

Message from the Administrator



It was a great honour for me in recent weeks to officially open on behalf of South Gippsland Shire Council, the Mirboo North Italian Festa. There were many thousands of locals and visitors in attendance – all having a fantastic time with family and friends, very often across three or four generations.

I want to recognise the efforts of Ms Rosie Romano and her incredibly hard-working committee for bringing together such a great event and I also want to congratulate the broader Mirboo North community for so wholeheartedly getting behind them and helping to make it such a fantastic day.

In so many ways, this effort is a great example of the community spirit that the communities of South Gippsland are so famous for. The many thousands of people from across South Gippsland who were there on the day enjoying themselves would, I'm sure, wholeheartedly agree. I'm already looking forward to next year's Festa.

It is very much events season across our region which have already had great successes, such as at the Meeniyah Garlic Festival over the weekend. We still have many local events coming up with town shows on the line up – so I encourage local people to get there if they can to support these fantastic local events. Bring your friends too from other parts of the state so they can enjoy all the great things our region has to offer!

Council was also very pleased on Friday to have the Hon. Jane Garrett, Member for Eastern Victoria visit for the official opening of the Fish Creek Kindergarten. The facility has undergone major redevelopment works to meet the needs of families and children in the area and has increased capacity, enhanced accessibility and improved the quality of the learning environment.

The new layout was designed by local PJ Milkins Drafting Services and built by local contractor Considine and Johnson. I would like to thank the Victorian Government for their \$147,894 grant and all those who worked on the project including Prom Coast Centres for Children to make the new revitalised space possible.

As always, let me thank those people who have gone out of their way to welcome and support the work of myself and fellow Administrators. South Gippsland is a fantastic community with an abundance of natural advantages that many places across country Australia would love to have, but don't have. Our challenge as Administrators is to restore public confidence in Council over time and in everything we do aspire to partner with local people to deliver an impact that will make South Gippsland an even better place to live and work.

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