

A constant presence can be very comforting

Dear Readers

There is no question that members of the Victoria Police force do an outstanding job in keeping the Peninsula safe and secure.

The reality is, however, that on at least four nights of the week the Sorrento Police Station closes at 11pm. This leaves the southern end of the Peninsula without an officer 'on the beat', and mobile responses must come from as far away as Rosebud.

Very recently, for instance, a motorcyclist was killed while riding his motorbike along the beach, and the incident took the only available Divisional Van off responsive mobile duties in Rosebud. A backup mobile unit had to be sent down from Frankston to cover the Peninsula south of Rosebud.

So while our magnificent men and women 'in blue' most certainly do great work – often under-staffed and under resourced – it can be very comforting to know that Coastcom patrol vehicles are on patrol and responding to alarms 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year.

Coastcom is, in fact, the *only* security response service on the Peninsula focusing its presence in the southern region every hour of every day. An added bonus is that all Coastcom Patrol Officers live locally and know the Peninsular 'like the backs of their hands'.

I must make it clear that Coastcom Patrol Officers do not have police authority in the event of an incident. However, the constant presence of Coastcom vehicles patrolling Peninsular properties sends a strong message that *someone's* always watching!

Keep well and stay safe

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