

# Mayor's Message



The weekend before last saw the Italia Festa held in Baromi Park, Mirboo North. What a fantastic effort! The organisers of this great event have done the community proud by putting this event on. People came from all over and the crowd numbers would easily have surpassed the record crowd of last year from what I saw.

The crowd filled the park and food stalls serving glorious Italian food lined the edge of the park by the main road. The long queues to get fed were well worth the wait. Entertainment during the day was first class and the highlight would have to have been the *Sbandietori di Faenza* group of flag throwers direct from Italy.

They performed their spectacular medieval flag throwing routines to the crowd and all were clearly impressed to see such a fantastic performance. Well done and congratulations to the organisers of the event.

On the same weekend as the Festa, Korumburra held its traditional Annual Show. I saw presentations of horse drawn carts and there were all the usual farm stock displays. Another example of what our hard working volunteer groups are able to put on in our shire. Well done to all the organisers, although there was quite a bit of rain and this affected turnout.

If South Gippslanders were not busy last weekend they would have been able to attend the second large-scale event in two weekends by visiting Meeniyan and enjoying another wonderful world class event, The Garlic Festival. After only a recent arrival to Gippsland in the tiny hamlet of Meeniyan the event was again hosted by a dedicated crew of locals and showed a wonderful range of displays with of course garlic, garlic, and more garlic!

Garlic Beer, garlic ice-cream and superb local produce made this day one to remember. Well done to all the organisers again.

**Cr Don Hill**  
**Mayor**