



You only have to turn on the nightly news to hear about the effects that the current drought is having on our country, both land and communities. In the month of August, the Clubs rallied and joined the 'Parma for a Farmer' campaign. Through donating \$1 from every parmigiana sold, the clubs raised a combined total of \$2364 which has been donated to the 'Buy a Bale' program.

The Buy a Bale campaign is part of the charity Rural Aid, formed by Charles and Tracy Alder to expand services and support to rural communities, not only suffering through natural disasters but communities that need help remaining in existence. Our rural communities are disappearing and need help. Families are struggling to keep cattle, sheep and horses alive through one of the worst droughts in living history. In one of the driest countries on the planet, there will always be farmers who need assistance feeding their animals.



The following extract has come from a poem 'The Day the Saints Came' written by a farmer from Mitchell in Queensland about the Buy a Bale program.

**“It’s not about the hay, or the trucks
loaded with feed,
But standing by a farmer, in his hour
of need.**

**For the gift is more than stockfeed,
the gift you give is hope,
To stand behind a farmer, when he
needs help to cope.”**

Thank you to everyone who bought a parmigiana to assist in helping our farmers in their time of need.

**\$1526 raised at Club Kilsyth
\$838 raised at Club Ringwood
\$2364 buys 23 large bales of hay**