

## STAYING IN PORTARLINGTON – SiP

### PORT REPORT – AUGUST 2018

#### **October Seniors' Festival Outing**

Our annual bus trip will be on Thursday October 25, 9.30am to 4pm. This is a return coach trip from Portarlington to admire and be guided through Barwon Park in Winchelsea – a magnificent 1871, 42 room bluestone mansion. Uncover the story of the Austin family and relax with an all-included morning Devonshire tea at the mansion and lunch in nearby Winchelsea.

The cost is \$36, payable before the day, and bookings are essential.

SiP's trips have been great fun, and are open to members, friends and the general community. If you would like to book, please contact Chris on 0438 404 867.

#### **Next SiP Members' Meeting**

SiP's next general members' meeting will be on Tuesday August 28, in the Bayview Room (rear Parks Hall), 3.00 to 4.30pm.

As indicated in last month's *Port Report*, we had planned to have a guest speaker on the Federal Government's enhanced Pension Loans Scheme, part of the 2018-19 Budget. This has proved difficult, especially since the new scheme does not come into practice until July 1 next year, and also because the extension of the existing scheme requires legislation. As a result we have postponed that speaker until later in the year or early next year.

Instead, we have invited the City of Great Geelong to update members on latest proposals on healthy communities and aged care policies. As usual, our meeting will include afternoon tea, and everyone is welcome, including visitors.

A reminder that Membership (\$10 per year) is due now that we are in the new financial year.

#### **My Aged Care Support Service at Portarlington Community Health Centre**

SiP reminds local residents and their families that help is available locally to understand and access the Commonwealth My Aged Care system. This really valuable service is offered on Thursday mornings at the Bellarine Community Health Centre in Fenwick Street Portarlington. Appointments can be made with a support staff member at 9am, 10am and 11am – please note that bookings are essential. To make your appointment, phone BCH reception on 5258 6140.

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