

## **MESSAGE FROM VICTORIA POLICE REGARDING STAGE 4 RESTRICTIONS**

Police are enforcing Stage Four restrictions across Metropolitan Melbourne and Stage Three restrictions across Regional Victoria from 11.59pm Wednesday 5 August.

Victoria Police will be highly visible and issuing \$1,652 fines for deliberate, obvious and blatant breaches of the Chief Health Officer directions.

This includes those not adhering to curfew, travelling further than 5km from home, or disregarding time limits around exercise or the number of household members permitted to shop per day.

The only approved reasons to leave home between 8pm and 5am are for travelling to and from work, receiving medical care or providing care.

Highly-visible vehicle checkpoints supported by mobile patrols will continue to be used to deter potential breaches and ensure people are complying with the Chief Health Officer's directions.

Victoria Police will be conducting mobile patrols, both in vehicles and on foot across the state. The mobile vehicle patrols will utilise Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology to scan car registration details and identify the residential addresses of those license holders.

Police will also continue to be proactively patrolling regional transport hubs, including at train stations and ferry terminals, to ensure that people are complying with the Chief Health Officer's directions.

For the sake of the health and safety of every Victorian, we need people to follow these directives and will not hesitate to issue fines to those who choose to selfishly and blatantly show a disregard for community safety.

If people are concerned about breaches of the CHO directions, they should report it to the Police Assistance Line. Individuals found not to be wearing a face covering or breaching curfew will be enforced as part of the proactive patrols police are regularly doing through Operation Sentinel.