



# Warm spirit at soggy picnic yet pizza bid can't deliver

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ABOUT 2000 intrepid gourmets braved inclement weather to partake in *The Age's* Harvest Picnic at Hanging Rock.

There were cooking demonstrations, live music and the chance to sample the wares from some of the state's finest boutique producers, including Gundowring Ice Cream from the Kiewa Valley and Scotchmans Hill wine from the Bellarine Peninsula.

But nobody found Miranda.

And how long is the longest pizza ever made? About 1.2 kilometres, which is twice as long as the margarita that a team of 200 volunteers made in Lygon Street, Carlton (where else?), yesterday.

Event organiser Tony Pantano blamed persistent rain for ruining the attempt to break the record, set in Poland in August. The 600-metre long



margarita was supposed to go to charity, but Mr Pantano admitted wet weather might have killed the chance of that happening also.

Who wants to eat soggy pizza, right?

The pizza was made from 1½ tonnes of flour, 1500 litres of water, 80 kilograms of salt, 30 kilograms of yeast, 300 kilograms of napoli sauce and 650 kilograms of mozzarella.



**Tony Pantano of Dimattina's Restaurant with part of his longest-pizza attempt (left); Amanda Shea, Kate Kirby and Garvin Pereira (main) at *The Age's* Harvest Picnic; Under The Apple Tree (right).**



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