

October 2025 Community Update

Bellarine Road Safety Upgrades

I'm regularly contacted by local Bellarine residents about road infrastructure.

Some can be unsure about the distinction between Local Government and State Government roads, but as a general rule, the State look after major highways and arterial routes, and are managed by the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP). Locally, this includes Bellarine Highway, Portarlington Highway, Drysdale Bypass, Murradoc Road and Barwon Heads-Ocean Grove Road.

All other roads are managed by Local Governments authorities.

Over the past year, we've seen a number of road safety upgrades delivered across the Bellarine, including new pedestrian crossings in Ocean Grove, improved safety at the entrance to the Clifton Springs boat harbour, rail safeguards installed along the Bellarine Highway and resurfacing works completed between Wallington and Leopold.

Current works are underway at the intersection of Swan Bay Road and Bellarine Highway in Wallington, as well as building a new roundabout at Stacey's Rd Connemara to enhance safety.

In the 2025-26 State Budget, we announced a massive \$976 million Better Roads Blitz. This investment will focus on rebuilding, repairing and resurfacing arterial roads right across the state between now and mid-2026, especially in the regions, with 70% of funding allocated to regional Victoria.

As well as repairing some of our busiest roads, crews will also mow, slash and spray tens of thousands of kilometres of roadsides, inspect and repair thousands of bridges, fix hundreds of sets of traffic lights and electronic signs and clean up graffiti.

Works are now commencing on this blitz across the state, and I look forward to sharing with the Bellarine community on where these upgrades will be taking place locally.

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 & 70th wedding anniversaries and for all birthdays over 100.

