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To all RVAHJ members,

On Monday night the ABC aired a story on James Gargasoulas and the Bourke Street massacre. If you missed it, you can watch the story on iView (the ABC streaming service on the internet) or see their summary written piece at <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-06-10/bourke-street-attack-making-of-killer-james-gargasoulas/11133576>

The story once again raised a number of concerns for Bail Justices across Victoria and misrepresented the role our incredible volunteers play in the criminal justice system.

RVAHJ is in the process of pulling together a formal statement outlining the Association's position supporting Bail Justices and seeking to clarify some of the misperceptions promulgated by this and earlier news items on this very sad event.

In the meantime, we remind all members that the full facts surrounding the Gargasoulas bail hearing are not known at this time. None of us were actually in the hearing. There are reportedly differences of recollection surrounding what actually happened. It is unwise for members to comment on the case, which is still awaiting a full coronial enquiry.

RVAHJ President & Board