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## Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Celebrates 40 years of Partnership with Victoria Police

Neighbourhood Watch Victoria (NHWV) is delighted to announce it will be visiting the **Warrnambool Police Station on August 7, from 1.30pm to 3.00pm** as part of its 40th anniversary Regional Roadshow.

“Over the past four decades, NHWV and Victoria Police have worked closely together to foster safer communities and provide a sense of security to the residents of Victoria” said NHWV CEO Bambi Gordon.

“To mark this significant milestone, BankVic is supporting NHWV to visit police stations across Victoria and host a BBQ for local police.”

The visits acknowledge the collaboration of police and community. This collaboration has played an integral role in ensuring the safety and well-being of all Victorians.

The Regional Roadshow will visit nine regional centres across Victoria during August – Warrnambool, Geelong, Horsham, Bendigo, Swan Hill Wodonga, Shepparton, Bairnsdale and Morwell.

It will provide an opportunity for NHWV and BankVic representatives, to personally express their appreciation to the hardworking Victoria Police officers in regional Victoria. It will be a moment to acknowledge the collective efforts and achievements in creating safer towns, and an opportunity to enjoy a snag (with or without onions).

“Our 40th anniversary visits to regional police stations throughout August will also provide the opportunity to encourage the formation of new Neighbourhood Watch Groups” said Gordon.

“We recognise there is a growing regional population, and those towns – such as Warrnambool – where there hasn’t been an active NHW Group of recent times. We will be talking to local police about firing up new groups of volunteers as part of VicPol’s “Neighbourhood Policing” program.

NHWV, Victoria Police, and BankVic extend their sincere thanks to all the officers and volunteers who have dedicated their time, expertise, and resources to prevent crime and make Victoria a safer place over the past four decades.

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**For further information or to arrange an interview, please contact:**

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Photographers are welcome.

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## **About Neighbourhood Watch Victoria:**

Neighbourhood Watch Victoria is a community-based organization committed to promoting safety and security in local neighbourhoods throughout Victoria. For 40 years, NHWV has worked in partnership with Victoria Police, community groups, and residents to raise awareness about crime prevention, encourage community engagement, and build safer communities.

## **About BankVic:**

BankVic is a member-owned bank serving the police, emergency service and health sectors in Victoria. BankVic serves its member's communities by investing in programs that foster stronger community connections, their professional development and health and wellbeing. Their ongoing support and commitment to community initiatives make a significant difference in the lives of individuals and organizations throughout the state.