

Foster Welcomes the Great Victorian Bike Riders

Last night Foster played host to the 3500 riders who are taking part in this year's Great Victorian Bike Ride.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Lorraine Brunt said she was very proud that the locals had made such an effort to welcome the riders.

"I'd like to extend my congratulations to the Foster community on the Great Victorian Bike Ride celebrations. To the working group and stall holders who have been working hard since May, your efforts paid off in spades.

"The riders felt very welcome. In fact, many approached staff and organisers to say thank you, that they'd participated in previous rides and that Foster had turned on one of the best welcomes and celebrations.

"Riders loved the community t-shirts with many asking where they could purchase them. They also loved the decorated bikes that were placed along the roadside all the way from Tidal River to Foster. By all accounts they were fun and entertaining, with some of the riders passing the time in the saddle by trying to count the bikes!

"The festive feel of the day showcased how well our community can work together and how proud everyone is of their town and the wider region. Entertainment was provided by the South Gippsland Brass Band, the Great Southern Ukes and Ross West on his penny farthing.

"The working group included Foster Chamber of Commerce, Foster Bowling Club, Exchange Hotel, Foster Historical Museum, Corner Inlet Men's Shed, Toora Football/Netball Club, Foster Primary School, Prom Coast Open Space and South Gippsland Water.

"On behalf of the community of South Gippsland, I extend my thanks to all those who contributed to making the riders feel so welcome. You did us proud."

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