

BCSR QUARTERLY NEWS

Dear Registrants

I hope this newsletter finds you happy and well, managing the cold weather and all that it brings with it.

1. BCSR Keytag: Successful return of housekeys to Registrant

Just this week we had a registrant who had lost their house keys have them returned as a result of the keys being handed into the Bellarine police station. This shows that the BCSR unique personal ID number system works.

2. Farewell to Registrants

During 2020/2021 we said farewell to Registrants who are sadly deceased, who moved to warmer States, to regional Victoria or reluctantly to Aged Care. These included our own volunteers.

We trust that families and friends are managing the changes that these events bring as they come to terms with the loss of their loved ones in whatever form or circumstance that takes.

3. BCSR 2023/2024 Recruitment Campaign

During this time, the Register celebrated its 3000th Registrant recently with local David Reid from MatchUp accepting an invitation to be involved in a Bellarine Times photo shoot and interview with our Bellarine Police. Thank you David from the Registrant community for your kind words and welcome.

The Register is embarking on a Beyond 3 000 Recruitment Drive sponsored by Ocean Grove Connected Communities where we are looking to increase our membership base by 100 or more Registrants. If you know of someone who would benefit from being part of the Register, please encourage them to consider joining us.

We welcome Volunteers from Feed Me Bellarine to the Register and thank CEO Lana Purcell for her support with this.

4. Donation Thanks

We are grateful for donations received from our Registrants to keep our service operating. Thank you. For those who may not be aware, the Register receives no Government funding to operate. We are totally reliant on the goodwill of our volunteers and the Bellarine Police Station to conduct our service.

5. Power Saving Bonus - How to donate in a different way.

The Register has authorization to process your \$250 Power Saving Bonus. If you pay your electricity account and have not claimed your bonus, please contact me and BCSR can help you with that. We receive \$33 from the Victorian Government for doing so. This is one way of us raising money to assist with annual operating costs without having to ask people to contribute from their own funds.

6. Update of Registrant Details

Thank you for providing our Volunteers with your personal information updates. As we look to rationalize costs, volunteers will be asking you for feedback regarding the BCSR Newsletter as we move towards our next strategic planning phase.

7. Successful Grant Submission

We received financial support from our long term sponsors Kings Funerals and Geelong Connected Communities to upgrade our office furniture to meet current Workplace Health and Safety standards.

Woolworths Kingston supported us with a donation towards our volunteer morning tea office supplies.

The Geelong Community Foundation has continued to assist us with funding to update our office from a paper based system to a cloud based one.

You can rest assured that your personal details are well secured due to the systems that are in place with our local provider UtilitiseIT.

8. Bellarine Police Acknowledgement

As we prepare for our different recruitment options across the Bellarine, we are grateful to Sen Sgt Adrian Bickley, OIC Bellarine Police and the local Community Engagement Unit whose officers will be available (barring emergency) to support our promotional campaign at St Leonards and Indented Head as follows:

- Monday 03 July 2023
11.00 am – 2.00 pm
IGA Store St Leonards
- Thursday 06 July 2023
11.00 am – 2.00 pm
General Store Indented Head

Please come down and make yourself known to us if you are in the local area.

Leonie Saundry

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Chairperson

Bellarine Community Support Register.

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thank you



Attention Holiday Home Owners

Have you applied for your Power Saving Bonus for your holiday home yet?

Any Victorian household can claim this bonus and the Bellarine Community Support Register can help you do just that.

Bring your electricity account to the following venues during the school holidays and be eligible for the \$250 bonus.

 BELLARINE COMMUNITY SUPPORT REGISTER INC.

WHERE & WHEN:

St Leonards IGA	Monday 03 July 2023 11.00 am – 2.00 pm
Indented Head General Store	Thursday 06 July 2023 11.00 am – 2.00 pm

PARCEL THIEVES ARE ABOUT

... so if you're expecting an important package, and you're not going to be home:

- organise for it to be sent to your workplace if that's permitted;
- arrange with a trusted neighbour, friend or family member, who'll be home, to have it delivered to their place; or
- register for a free Australia Post parcel locker close to you and have it sent there.

Having your packages delivered straight to your house is super convenient. But sometimes that "safe place" you ask your delivery driver to leave your parcel in, isn't always quite so safe.



SCAM ALERT

Fraudulent Parking Tickets

No-one likes a parking ticket, but a fake one could cost you much more.

We've found fraudulent parking tickets circulating in Geelong, and we're asking you to keep an eye out.

The fraudulent tickets:

- have a blue band across the top
- have a QR code.

Legitimate tickets issued by us:

- ✓ have an eight-digit infringement number
- ✓ are all white and do not have a blue band across the top
- ✓ feature the registration plate and details of the offending vehicle
- ✓ do not have a QR code
- ✓ feature legislative references at the top of the ticket
- ✓ bear an officer ID consisting of three numbers.

If you receive a suspicious-looking parking ticket, we ask you to be wary about scanning a QR code or following any link.

Instead, visit www.geelongaustralia.com.au/fines to check your ticket, or call us for assistance on 5272 5272.



SHINE BRIGHT THIS WINTER WHILE RIDING YOUR BIKE

LOOK BRIGHT
USE YOUR LIGHTS!

When riding a bicycle at night or in low light you must have:

- A white light on the front
- A red light on the back
- A red reflector on the back



Your lights must be visible from 200m and the reflector visible from 50m.



Wear bright or light-coloured clothing and something reflective or retro-reflective.



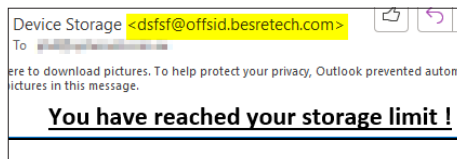
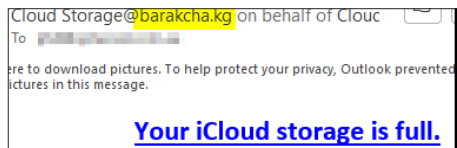
iCLOUD SCAMS

Many of you, including our Register Office, have been receiving e-mails advising that your storage is full, whether this is iCloud, Google Drive or OneDrive.

Below are a few examples of the spam that some have been receiving.

Note that the "Sender" is different for all of them. When you receive one of these e-mails and you are not sure, DELETE. DO NOT RESPOND.

If you do respond it only confirms that there is a real person at the end of the email and they will keep on trying to get you.



REGISTRATION DRIVE



**BELLARINE COMMUNITY
SUPPORT REGISTER INC.**

— REGISTRATION DRIVE —

This free confidential service holds your contact information available only to the Bellarine Police in case of emergency.

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CONTACT US:

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A note to holiday home owners

If you have not claimed your \$250 Power Saving Bonus as yet, bring along your most recent electricity account and bank account details and we can also assist with that.

Register with us and receive FREE:

- A keytag and wallet size phone card with unique ID number in case of emergency
- A window sticker to indicate to family, neighbours, visitors and friends that your property is registered with the Police
- Care calls (if requested) from Volunteers on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis.

3000th REGISTRANT

Left to right

The Bellarine Community Support Register's 3,000th registrant David Reid, Bellarine Police Station acting sergeant Sarah Boore, and data volunteer Irene McKenzie holding up the Register's new keytags and lost property box.

Photo: VINNIE VAN OORSCHOT



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: \$5 \$10 \$20 \$100 Other: _____
Please tick the appropriate amount.

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

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

Our account details are: **BENDIGO BANK** Branch **633 108** Account **127 715 209**.

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& St Leonards Neighbourhood Watch

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Bellarine Community Support Register
PO Box 819
Ocean Grove Vic 3226



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