

CHAIR'S REPORT DECEMBER 2023

Hello Everyone.

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2023. I trust that it finds you in good spirits, savouring life's joys and managing the challenges along the way.

NEW STATION COMMANDER: BELLARINE POLICE DISTRICT

We recently welcomed Senior Sergeant Tony Francis to the Bellarine Police Station and look forward to working with him to maintain that ongoing sense of safety, security and connectedness that the Register brings to you, your family, friends and neighbors and to our police and emergency services.

Former Office in Charge, Senior Sergeant Adrian Bickley has been rotated to Torquay and we sincerely thank him for the support he afforded the Register, wishing him well with future endeavours.

BCSR NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL UNLESS REQUESTED BY POST

REGISTRANT NEWSLETTER – CHANGE IN PROCEDURE

You will be aware that we are experiencing unprecedented times in terms of donations as all charities have reported. As a result, we will have only 2 newsletters published annually from 2024 i.e. June and December.

We intend to forward the newsletter to those Registrants with email addresses unless we hear otherwise, and post them to those of you who do not have email addresses or who would still prefer to receive the Newsletter via Australia Post.

Please contact the office on 5255 3968 if you have any queries.

Thank you



COULD YOU PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK IF YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION HAS CHANGED?

Prior to the intervention of COVID-19, we regularly reminded all Registrants to update their personal information held on our database.

You may recall that the pandemic caused us to move to remote operations to keep the Register running.

- We know from speaking with many of you, that there have been significant changes in people's lives.
- We wish to be certain that our records are accurate and current because in an emergency, the Register is only as effective as the information it holds.

There are Personal Information Update Questions on page 3 of this newsletter.

**There is no need to
take any action if all of
your personal information
remains the same.**

As we come to the close of another year, thank you for your continued support of the Register. We very much value our association with you and look forward to it continuing for many years to come.

May I wish you a safe and blessed Christmas, looking forward to being in touch with you again soon.

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Bellarine Community Support Register.

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CCTV REGISTER

A message from Sgt. Jane Arnold, Portarlington Police:

Over the last few months, Police have had some great results from collecting CCTV footage from homes and businesses in the vicinity of a crime.

Police keep a Register of CCTV for the whole policing division.

If you are happy to add your CCTV information to the register, please contact the Portarlington Police Station, and they will send you the information.

By recording your camera on the register, it allows Police Analysts to email all residents on the CCTV register in a particular area to ascertain if they have any helpful footage that may assist an investigation.

Portarlington Police Station: (03) 5259 2606

Victorian Container Deposit Scheme

On 1st November 2023 the Victorian State Government commenced its new Recycling scheme for a range of containers.

Most aluminium, glass, plastic and liquid paperboard (carton) drink containers between 150mL and 3 litres are eligible but there are some major exclusions such as wine bottles and plain milk containers.

Items for recycling can be returned via Reverse Vending Machines (RVM) that are being installed throughout Victoria.

Locally, machines have been established at Kingston Village, Grubb Rd, Ocean Grove (Near Dan Murphy's), Gateway Plaza Leopold and Newcomb Central Shopping Centre.

The 10 cent refund per item can be taken in cash (by voucher) or can be donated to registered organisations.

Bellarine Community Support Register has registered to be a donation partner to enable the

proceeds from the returned items to be donated to the Register. Our registration has been accepted and is now active.

How does it work?

To enable proceeds to be donated to the Bellarine Community Support Register, the person returning the containers has to first download the CDS Vic West app.

When returning the containers at the RVM, the returnee looks up the Charities Menu on the home page of the App for Bellarine Community Support Register or enters the name.

Having found the name, the "set as payout" button is activated, and the app is scanned on the RVM and containers are placed in the relevant receptacle.

Payment is made to donation partners weekly.

For more information about the scheme:

visit <https://cdsvic.org.au/>

POLICE ASSISTANCE



Save 131 444 for when you need us, but not the sirens

How we can help?

You can report non-urgent crimes or events 24 hours a day, seven days a week through our Police Assistance Line and Online Reporting service.

If you are in immediate danger or it's an emergency, call

Triple Zero (000).

REPORT NON-URGENT INCIDENTS, SUCH AS

- **STOLEN PROPERTY**
- **DAMAGED PROPERTY**
- **LOST PROPERTY**
- **GENERAL QUESTIONS**



**CONTACT THE
NEW POLICE
ASSISTANCE LINE
(131 444)**



Personal Information Update Questions



Registrant Name:		Registrant ID Number (if known)	
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UPDATE CHANGES TO CURRENT INFORMATION ONLY

New Details to be updated on the Register		
Are you still at the same address?		
Have you moved the spare key?		
Do you have a new phone number?		
Do you still use your landline?		
Has your email address changed?		
Pet-owners: any changes to your furry or feathered family members?		
<p>Are your emergency contacts still the same relatives or friends?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your next-of-kin has moved to Far North Queensland, you may wish to nominate a different local contact person. The new database will allow us to store several contacts, so your immediate family can still be kept on file, regardless of where they live, and contacted should the nature of the emergency require that. Remember to check with your contact people that they are happy for us to have their phone numbers and know what we would use them for in emergency. 	1st Contact Name	
	Relationship	
	Phone	
	Location	
	2nd Contact Name	
	Relationship	
	Phone	
	Location	

Are you willing to change from receiving newsletters by email instead of post?	If you had a PO Box address, is it still current and the same?		
Yes		No	

Please return the completed information to Bellarine Community Support Register via PO Box 819, Ocean Grove or email bpsupportregister@bigpond.com

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- There is no need to take any action if all of your personal information remains the same.
- If you are uncertain of what information we hold, please contact the Register office on 5255 3968 and one of our Volunteers will assist you.
- Registrants who receive calls will have already completed this task.

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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If undeliverable please return to:
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Ocean Grove Vic 3226



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