

Indian Dairy Delegation

Council hosted a delegation of parliamentarians and dairy industry representatives from the Indian state of Maharashtra yesterday.

The delegation began its fourteen-day long study tour of Australia, New Zealand, and Singapore on Sunday. As part of the excursion to South Gippsland, the delegates toured Burra Foods in Korumburra and visited a Bena dairy farm.

They plan on visiting a number of locations across Australia.

The purpose of the tour is to learn as much as possible about Australia's world-renowned farms, especially those of this region.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Cr Ray Argento hosted the delegation's visit.

"It is terrific recognition of the world-class food production facilities in South Gippsland that we are visited by international delegations such as this," said the Mayor.

"Being able to show these visitors both the Burra Foods plant and a dairy farm in Bena really demonstrated how adept we are at managing not just the primary production, but the value-adding as well."

Photo caption (L-R):

- Graham Scott - Food & Fibre Specialist at Regional Development Victoria;
- Nigel Hutchinson-Brooks;
- Hon. Shri Ramraje Naik-Nimbalkar, Chairman, Maharashtra Legislative Council;
- Hon. Shri Haribhau Bagade, Speaker, Maharashtra Legislative Council;
- Cr Ray Argento, Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council.
- Tim Tamlin, Chief Executive Officer South Gippsland Shire Council.

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