

BCSR VOLUNTEERS REACH 15 YEARS

The Bellarine Community Support Register salutes two of our Volunteers who have both provided more than 15 years of service to the Bellarine community. Pictured with their certificates are Barry Collinson (left) and Markus Stadler respectively.



KAREN ANDREWS MP @ LEOPOLD HUB

We were invited to spend some time with the Minister for Home Affairs, Karen Andrews on a recent visit to Geelong.

The Minister was particularly interested in how the service had been of assistance to Registrants during the COVID restrictions.

She heard of the challenges faced whilst Registrants were unable to see family and friends; having social, club and worship events cancelled; being concerned by things that, under different circumstances, would not have been given a second thought; and missing traditional rituals and ceremonies.

Committee Members Sandra Lea-Wood and Leonie Saundry are pictured here with Karen Andrews MP after their meeting at the Leopold Community Hub.



NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Registrants

Welcome to this first quarterly edition of the Bellarine Community Support Register Newsletter for 2022. It has been lovely to hear from Registrants about how much you are enjoying reconnecting with your family and friends.

Some items that may be of interest to you:

1. BCSR Commitment to Service Continuation

Our Volunteers are all committed to ensuring that we continue to maintain our uninterrupted service. Some are back in the office whilst others are still working from home.

We know that you will understand if things take a little longer than expected or if you receive a call from someone different than usual. Thank you all in anticipation.

2. Bring a Friend Along to Free BCSR Events in April 2022

The Register has received requests for Morning/Afternoon Teas to be held for our Registrants in different areas of the Bellarine.

Due to a successful application lodged with the City of Greater Geelong, we are in the process of doing just that!

These events will occur during April this year so come along if you can. Bring someone with you on the day and enjoy some light entertainment, a little food and guest speakers.

Advertisements for all three events to be held in Moolap, Portarlington and Ocean Grove are featured in this newsletter.

If you receive regular calls from one of Volunteers, you may also be able to meet that person, face-to-face, on the day.

Please RSVP with your name and contact details as well as those of your guest and let us know if you require the charter bus to pick you up and drop you off.

3. Donations contribute vital resources to our Organisation

We appreciate your generous donations and cannot operate the service without them. BCSR has purchased a new telephone/ answering machine system for the office and now has a healthy supply of window stickers that new Registrants receive in their welcome packs. Thank you.

4. Keysafes Installed by Bellarine Lions Clubs

Notes of thanks have been received from Registrants who were recipients of free Keysafes that were made possible by a donation to us from the Bellarine Aged Care Association.

They were installed by the Lions Clubs of Portarlington/Drysdale and Ocean Grove/Barwon Heads. Their members complied with some very challenging COVID-safe practices to complete this project within our designated timeframes.

It is a credit to their organisations' ongoing commitment to serving their respective communities.

5. Till next time

Might I take this opportunity to encourage you to attend one of our upcoming events and I look forward to meeting you if you can make it.

Leonie Saundry

Chairperson
Bellarine Community Support Register.

You are invited to bring yourself **and** a friend to the
BELLARINE COMMUNITY SUPPORT REGISTER

INFORMATION DAY

Bring a friend
with you



Provided **FREE** by BCSR on the day:

- Bus return transport from designated pick up/drop off locations
- Light refreshments
- Entertainment: sing along to some golden oldies
- Guest Speakers & Door Prizes
- Meet some BCSR Volunteer Callers, face-to-face
- Mask & hand sanitiser provided



Free Entertainment

BUS SCHEDULE

Date	Friday 1 April		DAY
Time	11:00am - 12:30pm		1
Venue	Club Italia: Bellarine Highway, Moolap		
Pick up Schedule:	Route 1.1	10:30am	Leopold Bus Stop Cnr. Bellarine Hwy & Ash Rd Drop off: near green hall, opp. side of Hwy
	Route 1.2	10:40am	Leopold Tennis Courts Melaluka Rd: opposite side to Gateway Plaza Bus Stop

Date	Friday 8 April		DAY
Time	1:30pm - 3:00pm		2
Venue	Parks Hall: Portarlington		
Pick up Schedule:	Route 2.1	12:50pm	Drysdale Main Bus Stop High St
	Route 2.2	1:10pm	St Leonards Main Bus Stop Murradoc Rd
	Route 2.3	1:15pm	Indented Head Main Bus Stop The Esplanade

Date	Thursday 28 April		DAY
Time	11:00am - 12:30pm		3
Venue	Football Netball Pavilion: Shell Rd Ocean Grove		
Pick up Schedule:	Route 3.1	10:20am	Pt Lonsdale The Springs BP Service Station
	Route 3.2	10:35am	Market Place Kingston Downs Drive, Ocean Grove
	Route 3.3	10:40am	Kingston Village Outside Aldi
	Route 3.4	10:50am	The Terrace Ocean Grove

R.S.V.P.

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your nominated bus route (e.g. 1.2) to either of the following
contacts no later than **Friday 11 March**.

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