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Seniors Enquiry Line

No question is too big or too small

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

"Happiness is a choice that requires effort at times"

Aeschylu

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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.

July Funny

The attorney tells the accused, "I have some good news and some bad news."

"What's the bad news?" asks the accused.

"The bad news is, your blood is all over the crime scene, and the DNA tests prove you did it."

"What's the good news?"

"Your cholesterol is 130."



British Pensions in Australia

Volunteers with British Pensions in Australia (BPIA) are able to assist seniors to track and find out if you have entitlements with a UK pension. Expats may be eligible as well people who worked in the UK for more than 10 years and who have accumulated National Insurance contributions. Even a spouse may be eligible in certain circumstances. The email for this company is bpia@people.net.au and the phone number is 1300 308 353.



Be Connected

Be Connected is an Australian wide initiative empowering all Australians to thrive in a digital world. It's very helpful for seniors who are worried about where to start with any technology issues. They are able to help with I pads, I phones, computers or laptops from learning the basics, to Apps, and online hobbies. On their website you can look up local places that can do the training and then call them about what type of training is coming up and how to access it. There are some great courses coming up in July in South Brisbane—call 3842 9058 for more details or to book in. The program has online learning resources as well as a Network of community partners - the Be Connected Network - who offer in-person support so you can develop your digital skills and confidence. The program can even teach you about hobbies you can do online!



Don't get caught out at tax time !!!

Protect yourself at tax time

Scammers are prepared for tax time – are you? According to the ACCC's Targeting Scams 2018 Report, The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) received 114, 625 reports of ATO impersonation scams with over \$2.8 million lost in 2018.

From time to time the ATO may use email, text or iMessage to contact you. They will only request that you contact them or log into your myGov account. The ATO will not use email, text, iMessage or; social media to:

- Send you files to download or request that you install software
- Provide personal information, supply your TFN, credit card or bank details via email

Some other suspicious signs to look out for:

- Abusive or threatening language or threat of immediate arrest
- Immediate payment or payment via unusual sources e.g. Bitcoin, wire transfer, iTune Cards, pre-paid cards (VISA etc.), direct debit into a personal bank account etc

To confirm if any contact you have received is genuine you can call the **ATO Scamline** 1800 008 540 between 8.00am–6.00pm Monday to Friday. Further information can also be found on the ATO's website: www.ato.gov.au.

If you use a Tax Agent to complete your tax return make sure they are registered with the Tax Practitioners Board. You can search to see if they are registered here: https://www.tpb.gov.au/registrations_search.

BEES ARE ALL THE BUZZ

Once upon a time when you saw a bee you would run for the hills but now when we see a bee it's more about what can I do to help this little fellow. **Water, flowers? Bees are a livelihood for some people and a hobby for others or can simply be encouraged by growing certain plants and having insect hotels. No matter what your relationship is with bees we all have to admit they are so important to all our futures due to their ability to pollinate the many foods that we eat.**

In QLD we have the "Queensland Beekeepers Association" whose membership consists of professional apiarists and amateur beekeepers. The QLD Government also has a lot of details on bees, hive placement, beekeeping in residential areas and permits required.

Native bees are also becoming more and more popular in QLD as part of sustainability and being environmentally friendly.



There is a 'Brisbane Native Beekeepers club' and other local clubs for bee-lovers in various regional and rural areas. For more details call us so we can look up your local area bee club. Bees are so important for the balance of nature and pollinating agricultural crops, horticultural crops and the house garden, not to mention the production of honey !

New funding has been provided by the Government to provide some legal and counselling services to offer seniors **Financial Protection Service**. Give us a call on 1300 135 500 to put you in touch with these services!



Riddle of the Month

1. Your mother and father have a child. It is not your brother and it is not your sister. Who is it ?
2. What side of a cat always has the most fur ?
3. What three words are said too much, yet not enough?

1. It is you 2 The outside 3 I Love you.

What's on this July

- ◆ Farm Fantastic Expo, Caboolture Show Grounds, 5-7th July, contact number: 1800 671 588
- ◆ Cabaresque Cabaret , The Cabaret Theatre, Cairns, 5th July 8.00pm, tickets from \$40.00 contact 07 4051 4410
- ◆ Queensland Garden Expo, Nambour, 12—14th July \$18.00 (seniors), contact: 07 5441 4655.
- ◆ Gold Coast Seniors Health and Lifestyle Expo, Tweed Heads, 18 July, 9—1pm contact: 0409 277 430
- ◆ Buying and Selling on eBay and Gumtree, Beenleigh 19 July, 11.00am: Call 07 3412 4130.
- ◆ Mackay Chamber Music Festival, Mackay, 19-21 July. Contact: 0424 937 499
- ◆ Chilli and Lime Festival, Bundaberg, 14th July, Contact: 0421 250 482

Do not hesitate to contact Seniors Enquiry Line 1300 135 500 to look up events for you.