Jim Mason Bellarine Candidate
Letter to the Editor
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Dear Sir/Madam,

## **Building Community Networks**

It will be incumbent on the newly elected councillors, especially in the outlying wards to collaborate and form strong teams. This is especially the case in Bellarine, where there are 12 towns and at least 4 other areas, such as Wallington and Swan Bay.

Especially important will be for communities themselves to develop strong representative networks over the whole of the Bellarine. Some community associations are already working on this.

However, there are many sports clubs, service clubs, environmental, health and welfare organisations. They will all need to network and to form conduits for essential mainstream information flow.

Clearly, each councillor will need to be available for direct contact by any community group. However, in the interests of efficiency, it would be better if any group does not have to repeat the same problem on three occasions (or more) to each councillor.

I have a lot of experience in building community networks and will, if elected, do my best to assist communities build their communication networks.

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