



Members Statement

Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Victoria

Wednesday, 25 November 2020

I commend the outstanding work of Bayside Community Emergency Relief that was first formed as a Facebook group on January 1 this year to assist with bushfire recovery efforts.

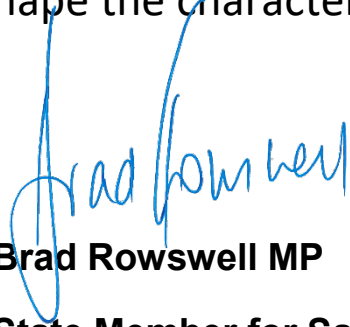
Now incorporated and comprising 6,300 locals, BCER has played an indispensable role in providing urgent support for our community affected by the first and then second waves of COVID-19.

Among its many achievements, BCER has co-ordinated:

- The provision of \$1 million dollars-worth of support to local charities
- The distribution of over 2,000 Covid comfort packs to children fleeing domestic violence, isolated older Victorians, and other vulnerable groups and aged care facilities
- Contributions to the work of Covid Emergency Committees at Bayside and Glen Eira Councils

All this has been achieved despite the State Government's failure to grant BCER's a "Let's Stay Connected" grant.

The great work of founder Deb Brook and her dedicated team of volunteers proves – yet again – that Governments and their bureaucracies are no match for the powerful contributions made by the selfless individuals who help shape the character of our communities.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Brad Rowsell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brad" and last name "Rowsell" clearly legible.

Brad Rowsell MP

State Member for Sandringham