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15 Million Drums and Counting

The **drumMUSTER** program continues to provide an effective recycling service to all Australian ag and vet chemical users. The 15 millionth drum was delivered in Central Victoria to the Nagambie Transfer Station by Tahbilk Winery & Vineyard.

drumMUSTER is a national program which has been operating for ten years accepting farm chemical drums for recycling. **drumMUSTER** is the only responsible way to dispose of these drums as they are unable to be placed into other plastic or metal recycling programs, due to the risk of chemical contamination.

Tahbilk Group Vineyard Manager, Ian Hendy said "We were interested to hear that the delivery we made included the 15 millionth drum collected through the **drumMUSTER** program. We pride ourselves in being a progressive operation, ensuring that our properties are maintained to industry standards and that our environment continues to remain a key focus in all our activities.

The Purbick Family has owned and operated the Tahbilk vineyard and winery for five generations. The family operates four properties covering 1620 hectares in the Nagambie Lakes Region of Victoria. The original property was established on 1860 and continues to produce grapes from some of the first vines that were planted. "With around 440 hectares under vines and a cropping program, the need to have an effective disposal method for our cleaned used chemical containers is important" said Ian.

"Using the **drumMUSTER** program fits well with our Environmental Management System. All our spray operators have completed their ChemCert training and understand the requirements necessary to meet the **drumMUSTER** cleanliness standard." says Shaun Fowler - Vineyard manager for New Tahbilk.

The Strathbogie Shire Council operates three **drumMUSTER** collection sites which are available to local chemical users for recycling their containers.

Team Leader of the Strathbogie Transfer Station, Harry Daley said "over the years we have seen participation in the **drumMUSTER** program increase. We are happy to be involved with **drumMUSTER** to ensure the safe collection and recycling of chemical containers".

drumMUSTER National Program Manager, Allan McGann said support for the program has been steadily growing. "Thanks to the efforts from councils and other collection agencies, the program has gone from strength to strength. We now have 740 **drumMUSTER** sites available throughout Australia to take delivery of drums, which has resulted in an increase in the number of drums received for recycling," he said.

The 14 millionth drum was only delivered in Western Australia in October last year, demonstrating that the program continues to grow in popularity and usage, providing the container disposal solutions for farmers and other chemical users.

drumMUSTER is an industry-run initiative managed by Agsafe and funded by a levy on the sale of agriculture and veterinary chemical drums.

To find out more about Agsafe and its ag and vet chemical programs visit www.agsafe.com.au.

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