and Redwood Empire Food Bank in the Americas; BioFarm, Willing Hearts and Second Harvest in Asia; and Forty Hall Vineyard and Thames 21 in EMEA.

About Treasury Wine Estates

Treasury Wine Estates (TWE) is one of the world’s largest wine companies with a leading international portfolio of new world wines.

From the establishment of Australia’s Penfolds and Lindeman’s brands in the 1840s to the 1876 founding of Beringer Vineyards in California’s Napa valley, a winemaking legacy has been established.

Our passion for wine is reflected in some of the world’s most recognised and awarded wine brands, including: Penfolds, Stags’ Leap, Etude, Pepperjack, Wynns Coonawarra Estate, Wolf Blass, Beringer, Chateau St Jean, Matua, Castello di Gabbiano, Lindeman’s and many more.

With 11,000 hectares of vineyards, sales of 30 million cases of wine annually, and revenues of approximately AU$1.7 billion, TWE employs more than 3,000 winemakers, viticulturists, sales, distribution and support staff across 16 countries, with the Company’s brands sold in more than 70 countries around the world.

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