

OUR NEW COMMITTEE

A mix of experienced and new volunteers were elected to the Bellarine Community Support Register Committee of Management at our Annual General Meeting held at the Ocean Grove Surf Lifesaving Club in October.

Those elected were Chairperson Jenny, Vice President Leonie, Secretary Carol, Treasurer Bob and Committee members Lyn, Glenys, Sandra, Debbie, Jenny and Rhonda. We welcome them to our Committee and look forward to a fulfilling year ahead.

A lovely light lunch, supplied by Feed Me Bellarine, was enjoyed amid much chat amongst our wonderful volunteers.

Our outgoing Chair, Leonie Saundry, was presented with gorgeous flowers to acknowledge her dedication to and inspiring leadership of the Register during her three year term as Chairperson.

Service certificates were presented to several volunteers acknowledging their ongoing service to the Register including:

15 years	Rhonda Rotherham Jenny Gibbs
10 years	Robin Macaulay Karen Thornton Trish Coghlan
5 years	Ros Williamson
2 years	Barbara Stenhouse Garry Stenhouse Louise Smillie Alex Auletta

Where would we be without these wonderful volunteers?

Thank you



CHAIR'S REPORT DECEMBER 2024

Dear Registrants,

Welcome to another Bellarine Register Newsletter.

NEW BCSR CHAIRPERSON

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Jenny Speed and I am delighted to have taken over the reins from Leonie Saundry as Chair of this wonderful charity.

My background is in local government, community organizations and governance and I look forward to making a positive contribution to the service.

I will spend the next few months familiarizing myself with the way the register operates and look forward to hearing from you if there are any specific matters of concern or interest that you have in relation to the organisation.

EVERY DONATION MATTERS

We are always grateful for any type or amount of donation that you can contribute and thank you sincerely for your contributions to date.

If you would like to nominate BCSR as preferred charity for the Container Deposit Scheme, please call the office and arrangements will be made to allow this to happen.

OUR VOLUNTEERS WILL BE IN TOUCH

Please note the item that follows is relating to contact from our Volunteers that will occur in the first half of 2025.

We have introduced a new information system and are keen to ensure its accuracy in case emergency services need to use it.

The telephone numbers from where the calls will be made are also listed, therefore you can be confident that the right people are accessing your current details.

In the meantime, enjoy the festive season and I look forward to learning more about your experiences in your association with us.

Jenny Speed

Jenny Speed
Chairperson

Bellarine Community Support Register.

MY AGED CARE



Do you need help to connect with My Aged Care?

Our Volunteers can support you.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

10:00AM TO 12:00PM

BCH PORTARLINGTON

39 FENWICK STREET

FOR AN APPOINTMENT

CALL 1800 007 224



HEADING AWAY?



HAVE YOU COMPLETED AN ABSENCE FROM RESIDENCE FORM?

As Christmas is just around the corner, many residents are planning their Christmas holiday getaways.

One important aspect of your planning should be to complete a Victoria Police Absence from Residence form.

Letting police know is a proactive way you can help keep your home and community safe.

This is even more important if you'll be away a long time.

When you register with police, you provide:

- Your contact information.
- Times and dates you'll be away.
- Who to contact while you're away.

Police stations have an **absence from residence** register. This information could be used to reach you or your emergency contact if there is an incident at your home or to perform patrols in the area. Due to the dynamic nature of calls for police services, Victoria Police cannot guarantee that police will attend your property during your absence from your home.

Be sure to notify police if returning earlier than planned.

REGISTER ONLINE

To register your **absence from residence** online, visit <https://service.vic.gov.au/find-services/housing-and-property/register-your-absence-from-residence>

You can also register at your local police station.

To do so, download and complete the absence from residence form found at: <https://www.police.vic.gov.au/absence-residence>

Take the completed form to your local police station to be noted in the station's register.

Victorian Container Deposit Scheme



Thanks to the Drysdale Retirement Village, The Groove Café, The Potato Shed and Ocean Grove Men's Shed for contributing to the Register via the Victorian Container Deposit Scheme.

YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS SAFE WITH US

Our Safeguard database has been operational for almost a year now and it is time to follow our usual procedure to ensure that all the personal information that we hold is correct and current.

Accuracy of our information is vital when needed by Emergency Services.

You can expect a call from one of our volunteers in the new year asking you to confirm the details that we hold for you.

This project may take many weeks!

We have a large database and a limited number of volunteer staff.

The telephone numbers that will be used to make the calls are:

- 5255 3968;
- 0480 228 674 and
- 5257 1344

Please respond to calls from these numbers which will be made Mon-Fri between 9am and 5pm.

Your details that may have changed since we last contacted you are:

- Landline disconnected
- PO Box cancelled
- New email address
- Deceased pets or change of pet carer

ARE YOUR CONTACT PEOPLE STILL THE SAME?

Our new system will allow us to add to the list. Family, friends and neighbours can be included – those who live nearest are best points of contact for the Police in emergency.

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

Protect your number plates from being stolen



Get one-way, anti-theft screws fitted on the spot

**Saturday 7 December
9am to 1pm**

**W G Little Reserve,
Newcombe Street,
Portarlington**

Gold coin donation appreciated.



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PROTECT YOUR NUMBER PLATES

Prevent your number plates from theft.

With the increase in number plate theft, what better time than this Saturday to have one-way anti theft screws fitted to your number plates.

Neighbourhood Watch, Bellarine Neighbourhood, Bellarine SES and Portarlington Lions Club volunteers will fit the screws for you for as little as a gold coin donation on **Saturday 7 December** at: WG Little Reserve, Portarlington.

BELLARINE COMMUNITY SUPPORT REGISTER INC.

PO BOX 819 OCEAN GROVE VIC 3226 TELEPHONE: 03 5255 3968

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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