

A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICER IN CHARGE, BELLARINE POLICE STATION, ACTING SENIOR SERGEANT DEAN PARELLO

Hello all, and sadly this will be my last piece as I am moving to Geelong. Senior Sergeant Adrian Bickley will be the new Station Commander at Bellarine Police Station, commencing 23/7/18. I would like to formally welcome Adrian into the position. Senior Sergeant Madigan has taken up the role as Station Commander at Geelong Police Station. If you are not aware, Senior Sergeants are usually rotated every 2-3 years.

I have recently been involved in the Community Safety Network in Geelong and the Bellarine Peninsula. This project provides Victorian communities with a direct platform to discuss local crime issues and policing priorities. We had an engagement week where we rode trains, visited shopping centres and shopping strips. During this engagement, we spoke with residents and asked what their safety concerns were and what ideas they had to tackle any issues.

There is also an online survey which can be accessed and completed. I have attached a link to the survey. It would be great if this could be completed by as many people as possible.

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/communitysafetynetworks/geelongcommunitysafety>

For those of you who have trouble accessing a computer, come down to the Bellarine Police Station where we have some paper based surveys you can complete.

In addressing safety, an issue that pops up regularly as an emergency responder are clearly displayed house/property numbers. When Emergency Services respond to calls, particularly in the evening we rely on house numbers to find correct addresses. Please ensure you have a house number on your letter box/gate/fence that can be easily seen during the day and night. This could save valuable time responding to a call for assistance.

Thank-you for your support during my four months here. I have enjoyed it immensely.

Acting Senior Sergeant Dean Parrello

FINANCIAL REPORT 2017/18

We thank our wonderful registrants who donated nearly \$5,500 over the past year and also thank our inaugural sponsor Bellarine Memories (Kings Funerals) for their ongoing support. As you know we rely on donations and sponsorship to operate the Register. Donations over \$2 are of course tax deductible.

Our financial statements for 2017/18 have been audited and show a cash operating loss of approx. \$2,200 due in part to the need to print new brochures. The largest operating cost for the year is postage (over \$2,200) mainly associated with the mail out of the quarterly newsletters. If you would like to get your newsletter emailed to you rather than mailed out please let us know.

During the year the Committee took the decision to replace most of our computing equipment at a cost of over \$7,000, to improve the office environment for all our wonderful volunteers. We were successful in getting a grant for \$2,000 from the City of Greater Geelong Community Grants Program towards those costs.

The Committee has also commenced a number of projects to improve our links with the community at large and our registrants. Expenditure of over \$2,600 has been made on developing a new website and preparing to replace our existing database operating system. A similar amount is committed to be spent on those projects in 2018/19

Bob Jordan Hon. Treasurer

REPLACEMENT OF IT EQUIPMENT IN OUR REGISTER OFFICE

As mentioned in the Financial Report we have upgraded most of our IT equipment in our office including 2 new workstations, 3 new monitors, a new colour printer and a new storage device. It's so good to have the new equipment up and running, improving office efficiency and volunteer happiness!!

The replaced equipment will be donated to "PCs for Kids" and we thank Phil for his efforts in erasing all our data on the hard drives before they are handed over.

BELLARINE MEMORIES

As you know, we rely on sponsorship and donations to successfully operate our Register and we are therefore delighted that our inaugural sponsor, Bellarine Memories, have agreed to support the Bellarine Community Support Register for a further year through to June 2019.

Philip Christian and Richard Grimmett from Bellarine Memories joined together with Kings Funerals in 2015 and the business continues to operate from their office on the corner of Grubb Rd and Sinclair St. Through a partnership with Oakdene, Bellarine Memories is pleased to offer families the opportunity to hold services indoors and outdoors on the Oakdene property as well as at churches and other venues on the Bellarine Peninsula.

Contact the friendly team at Bellarine Memories if you'd like to record your funeral wishes, learn more about funeral planning or enquire about sponsorship for your community group. Phone 03 5255 5500.

BELLARINE COMMUNITY SUPPORT REGISTER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All Registrants and Supporters are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of Bellarine Community Support Register to be held **on Friday 12 October, 2.30pm, at the Bellarine Police Station, 67 The Parade, Ocean Grove.**

RSVP by October 5 by calling the Register on 03 5255 3968

FROM A REGISTRANT.....

A recent presentation to a Probus Club revealed two stories about the usefulness of our Bellarine Community Support Register.

A registrant visiting Singapore had a fall and was found unconscious. The police were called and they found the ID card in her wallet and called the Register's phone number.

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An elderly registrant had had a fall at home and had gone for an X-RAY. Her friend and neighbour, also a registrant with BCSR, visited her neighbour, however, she didn't answer the door. Unaware that her neighbour was out, she became concerned and called the Register and explained her concerns to the police officer. He said he would organize a police car to call at the home.

Within a very short time, her neighbour returned home from the X RAY. Her concerned neighbour quickly called the police and cancelled the need for police attendance.

SOCIAL NETWORKING - WHAT IS IT? HOW DOES IT WORK? WHAT CAN I DO WITH IT?

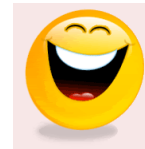
Ask the grandchildren. They will tell you all about it.

If they are not around, visit the website below. It offers valuable information and explanation about social networking.

<https://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/news-opinions/video/Social-Networking-Overview>

A FUNNY ONE

“My memory is gone Mildred, so I changed my password to “Incorrect.” That way when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell me... “Your password is incorrect.”



RECENT CHANGES TO MEDICAL DECISION MAKING LAWS

Medical decision making laws changed on 12 March 2018 when the Medical Treatment Planning and Decisions Act 2016 commenced.

A brief summary (from Better Health Channel) follows:

- Appointing a medical treatment decision maker gives someone the power to make medical choices for you if you are unable to.
- To appoint a medical treatment decision maker, fill in the appointment form, sign it and have two people witness it (make sure you check all the witnessing requirements).
- As long as you are legally competent, you can change your medical treatment decision maker at any time.
- You can also appoint more than one person to be your medical treatment decision maker if you wish.
- Tell your medical treatment decision maker what you think about life support, surgery, medication and anything else that could be relevant.
- Make sure your doctor knows who your medical treatment decision maker is.

Forms to complete and further information is available via:

<http://www.publicadvocate.vic.gov.au/medical-consent/medical-treatment-decision-maker>

Source: Office of the Public Advocate

IS YOUR HOUSE NUMBER VISIBLE FROM THE STREET?

Is your house number clearly visible from the street?

Is your house number visible at night?

It is important that your home has a clear, visible house number displayed.

The numbers displayed should be reflective both day and night and should be attached to a letterbox, a post, a dedicated board or the boundary fence.

It is important that house numbers are clear so your property can be easily located – especially in an emergency – so that emergency services can find you quickly and reduce any delay in response time.

Ensure house and business numbers are visible – day and night.



2018 VICTORIAN SENIORS FESTIVAL

The 2018 Victorian Seniors Festival will take place across Victoria throughout October offering a huge range of free and low-cost events and activities for older Victorians.

8 days of free public transport, including all V/Line services, will be provided to Victorian Seniors Card holders across the period 7 to 14 October, 2018.

Visit <https://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festivalsandawards> for more information as it becomes available.

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DONATION FORM

NAME: ID NUMBER:

ADDRESS:

I ENCLOSE A DONATION OF: Please circle the appropriate amount.

\$5 \$10 \$20 \$100 Other \$

All donations of \$2 and over are income tax deductible.

Receipts will be issued only on request. Please tick the appropriate box. YES NO

Donations will be accepted at any Bendigo Bank Branch in the Geelong Region.

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