

Staying in Portarlington (SiP) – Port Report August 2019

New quality standards for aged care

Last month, we reported on the new Charter of Aged Care Rights. In addition to that encouraging step forward, the Commonwealth Government has now released new aged care standards that also emphasise consumer rights. There are eight standards, covering aspects of health, safety and wellbeing, and they apply to all aged care providers from July 1.

Each has implementation requirements, which should lead to providers complying with the standards, and also to increased satisfaction among recipients. For further information, go to <https://agedcare.health.gov.au/quality/aged-care-quality-standards> or telephone 1800 951 822.

SiP Senior's Month outing - Thursday October 24 – how to book and pay

Don't miss out - book your place for a great trip to the Lara Museum and Historical Centre, followed by lunch at the Batesford Hotel, on Thursday October 24.

Options to book and pay: phone treasurer Annette (0409 196 711), or secretary Chris (0438 404 867), or email SiP at stayinginportarlington@gmail.com. Payment is by funds transfer or cheque, and can also be made at the September members and friends meeting. The \$40 all up cost includes coach, morning tea, museum entry, and lunch.

September 16 members and friends meeting

Guest Speaker: Rebecca Smith, CoGG's Community Care Manager, who will speak on new directions for Council services, and reflect on Council's recent public survey results.

2pm in the Bayview Room (rear Parks Hall), with afternoon tea as usual.

Improvements to our bus service!

SiP members joined the Northern Bellarine Transport Action Group (NBTAG) and Bellarine Community Health to enthusiastically support the recent announcement of improvements to weekend bus services on the Northern Bellarine by Lisa Neville MP, Member for Bellarine.

Transport is one of seven ingredients considered essential by the World Health Organisation in promoting and developing aged friendly cities and communities, so SiP will continue to actively support action to seek improvements in timetabling, connectivity, through services, a cross peninsula service, MYKI outlets on the Bellarine and bus stop upgrades.

SiP thanks Bellarine Community Health for its ongoing support of this important campaign and thank you especially to BCH staff dedicated to working with NBTAG on this very important community service.

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