

## February 2025

# Community Update

As we come to the end of Summer, I'd like to say a big thank you to our local Victorian Police, both on the water and the roads, for dedicating their time over the Christmas period to the safety of Bellarine locals and visitors.

I'd also like to acknowledge and thank all of our volunteers who work tirelessly over the busy summer months, including members of the CFA, SES, Surf Life Saving Clubs, Marine Search and Rescue Units and all of the incredible community members involved in our local food-relief support services over the holiday period.

We live in an incredible place, where so many generously give back to our community.

It is still a busy time of year here on the Bellarine and I wish to remind you to be safe along our waterways and take extra care on the road. We know many visitors make the trip to our region to experience our beautiful coastlines and local businesses, but we want everyone to get home safe.

### **Services Victoria App:**

Last year, digital driver licences rolled out across the state giving Victorians the option to carry their licence on their phone. Recently, digital driver licences have also become available for L and P platers across Victoria, ensuring that whether you have your wallet on you or not, you can have your ID on you at all times.

Digital licences have undergone rigorous privacy and security testing and can be updated in real time if there are changes to licence conditions or personal information like home addresses.

Physical licences are not changing, the digital licence is simply another option that can make it easier when picking up a parcel, visiting a licensed venue or driving around.

This digital driver licence can be set up and accessed on the Services Victoria app. The Services Victoria app brings together the most popular services and makes them accessible all within the one app.

This isn't the only digital card available, with digital Veterans cards, Victorian Seniors cards, Victorian Fishing Licences and Working with Children Check certification all available to set up and access on your phone.

Last month it was also announced that a new fuel finder feature will be coming to the Service Victoria app.

This feature will require fuel companies to publicly report their fuel price changes the day before they are in effect – and lock in those prices for 24 hours. This data will then feed directly the fuel finder feature on the app, giving motorists the opportunity to shop around for the best deal when they're ready to fill up.

To access, download the Services Victoria app, or visit [www.service.vic.gov.au](http://www.service.vic.gov.au) to find out more.

