



Neighbourhood Watch

Let's watch out for each other

Bellarine

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SCAMS PRESENTATION –

OCEAN GROVE

Scams cost Australians millions of dollars each year.

Anyone can be targeted!

Knowing what the common types of scams are, and what to look out for could save you from becoming a victim.

Come along and learn more about scams, protecting yourself and reporting scams.

11th August, 2026 2:00pm — 4:00pm

(Doors open from 1:50pm)

The Pavilion, Presidents Ave & The Avenue,

Ocean Grove VIC 3226

All are welcome to join Bendigo Bank, Neighbourhood Watch Bellarine, Crime Stoppers Vic and Bellarine Police for in-depth presentations.

This is a **FREE** event.

DON'T TAKE THE BAIT

FREE COMMUNITY SCAM AWARENESS PRESENTATION

Neighbourhood Watch Bellarine in partnership with the Bellarine Community Support Register invite you to a **SCAM PRESENTATION** to be conducted at

The Grove Pavilion
cnr Presidents Ave
and The Avenue
Ocean Grove

Tuesday
11 AUGUST 2026
from 1.50 pm for
2.00 pm start - 3.15 pm

NO RSVP REQUIRED

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Bendigo Bank **BELLARINE POLICE** **CRIME STOPPERS 1800 333 000**

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PARCEL DELIVERIES – KEEP THEM SAFE

When shopping online this weekend, consider how secure your parcel will be sitting at your front door all day until you arrive home after work.

If you're not going to be home when you expect a package to arrive, make other arrangements for delivery or collection.

Consider these options:

- Arrange to have packages delivered to your workplace.
- Have parcels redirected to your local post office for collection.
- Organise with a trusted neighbour to keep a lookout and collect the parcel when it's delivered. For

more information, visit <https://nhw.com.au/home-and-property/protecting-your-packages-from-theft/>



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SERIOUS E-SCOOTER CRASH HIGHLIGHTS ROAD SAFETY RISK

Following a serious e scooter crash in The Terrace, Ocean Grove, Police are reminding the community that both e-scooters and e-bikes can be a convenient, cost-effective form of transport however, they can lead to serious injuries.

Two youths riding a high-powered e-scooter crashed while attempting to stop. One of the youths, who was standing on the rear of the e-scooter and was not wearing a helmet, fell from the scooter and sustained serious injuries to their head, neck and shoulder.

Police revealed the e-scooter was capable of travelling up to 75 km/h, classifying it as a motorcycle under Victorian road laws. The rider did not hold the appropriate motorcycle licence required to operate the vehicle and recorded a blood alcohol concentration of 0.112. The e-scooter was seized, and the rider is expected to face court at a later date.

Remember.... It is illegal to share an e-scooter with another person and it increases the risk of falls, especially in young people as they have less experience with road safety

As police continue their efforts to keep our roads safe, every driver has a role to play. Whether it's planning a safe way home after drinking, obeying speed limits, avoiding distractions, or ensuring everyone is wearing a seatbelt or helmet.

Small decisions can make a big difference.



COFFEE WITH A COP EVENTS ON THE BELLARINE

Building strong relationships between police and the community is an important part of keeping our neighbourhoods safe, connected, and informed. We look forward to seeing more community members at future Coffee with a Cop events across the Bellarine.

Recent events at Café Zoo at Drysdale and Blax Coffee at Gateway Plaza Leopold were successful community engagement events with many local community members taking the opportunity to drop in, enjoy a coffee, and have a friendly chat with police and community groups.

Events like these provide a valuable opportunity for residents to ask questions, share concerns, and connect with local services in an informal and welcoming environment.

Bellarine Police would like to thank everyone who attended and contributed to the positive atmosphere throughout the mornings.

Watch this space for more Coffee with a Cop dates over the next few months.

- Blax Coffee, Gateway Plaza, Leopold - 6 October and 1 December

Coffee with a Cop - community, connection and crime prevention in action.

PORTARLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL AWARD

Congratulations to Alicia, Term 2 Safe Neighbour Award winner at Portarlington Primary School.

Alicia is a very good neighbour at her school where she is very helpful and when someone looks lonely or sad she makes sure they are ok and becomes their friend for the day. Very thoughtful Alicia.

This award is presented by Neighbourhood Watch Bellarine each term.

Photo of Alicia and Neighbourhood Watch Bellarine volunteer, Karen.

