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2025



ANNUAL REPORT

01 JULY 2024 - 30 JUNE 2025

The Bellarine Community Support Register supports the safety and independence of Bellarine residents who register with us.

The confidential database holds the personal, medical, property and contact information provided by Registrants that can be accessed by police in case of an emergency.



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Make a valuable difference to the lives of locals.

The Bellarine Community Support Register is an incorporated, not-for-profit organisation that is staffed and run by Volunteers.

We have Deductible Gift Recipient Status.

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Chair's Report



In what has been another year of transition, the Bellarine Community Support Register (BCSR) continues to undergo development to meet the ever-increasing demands of the not-for-profit sector.

With our committed Volunteers continuing to rise to any challenge, BCSR remains in a strong financial and operational position as this report for the 2024 – 2025 financial year shows.

Key achievements include:

- Finalising the office move
- Bellarine VicPol accessing Safeguard
- Volunteers now competent in the use of the Safeguard database
- Registrant and Volunteer surveys having been completed
- Personal information updates having commenced to ensure accuracy of data for police
- Attendance at Bellarine Wellbeing Connect Network, BSafe and CISVic meetings and training
- Key working relationships having been enhanced
- BCSR Volunteers accompanying Bellarine Police during SCAM presentations which saw more community members access the service.



PILLAR ONE

Supporting our Community

Registrants

Enhance the satisfaction of existing Registrants to ensure effective engagement and support.

Maintain registrant numbers at 1400

Registrant numbers have fluctuated over this reporting period as our office Volunteers undertook the task of checking all Registrant details by email, phone, text message and sometimes in person.

The reluctance of many to answer unknown or 'private number' caller identification displays has meant that this Personal Information Update Project will continue until the end of the calendar year.



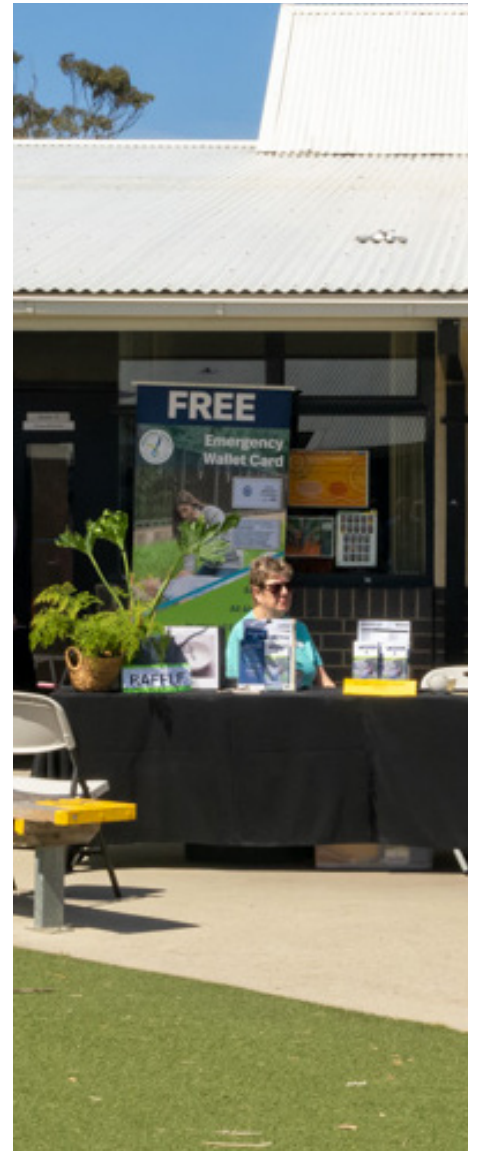
Total active registrants @ 30 JUNE	
2024	1,394
2025	1,593

- New registrants for 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 = 93
- Archived registrants 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 = 111.
- Callers made 2627 calls for the 24/25 period.

Each year, our Volunteers conduct a satisfaction survey with 10% of Registrants who choose to receive calls as part of the Register's service.

Questions asked include what benefits the service offered and how it could be improved.

Place-based promotional campaigns were successfully conducted at shopping centres, service clubs, community organisations, retirement villages and resorts so as to make this happen.



2025
Volunteers made
2627
calls



Chair's Report

Ensure ongoing communication and engagement with volunteers

We welcomed six new Volunteers to the organisation with a total of forty at the 30 June 2025.

A warm welcome is extended to Ross Maglaras, June Hopley, Elizabeth de Trafford, Jenny Speed, Chris Smith and Cheryl Linford.

The organisation looks forward to your active engagement in your preferred social, community and office-related activities.

We farewelled four of our experienced Volunteers after collective decades of dedicated service to the organisation and community: Bob Jordan as our Treasurer and Prue McDonough, along with Karen Williams and Peter Scott.

Not all Volunteers are office-based. Some provide advice and support, some serve as Committee members, several attend promotional activities whilst others undertake short term projects to help meet annual business plan demands.



The continued publication of the monthly Volunteer Newsletter has provided an opportunity to keep all Volunteers informed of activities both inside and outside the police station. Thank you, Maree, for taking this role on to keep us connected and informed.

With the assistance of Clever Digital, website changes have been made to include sponsor logos, new volunteer profiles and Bellarine Neighbourhood Police Newsletters.

Various social activities have been contacted including the Xmas breakup, morning teas, informal small get togethers which provide additional connection and purpose to their volunteering role.

Safeguard training activities were also conducted with positive outcomes for the volunteers.

The Bellarine Times and The Ocean Grove Voice continue to support us with articles and photographs of public interest.

Sponsors and Donors

Build and maintain a strong network of Donors and Sponsors

Local organisations and individual supporters play a vital role in keeping the organisation financially viable. This is particularly the case where King's, our inaugural and ongoing sponsor, contributes generously to our annual operating costs and joins us at promotional events, provides meeting space and offers much-appreciated marketing advice to the organisation.

In addition to funding from our major sponsor, we rely heavily on donations from our Registrants, as well as local community and service clubs including:

- Income Solutions Geelong
- Victorian Container Recycling Scheme
- Bellarine Police – office accommodation and utilities

- MatchUp supplied all Volunteers with new badges and are assisting us with new Registrant Window Stickers.
- UtilitiseIT: Continue to provide support for the Safeguard platform. We thank them immensely for this pro bono service.
- ApogeeIT assisted with the introduction of MS 365 SharePoint which will see the organisation's File Management System updated to become cloud based.
- Bellarine Community Health – meeting rooms
- Ocean Grove Neighbourhood house - printing at cost
- Coles, Woolworths, Bunnings, IGA and Officeworks vouchers totalling \$850
- Bellarine North Rotary – donation of \$600 was gratefully received

The next year will see BCSR prioritise this operational area to enhance the organisation's longer term future plans.



Chair's Report

Committee Members

Foster an active, well-informed committee aligned to achieve the organisation's objectives

The constancy and capacity of the Register's Committee of Management during this reporting period is to be highly commended with regard to processes, activities and relationships.

With the assistance of ApogeeIT, the committee commenced the process of setting up an online hub using MS SharePoint to complement our office Volunteers' work with Safeguard. This will help meet a variety of organisational needs, primarily as a web-based platform to store, organize and share information, enabling team collaboration and content management when completed.



Each year, the organisation prepares a Committee Skills Matrix as one of its Governance requirements that demonstrates the breadth of knowledge and experience that has successfully overseen and operated within and for the organisation in recent times.

Lyn Codd stepped into a casual Committee vacancy as Acting Treasurer created by the resignation of Bob Jordan from that position. Bob remains a Volunteer with the organisation to assist with a streamlined information transfer.



PILLAR TWO

Enhancing our Operations

Finance including Grants and Fundraising

A full financial report is provided later in this publication showing an increase in cash held over the year of \$3,193.23.

BCSR has relied on donations and grants to meet general operating costs and grants for capital investments.

Over the 24/25 period, IT was the focus of grant applications.

Three grant applications were submitted: Department Of Social Security (Federal Government) Volunteer Grant, City of Greater Geelong Positive Ageing Grant and Be Connected, with a successful outcome for all three and money received in the 25/26 year.

This grant money will be used to provide updated hardware for the office and support IT training to meet individual needs.

Two new revenue sources were Iron Man Geelong (2 events) \$1,111.15 and the Cadel Evens Road Cycling event \$410.00 with a number of members volunteering their time and enjoying the experience.

The State Government Container Deposit Scheme flourished due to the efforts of several dedicated volunteers, raising \$1,474.50 for the year.

With business support, eligible containers are now collected from the Groove Café in Ocean Grove, the Ocean Grove Men's Shed, Drysdale Retirement Village and the Potato Shed at Drysdale on a regular basis.

A donation of \$500 was received from Geelong Connected Communities to assist with the cost of printing and posting of the Register's newsletter.

The Committee resolved to reduce the newsletter to half yearly rather than quarterly and investigations in 24-25 re insurances led the Register to take out membership of Community Information Service Victoria (CISVic) for \$300 pa which includes the full suite of Insurances required by the Register.

BCSR holds three term deposits totalling \$ 37,175.97 at 30 June 2025 with interest earned on maturity re invested totalling \$1,448.55 for the year.



Chair's Report

Marketing and Public Relations

Increase community awareness

The Bellarine Community Support Register has expanded its promotional activities to include the Victorian Container Deposit Scheme where Volunteers stationed themselves at Portarlington Caravan Park over summer to help TOMRA recycle more than 25 000 containers over a 4-week period.

Bunnings Leopold continues to invite us to attend special community events to celebrate Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter and Christmas which provides a great opportunity for us to increase public awareness of the organisation.

Stories have been published in Lions Leopold Local, Bellarine Neighbourhood Newsletter, Portarlington Neighbourhood House Newsletter and on our Facebook page to encourage interest in the organisation and our volunteers have attended community organisation functions as guest speakers to promote the service.

IT and Database

Since 2021, BCSR has planned and prepared for a transition from a paper-based service to a cloud based one which was implemented in 2024.

This has occurred with support from the pro bono and paid services of IT specialists, the development of a detailed instruction manual and mostly, peer support from fellow volunteers.

In that time, digital literacy for seniors has been a priority for Justice Connect, the Australian Government and the Australian Charity and Not for Profit Commission (ACNC).

BCSR has sought funding opportunities and complementary legal advice to undertake the following:

- Get e-prepared in case of disaster - the development of a cloud-based document storage portal
- Every Australian Online – funding to offer Volunteers the Be Connected course with instruction from a qualified trainer
- Office equipment hardware upgrade to be more user-friendly
- Completion of a Safeguard Instruction Manual
- Risk Assessments to determine future priorities.





Safeguard

With the assistance of UtiliseIT, Volunteers were introduced to the new registrant system, an instruction manual was developed, and informal sessions were arranged to ensure Volunteer comfort and confidence with it.

Police are able to access the system and update records as required.

Associated duties, office procedures and security measures were introduced, documented and evaluated as the software continues to be refined.

MS365/SharePoint

ApogeeIT has provided pro bono assistance to set up a SharePoint interface for the organisation where:

- a central cloud-based site will allow a collaborative work environment for the Committee
- a storage and retrieval system for the organisation's documents and
- a secure option for confidential and sensitive information to be housed.

The aim is to also provide an online space for Volunteers to access relevant information.

Recruitment - Secure human resources for sustainability and growth

This year has seen a review of internal BCSR procedures to offer a more streamlined and efficient service. There has not been growth in numbers of registrants or volunteers, however BCSR aims to prioritise this through the next strategic cycle.



Quality and Compliance

BCSR operates an Operational Plan, Risk Register, Finance Budget which are actively monitored and reported on at each Committee Meeting (bi-monthly), making decisions where appropriate to help alleviate identified risks.

Other key governance tasks have included

- Monitoring on governance framework
- Submitted all documentation as required by ACNC
- Attendance at governance workshops to address compliance needs such as - Privacy Act artificial intelligence, cyber security.



Chair's Report

PILLAR THREE

Strengthening our Partnerships

Victoria Police

Create a closer relationship with Victoria Police Bellarine Peninsula to support residents in need



The register is grateful to the ongoing support of the Bellarine Police Station, in particular previous Officer in Charge Senior Sergeant Anthony Francis, Sergeant Shane Connelly, Leading Senior Constable Ryan Jones and Mick Tatlock for continuing to provide a workspace and facilities as well as assisting with the office relocation within their complex.

Our continued relationship with the Bellarine Neighbourhood Police Unit has resulted in joint presentations to community members who heard about how to avoid being scammed and how to better secure their homes from being targeted by thieves as well as the relevance of BCSR to police.





Community Organisations

Grow existing partnerships and build new opportunities to raise awareness of the benefits of the Register to Bellarine residents

The Bellarine Register has undertaken joint projects and presentations as well as shared mutually appropriate messages through social media with Neighbourhood Watch Bellarine, attendance with the police at SCAM ALERT presentations across the region, which saw BCSR increase registrations. Other social media messaging has been: Fake Tradies, Burglary Prevention, Easter Car Safety, Theft from Motor Vehicle Prevention and the promotion of How to Protect Your Home When You Go Away.

Bellarine Wellbeing Connect

This newly established entity has provided BCSR with an opportunity to link with all levels of Government and local organisations.

In 24/25 a group project was supported to join Ask Izzy, a free online directory that helps people in Australia find support services on the Bellarine.

A leaflet accompanied the initiative that BCSR used to promote the new service at key promotion activities and Neighbourhood Watch Bellarine events.

This saw BCSR develop a relationship with Ambulance Victoria which will grow over time.



Chair's Report

Local Government

Build a shared understanding of the role of Local Government in working with the Register

The City of Greater Geelong and the Borough of Queenscliff continue to be supportive of the register via ongoing support, advice and grant opportunities.

We apply for local government grants as needed and appreciate the promotion of our service on local government websites.

State Government

Investigate opportunities for co-ordination and alignment across state registers and the role of the State Government in the registers

An investigation completed in 2024/2025, determined that there were less than 10 registers still operating around the State of Victoria and two that later closed down during this reporting period.

All were offered the opportunity to contact Utilitise to request a demonstration of the new cloud-based database system, Safeguard and invited to see it in operation at the BCSR office. This offer remains open.

Alison Marchant MP, Member for Bellarine has assisted BCSR with advice and letters of support and funding applications.

Alison is also a member of Bellarine Wellbeing Connect and the Bellarine Community Safety Group (bSafe). bSafe is a collaborative initiative established in 2014 to address local safety issues on the Bellarine Peninsula by connecting community leaders with Bellarine Police and the Member for Bellarine.

The group provides a platform for residents to voice their safety concerns, which are then used to develop and implement community-led safety initiatives and share information through the bSafe website.

Federal Government

Build links with relevant agencies e.g. MyAged Care, NDIS

We acknowledge the Federal Member for Corangamite, Libby Coker MP for supporting our successful application for a Volunteer Grant to assist with funding our annual insurance premium and MS365 SharePoint interface project. As a member of the Bellarine Wellbeing Connect Network, timely updates provide the Register with advice, support and contacts that can be passed onto Volunteers and Registrants as appropriate.



In closing, the Committee would like to acknowledge the dedication and amazing commitment of ALL volunteers.

Whether It be in the office as a data operator/call operator, promotion /fundraising, IT, social media and the many other tasks that are undertaken in a warm and friendly manner.

Thank You!

A special mention to Glenys Francis and Leonie Saundry who have been stalwarts in the IT space this year providing the drive to ensure Safeguard and SharePoint are developed to meet the register's needs.

To Carol Tozer who in her first year as Secretary, provided clarity and efficiency to myself and the executive committee as the organisation took steps to provide a more streamlined operation.

And finally, Thank you to Volunteer Coordinator Debbie MacLeod who oversees the office operations.

Your commitment to supporting BCSR volunteers and ensuring things run smoothly does not go unnoticed.

Late 2026 will see the organisation celebrate 20 years of service to the Bellarine community.

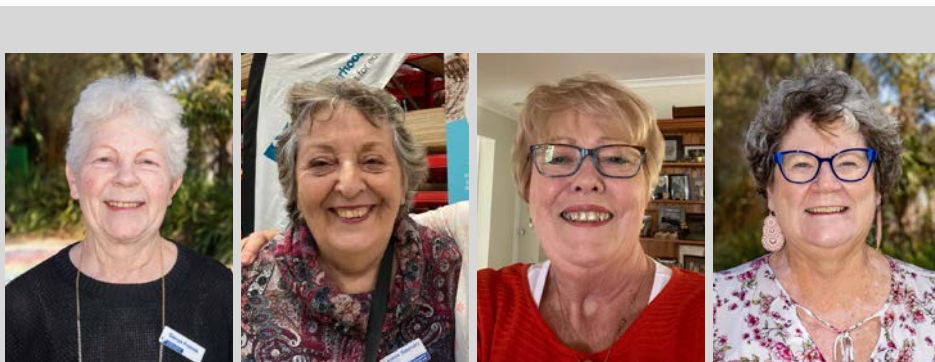
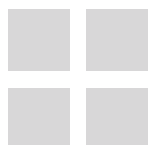
I encourage everyone to participate in the coming months to celebrate this wonderful milestone.

IN SUMMARY



Jenny Speed
Chairperson

BCSR Committee of Management



Glenys Francis

Leonie Saundry

Carol Tozer

Debbie MacLeod

thank you

Committee of Management

Elected Committee of Management 2024-2025

Position	Name
Chairperson	Jenny Speed
Vice Chairperson	Leonie Saundry
Secretary	Carol Tozer
Treasurer	Bob Jordan
General Member	Lyn Codd
General Member	Glenys Francis
General Member	Sandra Lea-Wood
General Member	Debbie MacLeod
General Member	Jenny Marshall
General Member	Rhonda Rotherham



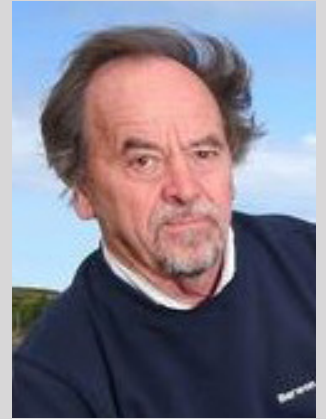
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The Register at Work

A Volunteer Who Stayed on the Line

When the Bellarine Community Support Register rang last Thursday for a routine call, the volunteer noticed something unusual: one of our regular participants wasn't answering her phone.

Following procedure, the volunteer called the participant's emergency contact – her son. But he was immediately anxious.

His mother always answered. "She never misses," he said nervously.

Sensing his worry, the volunteer gently reassured him, then stayed on the line while he drove over to check.



She spoke with him the whole way, keeping him calm as he shared memories of his mum and his hopes she was simply busy in the garden.

When he arrived and knocked on the door, there was a long pause before the familiar sound of the latch. His mother appeared – perfectly well, but embarrassed that she had forgotten to charge her phone.

Relieved laughter filled the call. The son thanked the volunteer for not only alerting him, but for staying with him through those tense moments. "It felt like I wasn't alone," he said.

This small act of care showed the true spirit of the Register: not just making calls, but being a steady voice, a calm presence, and a lifeline for families on the Bellarine.



If someone in your family or family friend would like a weekly call from one of our Volunteers, contact the Bellarine Community Support Register to register.

Phone (03) 5255 3968

Monday to Friday 9.30am - 12 noon.

Email bpsupportregister@bigpond.com

Meet Dorothy and her offsider Harley

At the commencement of COVID, Dorothy and her little mate, Harley relocated from Portarlington to North-Western Victoria at the insistence of her son, Michael, and daughter-in-law, Janelle.

Whilst she was pleased to have the company, Dorothy found the Mallee weather severe, farm life stressful, health care limited and she sorely missed her companions from the local Church.

Harley on the other hand was having a hoot of a time, especially post-harvest when the mice were in plague proportions because of the bumper grain crops.

Four years down the track, Dorothy badly wanted to return to her home.

Her health was declining and she was showing signs of depression and anxiety - feeling that she was becoming burdensome to the household.

Michael agreed to his mother's return to the Bellarine but wanted her to move into an aged care facility. Dorothy, however, knew she was not at that stage yet and refused pressure to concede.



Finally, Michael and Janelle respected Dorothy's judgement and an Aged Care Package was organized through Bellarine Community Health.

The Community Nurse also arranged for a weekly call to be made to Dorothy from the Bellarine Community Support Register volunteers. Dorothy was able to stay out of institutionalized care, keep her loveable sidekick Harley (who had moved on to chasing possums) as well as reconnect with her former fellow parishioners through The Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Do you know someone who lives on the Bellarine who would benefit from a weekly phone call from one of our Volunteers?

The Bellarine Community Support Register operates from the Bellarine Police Station in Ocean Grove.

A weekly check-in call from a Volunteer can significantly enhance the quality of life, emotional health and overall wellbeing of older adults, particularly those living alone.

It can provide a sense of connection, reduce isolation, and even improve physical and mental health outcomes, all while helping family members feel assured that their loved ones are being cared for.

The Register at Work

The Wilsons from Leopold

Living in Melbourne while their elderly mother remained in Leopold was a constant source of worry for the Wilson family.

Although Mum was still independent, they knew things could change quickly. That's why entering her details in the Bellarine Community Support Register (BCSR) brought immense peace of mind - to all of them.

Every week, a friendly Volunteer from the Register would call Mum for a check-in.

These calls weren't just about safety—they became a comforting routine, a sign that someone nearby cared.

One morning, when the Volunteer couldn't reach Mum during a scheduled call, he followed the Register's procedures.

When attempts to contact both adult children also failed, the Volunteer arranged a Police Welfare Check.

When Police arrived at Mum's home, they discovered that she had been taken earlier that morning to Epworth Hospital by ambulance after feeling unwell.

Because her details were up to date on the Register, the Emergency Pet Carer listed for her beloved staffy, Jeddah was also notified.

Jeddah was safely cared for by Cherished Pets so Mum didn't have to worry while recovering in hospital.

This small but vital network of care—built on local volunteers and a well-maintained register—ensured that even when things went wrong, Mum was never truly alone.

For the Wilson family, the Bellarine Community Support Register was more than just a list.

It was a lifeline—and a quiet reassurance that, no matter the distance, their Mum was in safe hands.



“ It was a lifeline - and a quiet reassurance that, no matter the distance, their Mum was in safe hands. ”

“ Thanks for the call.
You bring happiness
into my day. ”

2025 Survey Feedback

The following represent some of the identified benefits experienced by registrants as a result of their membership.

Peace of mind. Knowing you matter.

Interesting discussion. Pleasure to talk to you.

Someone to talk to. Lives alone. Something to look forward to.

A sense of security. Live by yourself, it feels secure

Connection with another person and community especially being alone.

Meeting new people. Get to know our volunteers.

Care about what's going on in your life

Safety, feeling good. Make sure we're OK.

Fantastic. Being able to talk to someone each week

Never used it. It's in the back of my mind if I need it

Know someone is checking in. Sense of security..

Link to people. Having a chat. Support.

Talking to care callers important contact; very nice people calling.

Something happens, register there to follow up if unable to contact.

Knowing I'm safe and people knowing I'm ok.

Contact and support to make sure I'm ok.

Someone ringing and checking key location system if needed.

Makes me happier. I hear your cheery voice.

More secure; someone to talk to; knowing that someone cares for you

Referral to services.

Feel safe at home and my family happy I'm being contacted..

You do a terrific job.

Treasurer's Report

01 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

The Bellarine Community Support Register (BCSR) reports its annual financial operations on a cash basis.

Tier 1 associations i.e. less than \$500k in revenue, are not required to have their financial statements externally reviewed or audited, however the BCSR has a practice of getting its financial statements reviewed externally most recently by Mr. Dennis Larsen.

As a registered charity (Reg Charity ABN 45 848 490 650) BCSR must comply with the requirement to lodge an "Annual Information Statement" with the Australian Charities & Not for-Profits Commission (ACNC).

The information required includes:

- A. Financial Statement (Cash) for year ending 30 June 2025 with comparisons to previous year
- B. Balance Sheet at 30 June 2025.

Those reports have been presented to our auditor for his review and he has signed them as being "audited and found correct".

COMMENTS

A. Financial Statement (Cash)

The statement shows an increase in cash held over the year of \$3,193.23 compared to an increase of \$1,014.52 in 23-24.

Interest earned on Term Deposits is re-invested upon maturity and the increase of \$1,448.55 in the amount held in Term Deposits compares to an increase of \$1,365.76 in 23-24, both years being significantly more compared to \$167.95 earned in 22-23. These amounts reflect the changes in interest rates in recent years.

Receipts

BCSR has relied on donations and grants to meet general operating costs such as Insurances, Newsletter Printing & Postage plus Office Supplies.

Grants for capital investments in items such as office furniture and IT equipment are also sought.

In recent years the level of individual donations has dropped considerably leading to a range of alternative funding opportunities being actioned (see details later).

In 24-25 individual donations were the lowest ever at \$2,300 compared to \$2,755 in 23-24; \$2,419 in 22-23 and \$4,365 in 21-22.

A donation of \$600 was gratefully received from Bellarine North Rotary.

Several new sources of revenue were obtained during 23-24 in an endeavour to offset the reduction in donations.

Key projects were the Power Savings Bonds through CISVic, the Ballarat North Rotary Raffle and the State Govt Container Deposit Scheme.

Those 3 new sources of revenue raised \$4,120 in 23-24.

In 24-25 an additional 3 new sources of revenue were accessed relying on substantial involvement by our Volunteers.

Those new revenue sources being:

- Iron Man Geelong (2 events) - Pre event support - \$1,111.15
- Cadel Evens Road Cycling event - Marshalling etc - \$410.00
- Portarlington Summer Recycling project via the State Government Container Deposit Scheme - \$1,440.00.

Whilst a couple of the 23-24 new projects were not available in 24-25, the State Government Container Deposit Scheme flourished due to the efforts of several dedicated volunteers raising \$1,474.50 for the year.

Those projects raise over \$4,400 between them.

Another successful fund raising activity has been the engagement with major local businesses including Bunnings, Coles , Woolworths & IGA with their support by way of gift vouchers totalling \$850.

A donation of \$500 was received from Geelong Connected Communities to assist with the cost of printing and posting of the Register's newsletter.

Kings Funerals have continued as our long term sponsor with annual sponsorship of \$1,500.

Expenditure

Expenditure on a wide range of activities are detailed in the Finance Statement. In the past the greatest expenditure items were the publishing and postage of the quarterly Registrants newsletter and the Register's Insurance program.

In an endeavour to drive down costs the Committee resolved to reduce the newsletter to half yearly rather than quarterly reducing expenditure by over \$1,500 although some of this saving will be lost in 24-25 with the increased cost of postage.

Expenditure on Insurances was reviewed in 22-23 resulting in a significant reduction in premiums paid and further investigations in 24-25 led the Register to take out membership of CISVic for \$300 ex GST pa which includes the full suite of Insurances required by the Register. Over the past 3 years Insurance costs have reduced from nearly \$4,000 to Zero.

The decision to not print substantial copies of the Annual Report has saved in excess of \$1,000 noting that the report can be accessed as a pdf document as and when required.

B. Balance Sheet

The statement shows net assets of \$81,305.52 mainly held in cash/term deposits (\$50,567.20) and fixed assets such as office equipment/ computers, database development etc.

The Register has a Cash Reserves Policy requiring the maintaining of Cash Reserves at about twice the annual operating costs. Cash held at present easily complies with that Policy.

Changes in Fixed Assets were confined to the write off of some old low cost office equipment such as a laminator and a projector. The only new assets acquired were Headsets funded by grants from a previous year.

The Register has no financial liabilities.

3. Term Deposit

The practice of re-investing interest earned upon the maturity of term deposits continued with the Term Deposits generating a total \$1,448.55 interest for the year.

No withdrawals were made.

The Future

The continuing reduction in donations is of concern and there has not been any clear reason why this is, so it is assumed that this may be the new norm after Covid.

There will therefore need to be an ongoing emphasis on grant applications to meet general operating costs and the uptake of further fundraising projects if volunteers don't burn out.

In the longer term the future costs of operating the new data base system (Safeguard) , in accord with the Agreement with Utilitize, are likely to have a significant impact on the Register's finances.

Recommendation

That the report and "audited" financial statements for the 2024-25 year be received and adopted.



Bob Jordan
Hon. Treasurer (Past)
7 October 2025



Financial Reports 2024/25

Bellarine Community Support Register
Finance Statement - Cash y/e 30 June 25

	2024/25	2023/24
Cash Receipts - Operational		
Donations - Registrants	2,300.00	2,755.00
Donations - Community	800.00	1,500.00
Donations - Specific	0.00	460.30
Donation - Shops	850.00	0.00
Financial Membership	340.00	330.00
Sponsors	1,500.00	1,500.00
Commission - Power Saving project	0.00	2,145.00
Raffle - Ballarat Rotary	0.00	1646.70
Recycling - Govt project	1,474.50	329.10
Drysdale Fair	150.72	0.00
Iron Man - 2 events	1,111.15	0.00
Cadel Evans event	410.00	0.00
Portarlinton Summer recycling	1,440.00	0.00
Port Car Boot	90.50	0.00
Misc	269.68	194.45
Sub Total - Operational Cash Receipts	10,736.55	10,860.55
Cash Receipts - Operational Grants		
Ocean Grove Connected Communities	0.00	6,000.00
Kings Funerals	0.00	500.00
Geelong connected Communities	500.00	0.00
Sub Total	500.00	6,500.00
Cash Receipts Other		
GST Refund	1,401.00	2,280.82
Sub Total	1,401.00	2,280.82
Total Operational Cash Receipts	12,637.55	19,641.37
Cash Expenditure		
Brochures & Annual Report	1,154.25	2,530.13
Insurance	0.00	1,479.24
Minor IT Equipment	110.06	319.33
Office Supplies / Expenses	825.23	422.48
Postage - General inc PO Box	427.28	518.18
Postage Newsletter	1,090.41	1,546.35
Printing - Newsletter	1,061.75	1,733.25
Toners	1,038.71	423.27
Volunteer Expenses & Training	565.99	241.68
Website - IT Maint	485.00	470.00
Membership	300.00	427.27
Power Saving project	0.00	89.33
Raffle - Ballarat Rotary	0.00	287.27
Office Move	0.00	309.09

**Bellarine Community Support Register
Finance Statement - Cash y/e 30 June 25**

	2024/25	2023/24
Beyond 3000 project	0.00	1,420.46
Volunteer Survey	339.40	0.00
Safeguard Training & Manuals	538.34	0.00
Misc	406.58	112.72
	8,343.00	12,330.05
GST Input	694.32	1,025.46
Total Operating Cash Payments	9,037.32	13,355.51
Total Operating Cash Increase / Decrease	3,600.23	6,285.86

Capital Grants - Cash Income	2024/25	2023/24
City Greater Geelong - Office Equip	0.00	2,200.00
Sub Total	0.00	2,200.00
Sub Total Cash Increase / Decrease	3600.23	8,485.87
Less		
Safeguard	0.00	6,078.40
Safeguard GST	0.00	594.95
Lap Top	0.00	725.45
LapTop GST	0.00	72.55
Head Sets	370.00	0.00
Head Sets GST	37.00	0.00
Sub Total Cash Decrease	407.00	7,471.35
Total Cash Increase / Decrease	3,193.23	1,014.52

Cash Reconciliation	2024/25	2023/24
Opening Cash Balance 1 July 2024	10,198.00	9,183.49
Increase / Decrease for year	3,193.23	1,014.51
Sub Total	13,391.23	10,198.00
Transfer to Term Deposit	0.00	0.00
Closing Cash Balance 30 June 2025	13,391.23	10,198.00

Bob Jordan, Hon Treasurer

1-Jul-25

	2024/25	2023-24
Non Cash Transactions	\$	\$
Interest on Term Deposits	1,448.55	1,365.76
Debtors	1500.00	1,500.00

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From 2024/25
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**Bellarine Community Support Register
Balance Sheet 30 June 2025**

	30-Jun-25	30-Jun-24
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	13,391.23 ✓	10,198.00 ✓
Cash on Deposit	37,175.97 ✓	35,727.42
Debtors - GST Receivable	731.32 ✓	1,692.96
Debtors - Sponsors	1,500.00 ✓	1,500.00
	52,798.52 ✓	49,118.38
Fixed Assets		
Equipment At Cost	15,641.90 ✓	16,150.60
Safeguard - Database	12,865.10 ✓	12,865.10
TOTAL ASSETS	81,305.52 ✓	78,134.08
LIABILITIES		
Creditors - General	0.00	0.00
Creditors - GST payable	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00 ✓	0.00 ✓

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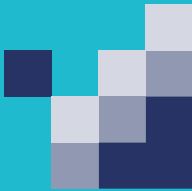
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