



Community Safety

Safe streets, without the slogans

Where I stand

People deserve to feel safe in their homes, streets and shopping centres.

That requires a serious response, not a competition over who can produce the toughest headline.

Keeping people safe takes two things at once: visible and responsive local policing, and early help that stops young people becoming repeat offenders.

A new High Visibility Community Engagement Team began patrolling the Mornington Peninsula in June 2026. That's welcome. It must remain local, properly resourced and focused on the places where the community needs it most.

Police also need a way to connect young people with help before offending becomes an entrenched pattern.

Victoria Police runs the Embedded Youth Outreach Program in several other communities. It pairs a police officer with a youth worker and connects young people with help for family problems, education, housing, mental health, and drug and alcohol use.

The program's first evaluation found a 9 per cent reduction in the annual rate of offending among participants who had previously offended. The program does not currently operate on the Mornington Peninsula.

What I'll do

Keep policing visible and local

I'll fight to retain the High Visibility Community Engagement Team as a dedicated Peninsula unit and make sure it has the people and resources needed to respond locally.

I'll meet regularly with local police and communities across Nepean, identify gaps and raise them directly with the Victorian Government.

A politician shouldn't direct individual police operations. My job is to make sure the Peninsula has the resources it needs and that local concerns are heard.

Bring proven early intervention to the Peninsula

I'll push to extend Victoria Police's Embedded Youth Outreach Program to the Mornington Peninsula.



That would allow police and a youth worker to respond together, helping young people and their families deal with the problems that can lead to further offending.

This isn't about excusing crime. It's about preventing the next offence and reducing the number of victims.

What progress looks like

Success means:

- a properly resourced local police presence;
- community concerns heard and acted on; and
- an embedded youth outreach service operating on the Mornington Peninsula.