

Staying in Portarlington

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IMPORTANT OCTOBER DIARY DATE – AGM and Guest Speaker October 9

SiP invites you to hear about Bellarine Community Health's new strategic directions for community health 2018-22, and implications for Portarlington services from guest speaker and BCH Chief Executive Shane Dawson. Please join us for this important speaker, election of office bearers for 2019, browse and buy at our pop up book shop and enjoy afternoon tea and a chat with other local residents. Venue - Bayview Room, rear of Parks Hall at 2.30 pm.

COUNCIL'S UPDATED MUNICIPAL HEALTH AND WELL BEING PLAN

Health was also the focus of SiP's August meeting with guest speaker Ms Chantal Chauvet-Allen, Coordinator of Health Equity and Planning at the City of Greater Geelong. She advised that CoGG's draft Public Health and Well Being Plan 2018 -2021 proposes a focus on four key goals - improving mental health through social connections, increasing public participation in physical activity, improving access to healthy local environments, services and food, and increasing community safety and preventing violence and injury.

Chantal gave examples of special relevance for those in the 55+ age group and invited feedback on the draft plan during the consultation period. SiP members raised a number of health, safety, mobility, advocacy and service access issues with Chantal. These included a request for Council management to consider appointing a contact staff member to help the Portarlington/Bellarine communities liaise with Council on all age care matters. To comment on the draft plan, go to 'Have Your Say' on CoGG's website:

www.geelongaustralia.com.au/yoursay/default.aspx



*CoGG's Chantal Chauvet-Allen
at the August meeting*

SENIORS FESTIVAL CELEBRATION – The AGM on October 9 is the deadline for payments for this year's Senior Festival outing to Barwon Park, October 25 9.30am to 4pm (leaving from the bus stop adjacent the Senior Citizens building at 9.30am sharp). The all inclusive cost of \$36 covers the coach trip, morning tea and an informative guided tour of the historic bluestone mansion owned by the pioneering Austin family. The visit will be followed with a two course lunch at Winchelsea Tavern. Places are filling fast and bookings are essential - enquiries to SiP Secretary, Chris Kelly, 0438 404 867 and you can pay at the AGM, or Chris can give you details for direct debit payment.

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