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Community Update

Over the Easter period many visitors make the trip to our region to experience our beautiful coastlines and local businesses. I would like to acknowledge and thank all of our emergency services workers and volunteers who worked tirelessly and dedicated their time over the holiday period to the safety of Bellarine locals and visitors.

It was great to see so many organisations and community groups across the Bellarine come together to raise the very important funding for the Good Friday Appeal. Every donation, no matter how big or small, makes a difference in helping The Royal Children's Hospital provide world class care.

This year, the Good Friday Appeal is sharing \$3 million of the funding to 41 regional health services across Victoria and Northern NSW, including Barwon Health, to ensure children and their families can access the world class care and support they need closer to home.

I am very grateful and proud of the incredible fundraising efforts from everyone across the Bellarine. We live in an incredible place, where so many generously give back to our community.

ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day stands as one of the most significant moments in our calendar. It provides us all with an opportunity to reflect upon and honour the bravery of those who have served, and those who continue to serve our nation.

I was very fortunate to be able to attend several events and services across the Bellarine to commemorate ANZAC Day and I would like to thank all of the local Bellarine RSLs and volunteers who provided wonderful services for our community.

Victorian Veteran's Card

All past and present Australian Defence Force members, living in Victoria, are eligible for a Victorian Veterans card. You can be on active duty, a veteran, or in the reserves to be eligible.

The digital Veterans Card provides access to discounts and benefits including:

- \$100 discount on the registration of one vehicle
- free public transport on Anzac Day and Remembrance Day
- free trailer and caravan registration
- fishing licence exemption
- free boating (marine) licences
- access to Victorian Government veteran-specific employment programs.

To find out more, including a full list of benefits, or to apply for the card visit service.vic.gov.au/services/veterans-card-victoria

Once an application is approved, the digital card can be accessed in the Service Victoria app, alongside any other digital cards you may use including a digital driver's licence, Working with Children Check card or Seniors Card.

As your local member of State Government, please contact my office on 03 5250 1987 or via email alison.marchant@parliament.vic.gov.au if you require any assistance.

