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Quote of the Month:

Everything is funny, as long as
it's happening to somebody
else.

Will Rogers

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

Increase to Age Pension Eligibility Age

The age you can become an aged pensioner is changing. As of 1 July 2017 you will now be eligible when you reach the age of 65 years and 6 months, rather than the previous 65 years. This will affect everyone who was born on or after 1 July 1952. Every two years thereafter, the eligibility age will go up a further 6 months until 2023, when the minimum required age to receive the aged pension will be 67. You can submit your claim up to 13-weeks before reaching age pension age. For more information, contact Centrelink on **132 300**

Discounted Movie Tickets for Carers

Hoyts Cinemas have announced that they are renewing their agreement to offer discounts to carers in 2017. As they have previously done, carers accompanying the person they care for to the cinema will be admitted for the price of just \$1. This offer is limited to one discounted ticket per day. To take advantage of this offer, the carer will need to produce their Carers Queensland card or any other card with **government-recognised carer identification**, such as a Healthcare Card or Centrelink Pension Card. There is a maximum of one carer-concession admission per ID card. This discount only applies when the carer is accompanying the person they are caring for to the movies. Usual rates will apply should they not be accompanying the person they care for to the movies.

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XVI Australian Masters Games



The Australian Masters Games are being held this year in Tasmania from 21-28 October. These games are held every two years and are open to everyone to watch and/or participate in. The only qualifying requirement to become an athlete is that you are over 30 years of age. People from all over Australia and the world come and participate in these games and it is a fun way to meet new friends and have a great time socialising. Everyone is welcome. As per all events of this standing, volunteers and officials are required to assist in ensuring that the games are a great success. Alternatively, if you love watching sports and athletes, then a trip to Tasmania to watch these events should be a great holiday. There is a wide array of sports including athletics, gymnastics and equestrian events as well as others such as dragon boating, ten pin bowling, fly fishing and nearly everything else in-between, catering for almost everyone. For more information, go to: www.australianmastersgames.com or call **Seniors Enquiry Line** on **1300 135 500** and we may be able to assist.

Firsts for the Month of May

- 1830 The poem Mary had a little lamb is first published.
- 1886 Coca-Cola is invented.
- 1908 Mother's Day is observed for the first time.
- 1928 The first appearances of Mickey and Minnie Mouse.
- 1929 The first Academy Awards.
- 1939 Batman's first appearance as a superhero.
- 1940 The first McDonald's opens.
- 1950 First Formula One Grand Prix race is held.
- 1953 Sir Edmund Hillary & Tenzing Norgay are the first to reach the summit of Mount Everest.
- 1954 Roger Bannister is the first to run the mile in under four minutes.
- 1977 The first Star Wars movie was released.
- 1994 Nelson Mandela becomes South Africa's first black president.

Independent Living Expo

On 24 May 2017 at the Brisbane Showgrounds, the Assistive Technology Suppliers Australasia (ATSA) Independent Living Expo will have over 100 exhibitors displaying a wide range of products and services in assistive technology, mobile solutions, pressure care, employment support, accessible recreation/holiday ideas, modified motor vehicles and a lot more. This is a free event and is open to the general public between the hours of 9.00am – 4.00pm.

What's On

- 27 Apr – 5 May:** [Bulloo River Art, Sand & Mulga Exhibition](#) – Quilpie
- 4-14 May:** [2017 Ipswich Festival](#) - Ipswich
- 5-7 May:** [Bookfest Noosa](#) – Noosaville
- 6 May:** [BCC Festival 2017](#) – Bundaberg
- 6 May:** [Drop Spindle Workshop](#) – Beenleigh
- 6-7 May:** [Gympie Garden Expo 2017](#) – Gympie
- 7 May:** [Wild Koala Day Celebration](#) – Whiteside
- 13 May:** [2017 Channel Seven Brisbane Racing Carnival](#) - Ascot
- 13 May:** [Inspire: Opportunities for Artists in the Region with Council & MBRIT](#) – Caboolture
- 17 May:** [Seniors Concert](#) - Cambooya
- 18 May:** [Seniors Concert](#) - Highfields
- 18-21 May:** [Noosa Food and Wine 2017](#) - Noosa
- 19 May:** [Seniors Concert](#) - Goombungee
- 20 May:** [Brisbane Plant Collectors Fair](#) – Mt.Cootha
- 20-21 May:** [Paniyiri Greek Festival 2017](#) – South Brisbane
- 21 May:** [2017 Hampton Festival](#) – Hampton
- 24 May:** [ATSA Independent Living Expo 2017](#) – Brisbane Showgrounds
- 24 May:** [Seniors Concert](#) - Westbrook
- 24-26 May:** [Rotary FNQ Field Days 2017](#) – Mareeba
- 25 May:** [Seniors Concert](#) - Cecil Plains
- 26-28 May:** [Timber & Working with Wood Show 2017](#) - RNA Showgrounds
- 27 May:** [Family Beach Day](#) – Port Douglas
- 28 May:** [Goomeri Pumpkin Festival 2017](#) – Goomeri
- 28 May:** [Africa Day Festival 2017](#) – Moorooka