

December 2023

Community Update

HOLIDAY SEASON

As we come into December, I'd like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday season. As the weather warms up, I remind you to be safe along our waterways, and take extra care on the road as the Bellarine fills with visitors. We know many make the trip to our region to experience our beautiful coastlines and local businesses, but we want everyone to get home safe.

If you are just starting your Christmas shopping, I encourage you to shop local first. Enjoy our local environment, take a trip on the Portarlington or Queenscliff ferries, or treat yourself at one of our fantastic cafes or restaurants. There's so much to discover right near home!

I also wish to acknowledge that Christmas can be a difficult time for some. If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact my office. There is local food-relief support (Feed Me Bellarine 0422 798 791), free mental health support (Geelong and Queenscliff Mental Health and Wellbeing Local 1800 573 151) and community services such as Orange Door (23-25 Palmerston Street, Drysdale) or Lifeline (13 11 14) that can provide assistance.

I do hope you enjoy the holiday season with friends and family, and I look forward to continuing to work hard for you into 2024.

ONE YEAR IN

It has been a busy year, my first in this role and I have not stopped! I love to celebrate and champion the very best of the Bellarine. We live in a beautiful place, one that is made even better by the people who contribute to our community. Meeting these people, celebrating the good work they do, and sharing milestones of projects that our state Labor government supports are some of the highlights of my job!

I look forward to another year of meeting constituents and community stakeholders, speaking with Ministers and advocating for local issues, reviewing legislation and assisting Bellarine locals with their concerns.

There are people in our community who are doing it tough. Some matters have quick solutions and other times its about long-term planning and investing int the future of the Bellarine. There will always be more to do, and I am proud and honoured to be your local member advocating for you along the way.

My priority is to always be available to community, so whether its an email to my office, a chat at a local market or coffee with a polliie event, you can always contact me about the issues that matter to you.

Thank you.

