

STAYING IN PORTARLINGTON (SiP) - PORT REPORT JULY 2019

New Charter for Aged Care Rights

This new Charter of 14 rights places you at the very centre of care, by giving you choice, and recognising your right to be treated with respect.

Introduced by the Australian Government, it aims to protect and empower older people receiving either home care or residential services. It sets new grounds for the relationship between agencies and those using their services, and will provide the foundation for change and improvements to the aged care system. From July 1, service providers must assist their clients to understand the new Charter and invite them to sign it.

SiP's June members and friends meeting on scamming

I'm sure the 30+ people at this excellent meeting learned a lot about recognising and tackling scamming in all its forms. Gary Jennings from Consumer Affairs Victoria led the session. If you missed it, try the online scam quiz at <https://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/scam-quiz>

Thanks to those who replied to the survey on the future of CoGG's aged care services.

Our next meeting is after winter - September 16. Rebecca Smith, CoGG Community Care Manager, will outline the CoGG survey results and proposed new directions for council services. Save the date now, come along and have your say. Bayview Room, 2pm.

SIP's October outing – Thursday October 24

Each year we discover or revisit interesting places in our beautiful region – this year, it's the Lara Museum and Historical Centre housed in one of Lara's 1800s buildings. Built by Scottish immigrant James Henderson, the distinctive limestone building housed five generations of Hendersons, and operated as the Lake Bank Hotel until 1908. Lunch will follow at the Batesford Hotel. The all up \$40 cost covers coach travel, morning tea, museum entry and 2 course lunch. Details for bookings and payments in the next Port Report – put it on your calendar now!

Friendly Ageing on the Bellarine October Expo - Friday, October 4

A not-to-be-missed event, organised by the Bellarine Aged Care Association. The Expo brings together services and life style choices for older people and their carers. Venue - Christian College, Collins St. Drysdale, 10am - 3pm. Services, equipment providers and businesses interested to participate are invited to email bacaexpo@mail.com

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