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# Community Update

As a State Government, we are supporting the Bellarine to be a healthy and active community, and a big part of this, is listening to what facilities the community requires across the electorate.

Excitingly, works will begin this year on the second stage of the North Bellarine Aquatic Centre, building an indoor aquatic facility that meets the needs of our community. To compliment the existing 50 metre outdoor pool, this new facility will include an indoor eight-lane 25 metre pool and a warm water exercise pool, both equipped with ramps for an accessible entry and exit, as well as a gymnasium, two group exercise studios and a café and social space.

It has been great to see the community enjoy the outdoor pool over the warmer months; however, I am proud that we are delivering the world-class indoor facilities the Bellarine community have long advocated for, that can be enjoyed all year round.

This isn't the only exciting update on the Bellarine, as upgrades are currently underway to improve the facilities at Portarlington Recreation Reserve, the home to Portarlington Football and Netball Club, Portarlington Cricket Club, Tennis Club, Pony Club and Bellarine Agricultural Society.

Safety upgrades are also progressing for Collendina Reserve that will make it safer for members of the Ocean Grove Cobras Junior Football Club and Collendina Cobras Cricket club, as well as their families and opposing teams, to safely enter and move around the reserve.

Wallington Reserve, the home to Wallington Cricket Club and Bellarine Bears Baseball Club, are set to have their pavilion upgraded to improve all-abilities access, changerooms and social spaces, and the Barwon Heads Football Netball Club have funding to soon redevelop their clubrooms and female changerooms.

All of these projects could not be undertaken without the support and advocacy of local Bellarine sporting clubs and communities. I have met with many community members who are advocating for more indoor sports facilities in the Bellarine, particularly for basketball, pickleball and badminton. It is important that there are adequate sporting facilities available locally and I will continue to advocate on behalf of the Bellarine community with the City of Greater Geelong and all stakeholders to explore future avenues.

## **Congratulatory Messages for Milestone Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries**

If you or a member of your immediate family are about to celebrate a milestone birthday or wedding anniversary, my office can arrange congratulatory messages for the following:

- 90th Birthday from Prime Minister & Premier.
- 100th Birthday, from the King, Governor General, Prime Minister, Victorian Governor & Premier.
- 50th Wedding Anniversary from Governor General, Prime Minister, Victorian Governor & Premier.
- 60th Wedding Anniversary, from the King, Governor General, Prime Minister, Victorian Governor & Premier.
- You can also receive messages for 65th & 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries and for all birthdays over 100.

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