

**BELLARINE COMMUNITY SUPPORT  
REGISTER INC.**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Friday, 18 October, 2019**

**2.00pm**

Bellarine Police Station,  
67 The Parade, Ocean Grove.

All Registrants and Supporters are invited to attend this meeting.

**Friendly  
Ageing on the  
Bellarine  
EXPO**



Sponsored by Bellarine Aged Care Association.. (BACA) , Inc.

**Free  
entry!**

DISCOVER AWESOME  
RESOURCES FOR  
AGEING WELL ON  
THE BELLARINE  
PENINSULA



10.00am to 3.00pm  
Friday 4th October, 2019  
Christian College  
40 Collins Street, Drysdale, VIC

The Expo aims to enable elderly residents and their families and carers to learn about the available diversity of healthcare and home support services, alternative life style options, community groups, exercise, social and hobby groups, environmental initiatives, local transport, end of life care options and supports and, much more.

<http://bellarineaca.weebly.com/>

**ARE YOU INTERESTED?**

Bellarine Community Support Register is seeking volunteers to assist with the Register's display at the upcoming Friendly Ageing on the Bellarine Expo.

The expo will be held during Seniors Week on October 4 at Christian College, Collins Street, Drysdale, between 10am and 3pm.

It is being organised by Bellarine Aged Care Association, of which our Register is a member.

BCSR will have a display at this expo and we require six volunteers to cover the three one and a half hour shifts.

If you would like to assist, please call the Register Office on 03 5255 3968 and leave your name and contact details with one of our friendly volunteers.

# POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE - 131 444

## When you need Police, but not the sirens

There are now more ways to contact Victoria Police.

You can report some non-urgent crime and events anytime, anywhere by calling the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 or submitting an online report.

The Police Assistance Line and online reporting service provides you with the ability to call Police 24 hours a day, seven days a week to report lost property or property related crime such as a theft or property damage, or to make general police enquiries.

Victoria Police have added these new contact options to help improve the response, management and delivery of police services to our community.

You should still call Triple Zero (000) immediately if the incident is life-threatening, needs immediate police attendance, a crime is happening now, or an offender is (or may be) still in the area.

### When should I call the Police Assistance Line?

Any time you would like to report a non-urgent crime or event, or for general police enquiries.

Examples of non-urgent crimes and events include:

- theft (including theft of a motor vehicle)
- property damage
- lost property
- general police enquiries and more

### What happens when I call the Police Assistance Line?

If you contact the Police Assistance Line, Police will be able to assist you in a number of ways:

- by taking crime reports for incidents such as burglary, theft and property damage
- by taking lost property reports
- by providing you with information should you be seeking assistance or advice with a general inquiry

In the case of a crime or lost property report, you will receive an acknowledgement which will include support information and a police reference number, either by post or by email, once Police have processed your telephone report.

If you call about a matter Police are unable to assist with over the phone, you may be referred to your local police station or provided with the details of another agency that can provide the assistance or information you require.



# SCAM ALERT

## Watch out - fake myGov tax refund email

It's tax time and the common scam email informing that you're eligible for a tax refund is doing the rounds again!

Scammers have long used the promise of a tax refund to trick people into sharing their personal information or to download malware.

The email, which has the subject line 'Important information regarding your account', includes the myGov logo and claims to be from the myGov team. Instead, the email is a phishing scam designed to steal your personal and financial information.

The email asks you to click on a link to claim your refund. If you click the link a fake tax refund claim form will open in your browser.

The form asks for your name and contact details, your myGov password and your credit card number. After you supply this information and click the 'Continue' button, you'll be automatically redirected to the myGov website. By then it's too late and the scammer has your details.

The scammers use this information to commit credit card fraud and identity theft.

If you receive an email like this one, do not click any links or open any attachments.

Remember: the ATO and myGov will NEVER send an email or SMS asking you to click on a link and provide login, personal or financial information, download a file or open an attachment.

### How do I stay safe?

Know the status of your tax affairs. If you are aware of the details of any debts owed, refunds due and lodgements outstanding, you are less likely to fall victim to a scam.

Here are some simple steps you can take to avoid an email scam:

- Be suspicious of messages offering you a tax refund in return for a fee, or 'confirmation' of your details.
- Login to your official myGov account to check your status or contact your registered tax professional.
- Do not click on links in emails or text messages claiming to be from myGov. myGov will never send you a text, email or attachment with hyperlinks or web addresses.
- Don't open messages if you don't know the sender, or if you're not expecting them.
- Be suspicious of messages that aren't addressed directly to you, or don't use your correct name.
- Login to your official myGov account by typing the web address into your browser, to check your inbox for any legitimate emails.
- The messages you get in your official myGov Inbox are secure and it is safe to open links included in myGov Inbox messages.
- If you're ever unsure about the validity of a tax related message or phone call, contact the ATO Scam Hotline on 1800 008 540, or visit [www.ato.gov.au/scams](http://www.ato.gov.au/scams)

For more information, visit <https://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/alert-service/watch-out-fake-mygov-tax-refund-email>

## WE WELCOME DONATIONS

Our Treasurer reminds us of the importance of your donations that assist the Register remaining financially viable.

It costs over \$10,000 per annum to run the Register to cover insurances, postage, printing etc. and all donations of any size are most welcome.

A Donation Form can be found on the cover of this newsletter.

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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.

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

Our account details are: BENDIGO BANK Branch 633 108 Account 127715209.

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