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Geelong shows off

Over the last couple of weeks Geelong has been in the spotlight, hosting both the 2008 Royal Geelong Show and the prestigious 2008 Geelong Cup.

I was delighted to join well over 100 000 patrons who enjoyed the excitement and activities at the Geelong Show. This four-day major community event has been hosted by the Royal Geelong Agricultural and Pastoral Society for over 150 years.

Under President David Heath and Chief Executive Officer Sharolyn Taylor, some 200 volunteers worked tirelessly in promoting and preparing the show that again brought together those involved in agriculture, business and cultural and community activities from throughout the Geelong district and beyond.


The return of horse events, which were cancelled last year due to the outbreak of equine flu, has again shown Geelong's prominence on the equestrian calendar.

Last Wednesday I joined over 15 000 racegoers enjoying the spring weather at the Geelong Cup to watch a strong field compete in the 2400-metre race.

I extend my congratulations to the connections of the \$200 000 Geelong Cup winner for 2008, English import Bauer and jockey Damien Oliver, and I look forward to Bauer starting in the Melbourne Cup next month.

My congratulations also go to Geelong Racing Club chief executive Paul Carroll, the committee and all those involved in making this a great day on the city's racing calendar as well as to the Geelong Agricultural and Pastoral Society for conducting a very successful 2008 Royal Geelong Show.

Yours sincerely



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