

When tanking is a good thing in football



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THEY may not be much help on the footy ground, but 120 field bins could play a part in the financial survival of some of our country football clubs.

Construction and engineering company Ahrens will do-

nate the bins to country football clubs in SA and Victoria. They will be offered to the public through a silent auction, with proceeds going to the clubs, providing a significant financial boost.

Ahrens managing director Stefan Ahrens said this year's

50th anniversary of company subsidiary Sherwell provided an opportunity to thank rural communities for their support.

"We decided to do this by donating field bins to local football clubs, as they are the heart of rural communities," he said. "We are very excited

about the field bin offer and the benefits it will bring to dozens of football clubs."

SA Community Football Board chairman David Shipway said the donation was extremely valuable. "The fabric and culture of country towns generally revolve around their

local footy clubs, many of which have suffered from poor agricultural seasons and declining populations," he said.

"The generosity of Ahrens will significantly contribute to the wellbeing, and in some cases the survival, of clubs in our grain-belt areas."

chairman Ian Finch. A company statement to the ASX said the five-for-one renounceable rights issue would "ensure that Australian funding will be available for the purpose if there is not a satisfactory early resolution of the resources super tax issue". IronClad closed up 9c to \$1.05 yesterday.

improving infrastructure and assisting minerals explorers were welcome, Mr Rann told a uranium industry conference.

"But our support is not unconditional," he said. "We clearly recognise the economic benefits that in-

creased mining activity provides for our state." Mr Rann said he, Deputy Premier Kevin Foley and Resources Development Minister Paul Holloway had met many mining com-

pany executives concerned about the design and implementation of the tax. "I have communicated that feedback to the Prime Minister, Treasurer Wayne Swan and federal Re-

sources Minister Martin Ferguson," he said. "... Ultimately it's about getting the balance right to make sure the Australian community properly benefits from profitable and it

delegates from 15 countries. AusMM president Greg Chalmers said the resources industry was happy to pay its fair share of tax. "But the super tax, we believe, is bad for Australia because it will reduce investment and it

AHEAD OF THE PACK: Under-11 Freeling Football Club players Brodie Robinson, Brett Meaney and Joel Broadhead