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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.

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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.

September Funnies!

A little boy in an infant class came into school and told me he could spell his mum's name.

"M-U-M," he said proudly. Before I could congratulate him, another little boy said excitedly, "That's how you spell my mum's name too!"

Paula Maddocks

Paper Bills Exemption

Did you know that if you are getting paper bills you may be getting charged for them?

Most utility companies (electricity, phone etc) can usually send you a bill electronically or in the mail.

If you are able to go paperless that's great, but if not then you can still get them posted but you may be charged a fee.

You can usually get an exemption from the fee if you are a senior.

So contact your utility company and see if you are eligible - ask the question and have the fee removed.

For more details contact the Office of Fair Trading on 137468 or www.consumerlaw.gov.au/paperbilling

Financial Information Services Officer – Centrelink

Did you know that even Self Funded Retirees can contact Centrelink to discuss their financial situation?

Even though they are unable to give financial advice Centrelink can answer questions such as "If I sell my home how will it affect me?"

The Financial Information Services Officers are a wealth of information and there are 10 – 15 nationally in Australia.

You can sometimes see them in person or call them direct on 132 300. A face to face meeting can take up to 4 weeks. For phone calls the average wait time is 5-20 minutes. In Brisbane they are located at Nundah, Chermside and Strathpine.

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Considering Getting Man's Best Friend ?



Purchasing a dog is a big decision and one that is generally very emotional.

Unfortunately there are scammers out there that are prepared to prey on our emotions at this time. There are also unscrupulous people out there that overbreed or keep animals in appalling conditions, sometimes referred to as Puppy Farms.

In Queensland, all breeders or suppliers of dogs must be registered on the Queensland Dog Breeder Register and will have a unique number known as the Breeder ID or supply number. The supply number must be provided when a dog is given away, sold or advertised. This number is also registered on the dog's micro chip.

You can confirm the supply number on the Queensland Dog Breeder Register or report a concern regarding a breeder on their website www.qdbr.daf.qld.gov.au or by calling 13 25 23. We can also send you a brochure on the dog breeder Register Flyer – just call and ask. However if you are considering a dog check out our article on senior pets.

Bits and Bobs

- The Growing Old and Living Dangerously (GOLD) booklet is out now. Call if you would like us to send you a copy or contact your local Brisbane library.
- The QLD government is running a Roadshow on concessions throughout the state. Call us for the timetable in your area!

Senior Pets

Have you ever considered adopting a senior pet? Everyone deserves love and pets are no different – especially when they are getting a little older. Senior dogs and cats end up in shelters and need homes. They have the advantage over puppies and kittens as they are housebroken, don't chew up shoes and are over the puppy or kitten stage. They are usually very appreciative of a lovely home and love the attention and pats and care a senior can give to them. Many studies have shown that pets help you live happier, healthier, keep you fit and active and improve your social life.

Events: What's on in September

- Feel Strong for Summer Ipswich wellness program 7.9.2019 – 23.10.2019. Call 1800 225 474.
- Everybody Theatre. Everybody Art, 13.9.2019. QLD Performing Arts 12.30-4.30pm. Free Workshop. Ph 3852 5105.
- Look Good, Feel Better workshop. Facing cancer with confidence. Register by calling 1800 650 960. 9.9.2019 10am-12.30pm Cancer Council, Cairns.
- Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers, 20 – 29 Sep. Multiple events. Call 131 872.