

# SO, what's news from the 'Hill'?

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## SO, WHAT'S COMING UP?

- **30 & 31 May 2009**  
Loddon Campaspe  
Regional Games  
Aquatics & Tenpin
- **1 June 2009**  
SO in Melbourne's  
West  
Public Forum  
Maribymong  
Town Hall
- **21 June 2009**  
Barwon Region  
Tenpin Bowling  
Games
- **28 June 2009**  
State Winter  
Gymnastic Games
- **5 July 2009**  
Southern &  
Westernport  
Regional Tenpin  
Bowling Games
- **26 July 2009**  
Barwon Regional  
Basketball Games

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## Message from State Manager, Kevin O'Byrne



This issue is dedicated to the State Summer Games held in April and were a great success! Congratulations to all the athletes who participated and did their best! We were fortunate enough to have a number of VIP's attend the Opening Ceremony and the various sporting and social events.

The presence of the Mayor of Whittlesea, the Mayor of Banyule, Grant Hackett, Chief Commissioner of Police, Simon Overland, and SOA Chairman Rex Langthorne, added to the spectacle and generated great awareness.

Congratulations to all the athletes who have been selected to represent SOV at next year's National Games in Adelaide. Keep up the training and fitness! Over the coming months we will concentrate on supporting our regions with their regional games, as well as promoting & running the new sports, 'sailability' and football (soccer), as well as golf. The State Gymnastic Games will be held in June whilst the Ovens & Murray Region are busy organising the October State Winter Games in Wodonga.

## Thank you...

The Games had been made possible because of the dedication and hard work of many people and organisations. Thank you...

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| *Association of School Councils in Victoria                    | *Girl Guides Australia Victoria     |
| *Australian Army 138 Signal Squadron                           | *apmg green                         |
| *Casa d'Abruzzo Club   | *Kiwaniis                           |
| *City of Whittlesea  | *MLC Girls School Marching Band     |
| *dpm   | *Paperlinx                          |
| *MDR Engineering & associates                                  | *LETR Vic Committee (Vic Police)    |
| *Freemasons Victoria   | *YMCA                               |
| *Rodney Mark Corporate Clothing                                | *SOV Organising Committee           |
| *Trent Wilson—photographer                                     | *Sport venues in Mill Park & Epping |
| *All coaches, volunteers, timekeepers, announcers and scorers! |                                     |

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*"The game of life is a lot like football. You have to tackle your problems, block your fears and score your points when you get the opportunity."*  
Unknown





## Who Am I? Phil Parson!

Phil Parson has been involved with SO since 1990. In this time he has held numerous official roles on various committees and is a life member of SOV. Phil is currently the Chairman of the Outer Eastern Region.

**What's been your greatest SO achievement?** Being selected as Assistant Coach in 1999 for the tenpin bowling team. This team represented Australia in North Carolina at the World Games.

**What's your favorite sport?** Tenpin bowling! I started playing in 1966 when I first came to Melbourne from Castlemaine.

**How do you like to spend your leisure time?** Watching the Saints win! Also being closely involved with organising the Police Games at a national and state level.

**What's your favourite type of holiday?** Travelling to compete in tenpin bowling at the World Police and Fire Games, that are held every two years. Phil has participated in many of these games and has won two bronze and two silver medals!

**What's your most treasured possession?**

My two chihuahuas, Patch and Cherry.



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*"Have a vision not clouded by fear."*

Cherokee Proverb

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