



**Advice from Snr. Sgt. Adrian Bickley,
Bellarine Officer in Charge, Victoria Police**

Whilst engaging with community members on the Bellarine Peninsula I have noticed a reluctance to call 000. This appears to be due to people feeling that the issue they wish to report is not an emergency or not serious enough to call 000 to notify police.

Police on The Bellarine and indeed throughout the State, rely on members of our communities to sometimes act as the eyes and ears in regards to reporting crime which would include people breaking into houses, assaulting others or even acting in an unruly manner that may lead to criminal offences if not acted upon by police. If you call 000 your information will be passed onto the nearest available police unit who will then take appropriate action.

The best way to think about it is that if you think police are required 'now', that is, something is happening 'now' and police could deal with it if they attend, then call 000.

If the matter is not happening 'now', for instance you have woken up and you see your car has been broken into, then call the Police Assistance Line on 131444.

What I don't want to see is people not reporting crime or possible crime as they are watching it because they thought it was not important enough to call police. Let police attend and take appropriate action. We need the community's help so we can help the community.

And please...lock your cars and lock your homes. A simple deterrent that can stop opportunistic crime occurring.



**Triple Zero
(000)**

**Dial Triple
Zero (000) for
police,
ambulance
and fire**

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK, 17 – 23 MAY

During National Volunteer Week, 17 – 23 May, our Care Callers will be asking registrants to comment on the service offered by the Bellarine Community Support Register.

If you would like to make comment directly to the Register, then you can do so by emailing us at bpsupportregister@bigpond.com or via our website at <https://bellarineregister.org.au/contact/>



PROMOTING OUR REGISTER

The Register Committee continues to undertake promotional activities at local markets. It has been pleasing to receive new registrations arising from our market appearances. A total of 62 new registrations have been received in the last six months from our volunteers' promotional efforts.

Our next Market promotional events are at:

Portarlington Lions Market on Sunday 28 March, 2021

Ocean Grove Rotary Market on Easter Monday 05 April 2021 – to be confirmed

Drysdale Lions Market on Sunday 18 April 2021

Our friendly volunteers will provide you with information and can assist you to complete the Registration form.

If you have friends who may benefit from the service, please encourage them to register with us. They can go to our website - <https://bellarineregister.org.au/> and complete an online registration.

The Register may also be contacted by phone on 0480 228 674 to find out more information. A Registration Form is included in this edition of the newsletter if you know of anyone who may benefit from registering.

TRANSFORMING VICTORIA POLICE SERVICES

Victoria Police want to hear from you:

"Victoria Police is embarking on a major program of reform as to how we deliver policing services so that we can meet current and future community safety priorities and continue to keep Victorians safe.

We are interested in your views on what police should do and how we best serve the community so that we remain a police force you can trust and rely on, well into the future.

To have your say, please donate 5 minutes of your time to complete the online survey below and be mindful that our 'policing family' includes: Police, Protective Services Officers, Police Custody Officers and civilian staff."

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/transforming-victorias-police-services/service-delivery-survey>

Survey closes on 10 April, 2021.

WE WANT TO SHARE YOUR STORY

As we journey into 2021, the Register will be embarking on a promotional campaign through print and social media.

One thing that that we would like to do is share our registrants' stories about their experience with the Register.

This could be about a specific volunteer who makes a Care Call to you, a Police Welfare Check or a time when the Wallet Card was beneficial in an emergency.

These stories can be anonymous if you wish.

If you would like to participate, let your Care Caller know and she will pass on your details to our Secretary, Leonie Saundry or you can contact her on 0448 754 671.



EMERGENCY + APP FOR YOUR MOBILE PHONE

With 65 per cent of emergency calls in Australia coming from mobile phones, knowing your exact location to tell the triple zero operator is crucial. When you're dealing with emergencies, every second counts.

The Emergency+ app uses the existing GPS functionality of smartphones to enable callers to provide triple zero call-takers with their location information. Latitude and longitude details can be relayed to the triple zero operator as well as an address and suburb details.

You can also use the app to call triple zero when you require police, fire or ambulance, or the 132 500 number for VICSES in flood and storm situations.

In many cases, people aren't aware of their location, especially if they are in open space areas like beaches, parks and long stretches of roads.

The Emergency+ app is available for free:

[iTunes - Available on the App Store](#)

[Google Play - Get it on Google Play](#)

[Windows - Download from Windows Phone Store](#)



For more information about the app visit –<http://emergencyapp.triplezero.gov.au/>

SHARED PATHWAYS ON THE BELLARINE

As residents on the Bellarine Peninsula, we are fortunate to have a number of tracks and trails in various locations for our use. Whether you are walking the dog, taking a leisurely stroll or riding a bicycle, the tracks and trails offer a safe and scenic space to enjoy the outdoors.

To ensure the safety and enjoyment of all users of the tracks and trails, there are some simple rules we must remember such as –

- walkers, please move to the left to allow others to pass easily.
- cyclists, please ring your bell and slow down when passing others.

The City of Greater Geelong has developed a Shared Pathways Charter designed to “promote safe and cooperative behaviour by dog owners, cyclists and pedestrians as shared users of public pathways, tracks and trails within the City of Greater Geelong”

To remind users of their responsibilities, Council's promotional theme is

Lead the Way - Care, Share and Respect:

- **be a caring dog walker**
- **be a respectful cyclist**
- **share the space**
- **be respectful to residents.**



If you have used the Adrian Mannix Reserve at Clifton Springs or Ramblers Walk at Point Richards, you may have noticed the installation of new blue and green signage as part of the Charter.

For more details, visit

<https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/parks/paths/article/item/8cf5b0f4db651ca.aspx>

BELLARINE COMMUNITY SUPPORT REGISTER INC.
PO BOX 819, OCEAN GROVE. VIC 3226 TELEPHONE: 0480 228 674

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.

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

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Bellarine Community Support Register

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Ocean Grove Vic 3226

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Registration Form

Registrant Details

Full Name:			
Preferred Name:		Date of Birth:	
Mobile:		Landline:	
Email:			
Street Address:			
Postal Address:			
Language:		Interpreter:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Next of Kin	No 1 Contact	No 2 Contact
Name:		
Relationship:		
Phone Number:		

Medical & Legal Contact Information

Doctor's Name:		Phone No:	
Doctor's Address:			
Legal Power of Attorney:		Phone No:	

Home Access Details

Spare Key Location:		Key Pad Code:	
Other Residents:			
Issues that may impact abilities/mobility			
Pets:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Pet Species: <input type="text"/>
Pet Friendliness:			
Pet Carer:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Carer Name: <input type="text"/>
Pet Carer Contact Details:			

Would you like to receive phone calls? Yes No

How did you hear about us?

Privacy Notice

Your Information and the Community Register



It is important that you read and understand the following.

The Community Register is operated by the Bellarine Community Support Register Inc. and is supported by Victoria Police. Joining the Register is voluntary and there is no application fee.

This Application Form asks you for the information we need for the Register, so that we can:

- List your details on the Register for use in emergencies
- Issue you with an Identification Card, and
- Offer you other services such as a regular phone call from a volunteer.

Providing us with the requested information is not required by law. However if you choose not to provide us with the requested information, we will not be able to add your details to the Register.

The Bellarine Police Station has 24-hour access to information held on the Register. Police will use your information only in support of the Register's objectives, such as checking on you at your home if you have not answered a scheduled call from Register volunteers.

Once accepted on the Register, you will be issued with an Identification Card. It is recommended that you carry the card with you at all times. In the event of an emergency, somebody such as a Police Officer or Ambulance Officer can use your Identification Card to contact the Register and find out your details, or pass a message to your emergency contact person.

We will not disclose your personal information to anybody else unless we are required to do so by law – for example if the information is needed in an emergency or for a law enforcement purpose.

You may request access to your personal information at any time. To access or update your personal information, or for more information on our privacy obligations, ask to speak to one of our volunteers.

I understand that my personal information, and/or the contact details of my nominated emergency contacts, may be released from the Community Register to emergency services if I am in an emergency situation and I am unable to communicate.

In signing this form I am confirming that I agree with all the above.

Name:			
Signature:		Date:	