

Guest Speaker - SEL

Is your organisation interested in a guest speaker? Seniors Enquiry Line is a Department of Communities funded Queensland wide free telephone information and referral service operated by Lifeline to assist older people, their friends, families, carers and service providers with any enquiries they may have.

We are currently offering free of charge a guest speaker to attend one of your meetings in the Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast and Ipswich and Toowoomba areas. The speaker explains how the service works and discusses the range of topics that our Information Officers can assist callers with, including various government booklets and brochures that are available. Please contact Seniors Enquiry Line on 1300 135 500 if you are interested in acquiring the services of a guest speaker.

Phone: 1300 135 500

Website: www.seniorsenquiryline.com.au

Seniors Legal and Support Service - Cairns



FOR SENIORS EXPERIENCING ELDER ABUSE OR FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION

The Seniors Legal and Support Service in Cairns is staffed by a solicitor and social worker and provides free legal advice and support to seniors who are at risk of and/or experiencing elder abuse or financial exploitation.

Elder abuse is any act within a relationship of trust which results in harm to an older person. Financial exploitation can include illegal or improper use or misappropriation of a person's property or finances, forced changes to a will or other legal documents, denying someone the right to access and control of their personal funds and unfair or fraudulent practices relating to accommodation services.

The Seniors Service is operated by the Cairns Community Legal Centre Inc and is funded by the Queensland Department of Communities.

It offers the following services:

FREE TELEPHONE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE

Seniors throughout Far North Queensland may have the opportunity to obtain advice and assistance by phoning freecall 1800 650 931.

OUTREACH CLINICS

Seniors living outside of Cairns may also have the opportunity to access face to face advice and assistance via one of 5 outreach locations at Mossman, Mareeba, Atherton, Innisfail or Yarrabah. For more information or to make an appointment:

Phone: 1800 650 931

Please note: Other Seniors Legal and Support Services are available in Brisbane, Hervey Bay, Toowoomba and Townsville. For contact numbers, phone Seniors Enquiry Line.

Assistive Technology - LifeTec

Assistive Technology is a device or system that provides people with practical solutions to everyday life activities.



LifeTec Queensland is a leading provider of information and specialist advice on an extensive range of assistive technology that can help individuals improve their quality of life and remain independent.

Their Newmarket display centre in Brisbane contains more than 1500 items open to the public six days a week. The new Townsville centre located in the Domain Central complex is open weekdays and showcases over 500 items.

LifeTec's enquiry line is available six days a week. Staff can respond to your questions, offer options, and send information by email, fax or post.

LifeTec have a database of more than 6000 assistive technology solutions which is freely available to browse from their website 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Phone: 3552 9000 (Brisbane)
4759 5600 (Townsville)

Website: www.lifetec.org.au

WHAT'S ON

Rockhampton Home and Lifestyle Expo

Dates: 20 – 21 February 2010 (Sat 8.30am – 5pm, Sun 8.30am – 4pm)

Description: Note: On Sunday, the Expo closes at 4pm. The Expo will offer a diverse range of home improvement and renovation ideas, plus furnishings, lifestyle choices, health products, outdoor living, solar, environmental, and relaxation products. With all the best home and lifestyle products from around the region and loads of bargains there will be something for everyone.

Cost: Adults \$8, Concessions \$6. There are facilities available for guests with a disability.

Venue: Rockhampton Showgrounds, Exhibition Road, Rockhampton.

Phone: 1800 671 588

Website: www.australianevents.com.au

Big Country Sunday Brunch - Jondaryan

Date: 21 February 2010
(9am – 12noon)

Description: Come out into the country and enjoy a genuine home-cooked, all you can eat brunch at the Woolshed, and enjoy a variety of entertainment, activities and demonstrations, for an all inclusive price of \$20 for adults, \$10 for children. Booking essential.

Venue: Jondaryan Woolshed, 264 Evanslea Rd, Jondaryan

Phone: 07 4692 2229

Website: www.jondaryanwoolshed.com



Townsville Travel Expo 2010

Date: 21 February 2010 (10am – 3pm)

Description: For one day only, you can take advantage of exclusive deals on holiday ideas and packages. Whether you like to travel by campervan, cruise ship, train, car, coach tour or at your own pace there's something for you. Watch free travel presentations on the latest holiday itineraries and when you book on the day, go into the draw to win fabulous prizes. Admission is free.

Venue: Jupiters Townsville, Sir Leslie Thies Drive, Townsville

Phone: 07 4722 2333

Website: www.flightcentre.com.au/travelexpo

Other events on Seniors Enquiry Line's 'Events' include: Australian Model Railway Convention – Ipswich, Twin Falls spotlight walk – Springbrook, 'Dusty, Doris and Me' – Ayr, Mackay Cairns & Gladstone, Ultra Golden Country Music Festival – Warwick, Ian Maurice & Friends – Ipswich, Sicilian Vintage Lunch - Ballandean

Community Information

Emergency Alert



EMERGENCY ALERT.

BE WARNED. BE INFORMED.

Emergency Alert is a telephone warning system that emergency services can use to send alerts to communities via landline telephones based on the location of the handset, and to mobile phones, based on the billing address.

In the case of an emergency, you may receive a voice message on your landline or a text message on your mobile phone. If you receive an Emergency Alert and want more information, follow the instructions in the message or find your local emergency service on the website.

Once a decision to warn communities in an emergency has been made, the emergency services organisations will determine what method will be used, for example radio, web, or TV and whether a telephone alert needs to be issued. A telephone alert is just one way to warn a community and it will not be used in all circumstances.

Phone: 07 3247 8511

Website: www.emergencyalert.gov.au

Go Cards for Seniors



There has been lots of discussion in South-East Queensland of late surrounding the introduction of mandatory go cards by the end of the year.

For seniors who hold both a Pensioner Concession Card and a Queensland Seniors Card it is more beneficial to purchase a Seniors Go Card rather than a Concession Card.

According to Translink there is no expiry date for Seniors Cards, so if you are eligible for both a Senior and Concession go card, select the Senior go card because it will not expire and therefore you won't have to renew it every 12 months.

Phone: 13 12 30

Website: www.translink.com.au

If you have any comments or contributions for Snippets or would like to be added to our electronic mailing list, you can reach us at: sel@lccq.org.au