



MESSAGE FROM THE HON. VIRGINIA JUDGE MP

**Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship and
Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts**

63rd Italian National Day Celebration

It is my pleasure to celebrate with the Italian community of New South Wales on the occasion of the 63rd anniversary of the founding of the Italian republic.

Our State is made far richer by the contribution of Italian Australians who have been integral in weaving the cultural fabric of our society.

The New South Wales Government takes pride in the cultural and linguistic diversity Italian Australians bring to our State, and the bridges you build to Italy that will ensure our ongoing prosperity.

Italian National Day is an opportunity for us to give thanks and to be proud of the deep friendship forged between our two nations. The vibrancy of Italian life, food, creativity and culture has had an enduring impact on the multicultural Australian lifestyle.

The love of many Australians for the Italian culture is due to the vivacity, passion and energy Italian migrants have brought to New South Wales.

I am delighted to offer my support to the Italian National Day Celebration Committee and wish every Australian of Italian background in New South Wales a happy Italian National Day for 2009.

Auguro a tutti gli amici Italiani una felice Festa della Repubblica!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia Judge".

The Hon Virginia Judge MP
Minister for Citizenship