

# SNIPPETS

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## Your Newsletter

We would like to ensure that Snippets is discussing topics that are important to you. If there are specific topics or themes you would like added, please contact Seniors Enquiry Line and we will try our best to address them in future issues.

## Quote

“In the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years”  
Lincoln

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**Seniors Enquiry Line** is an information and referral service for Queensland seniors, proudly sponsored by the Queensland Government and operated by UnitingCare.

## August Funnies!



Your secret is safe with me... I wasn't even listening!

I used to think I was indecisive, but now I am not so sure!

Life is short, smile while you still have teeth!

## Pension changes

Have you caught up yet with the changes that were made to the pension as of the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2019? The changes made are revised income and assets test thresholds. One change is that a single can receive \$174.00 per fortnight (up from \$172.00) and a couple \$308.00 per fortnight (up from \$304.00).

There are also changes to the pension loan scheme for example the amount you can get per fortnight will increase from 100% to 150% of the maximum fortnightly pension rate. There are criteria for eligibility for the loan scheme.

For a summary of the changes please call and ask for it to be posted or emailed to you.

## Ways to Wellness

The University of Queensland and the Australian Government are trialling a new wellness program in south Brisbane suburbs. The program helps connect and identify activities and connection that you may be interested in and makes social connections come into play. A case worker meets with you and assists you as well as offering support. Catchment area suburbs include Buranda, Stones Corner, Coorparoo, Holland Park, Greenslopes, Mt Gravatt, Wishart and more. This is a free service and you can call 3343 9833 (ext:103) or 0412 679 833.



## Buying a ticket for an event



If you are looking at buying a ticket for an event such as a play, concert, sporting match etc. be wary of scammers and ticket resellers. If you purchase a ticket online or from an unofficial service you cannot guarantee that it is real or that you are the only person the ticket was sold too. People have reported arriving at an event to be told that someone else has already used 'their' ticket. Also many venues will only allow the original ticket purchaser to enter an event, for example they may check the identification or credit card that was used in the original transaction in order to stop ticket reselling.

To protect yourself:

- Check the artist or event's official verified page for the authorised ticket sellers
- Always check terms and conditions before buying tickets to any event

For more information or further tips please see the Australian Consumer Law website

<http://consumerlaw.gov.au/tickets/> or call Seniors Enquiry Line on 1300 135 500.

## BITS AND BOBS

- The new number FOR **TRANSITCARE** is 1300 153 636.
- If a tap or pipe fitting in your home was to burst could you turn the water off? Do you know where the stop tap is? Find out more through **UNITY WATER** – 1300 086 489

## CITRUS

Mandarins, limes and lemons are the main citrus fruit grown in Queensland. Most fruit is grown for the fresh fruit market, but a percentage of the orange crop is used for juice production. Citrus are grown in orchards from grafted or budded nursery stock.

Why not plant a beautiful Citrus tree in your garden? They do come with challenges such as pests and diseases but you will reap the rewards with a succulent orange for breakfast or some tasty lemonade. For more details on growing citrus give us a call



## Events

### What's on in August

- Royal National Show, Brisbane, Brisbane 9-18 August (public holiday 14.8.2019).
- Gold Coast Show, Broadwater Parklands 30 August -1 Sep (public holiday 30.8.2019).
- Mt Morgan Show, Mt Morgan, Rockhampton, 10<sup>th</sup> August.
- Printmaking Workshop, 15 Electra Street, 17-18 August, ph 4151 4665.