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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

**WE DO NOT REMEMBER
DAYS; WE REMEMBER
MOMENTS.**

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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.

October Funnies!

A day without laughter is a day wasted.

Charlie Chaplin

Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.

Dr Seuss

Free Off Peak Travel Comes to Brisbane

As of 1st October, seniors who have a Seniors Card +go are able to travel free on buses, city cats and ferries during certain times. The times are 8.30am – 3.30pm and 7.00pm – 6am (Monday to Friday). On the weekend, seniors can also travel free on the buses. Brisbane City Council is very proud of this initiative which will enable seniors to enjoy more of Brisbane. For more details call 3403 8888 or visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

Men's Shed

Did you know that Men's Shed can be found all over Queensland (and Australia)? These men's groups provide support, resources and services for members, preventing social isolation for men. They are a safe and friendly environment for men to work on projects such as fixing furniture and making toys. The Men's Shed website explains how they work, how grants work, as well as explaining shed's insurance, how to start a Men's Shed, and much more. If you'd like to join a Men's Shed please call us to find the nearest one to you, or call the national number 1300 550 009. You can also search on the website for your closest location. <https://mensshed.org/>



If you have a great experience with Men's Shed give us a call and let us know. Now ladies, what are we going to call our gatherings? Ladies' lounges?

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Classified Scams

Be wary when dealing with people in classifieds, as scammers are skilful at tricking people into thinking they are legitimate. They have been known to pose as genuine sellers, posting fake advertisements on websites or in print classifieds. They have also been known to approach people through email or on social media platforms. The advertisement can be for anything, for example, a piece of furniture, a pet or even a rental property. They will often state they are away and cannot give you access to the item or property and demand payment upfront. They may also offer an extremely low price and pressure you into sending money, prior to receiving the item.



The ACCC's Scamwatch website suggests: For rental properties or holiday accommodation, only use reputable online booking agents. Always check the refunds and cancellations policy. For expensive physical goods, the safest option is to only pay the seller after you have inspected the goods in person. Similarly, do not pay a deposit or any partial payments before you have inspected an item.

Avoid any arrangement with a stranger that asks for payment via money order, wire transfer, international funds transfer, pre-loaded card or electronic currency, like Bitcoin. It is rare to recover money sent this way.

More information regarding classified scams can be located on the ACCC's Scamwatch website:
<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/types-of-scams/buying-or-selling/classified-scams>

Bits and Bobs

- Did you know there are not only sight dogs but also hearing dogs? The Australian Lions provides hearing dogs to the deaf and hard of hearing throughout Australia. Call for a brochure.
- The Lions club recycle glasses, hearing aids or contact lenses to humanitarian organisations overseas. Call for details.

Passionfruit



Who doesn't love some passionfruit in their fruit salad, served as a yummy slice or just fresh cut with some ice cream?

Spring in Queensland is the best time to plant a passionfruit. If you already have a vine then Spring is the best time to cut it back to about 1 metre in diameter. Water across a wide area to encourage the roots to spread out. Give compost and seaweed solution regularly especially if planting a new vine. Remember they will need something to climb on and it's best to plant two vines to help with pollination. Leave passionfruits on until they are very ripe and fall to the ground. Hopefully you won't have too many possums that get them before you!

Events: What's on in October?

- Murphys Creek Chilli Festival, Jessie Lane, Murphys Creek. Lockyer Valley 13th October.
- Chelsea Flower Show, Roma Cultural Centre, Roma. 6th October. Starts 1.00pm, entry \$4.00.
- Glendi Festival Townsville, Thuringowa Central, Townsville area, 12 – 13th October. Free entry. 0409 304493