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World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: June 15th 2009

By Rose Marwick

Every day in the calendar seems to be allocated to a world wide cause, some well known such as World Aids Day on December 1st or the annual Think Pink campaign for awareness of breast cancer in October, and some less well known such as International Joke day on July 1st! We had great fun researching International days on the internet and would like you all to be aware that September 19th is International Talk Like a Pirate day (yes truly), 25th April is International Noise Awareness day and 13th August is Left Handed day. There is even Limerick day on 12th May, and Buy Nothing day celebrated on 28th November.

But joking apart, elder abuse awareness also has its day on June 15th which is officially entitled World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). Purple is the associated colour and there are events to mark the day all over the world.

The Elder Abuse Prevention Unit had two events this year, one in Brisbane and one in Cairns. In Brisbane we decided that we wanted an event that would attract media as well as marking an important day in the year for us. We had many ideas including showing the DVD of Puccini's operetta, Gianni Schicci, a cautionary comedy about elder abuse, to a selected audience. We got as far as having a cinema organized but there were niggling doubts about whether the showing would be enough to draw the paparazzi and plan A was scrapped! Next, there was plan B for an evening cocktail party with a State Minister in attendance which also had to be scrapped, but plan C prevailed and we were thrilled to host an afternoon tea at Brisbane City Hall with a debate between an older team and a younger team as the highlight of the afternoon.

The idea of the debate came from Val French, a well known campaigner for the rights of older people, and the topic we came up with was 'That Older People Have The Right to Spend The Children's Inheritance!' We had an older team consisting of our coordinator, Les Jackson, Dianne Pendergast, (The Adult Guardian) and Val French. They argued the affirmative brilliantly, of course. The negative team came from the University of Queensland Debating Society and they put up a passionate argument for older people NOT spending all the kids' inheritance. The younger debaters very wisely pointed out that they did not expect older people to go without in order to furnish their children with untold riches but focused on trust and mutual respect within families. Although there was a majority of older people in the audience there was no hurling of rotten tomatoes at the younger team so they succeeded both in arguing their point and saving face, showing how skilled a team they are. The older team were slightly less disciplined but argued their side of the debate strongly and as performers they were absolutely magnificent.

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The moderator, Brian Herd, gave a fascinating talk on the origins of elder abuse before the debate began, and went on to introduce the debaters and kept the event running smoothly with great humour. Brian is a lawyer who specializes in elder law and he has always generously supported what we do at the EAPU. He is also a gifted public speaker and the audience got more than their money's worth for the afternoon; not that we charged them-it was all on the house!

There were no winners or losers from the debate-Both teams received tumultuous applause and were presented with gift vouchers for Mary Ryan's Bookshops as a small token of our thanks. Although the debate was carried out in a light hearted fashion it was actually a very serious topic and one which is at the heart of much financial abuse of older people. Now that we can all expect to live longer we may have a greater need to tap into our savings to help make our 'golden years' more palatable, and our children may need to accept that there isn't a large nest egg stashed away for them.

Les' financial report was released to the media the week before our WEAAD function on June 15th and there was a flurry of media activity with Les giving one radio interview on his mobile phone while rushing to the ABC in Toowong for another! There was an article in the Courier Mail on the financial report as well that day, and Les gave two more radio interviews, media tart that he is!

Hopefully after so much publicity there is now a greater awareness in the community about abuse of older people. Raising such awareness in one of our prime functions as a unit and we are always delighted to speak to community groups about the rights of older people and how they can be eroded. Elder Abuse is a very confronting issue so we approach the topic in a gentler fashion.

Overall we were very pleased with our WEAAD effort this year and are thrilled with all the support we received.

Now we have to start thinking about next year's event!

Article Request

Queensland Focus welcomes articles on elder abuse issues. If you have a service or an upcoming event that you would like to promote please contact the EAPU with details and we will attempt to include it in the following newsletter.

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Email: eapu@lccq.org.au

Website: www.eapu.com.au



Editorial

Domnica Sparkes (EAPU)

Welcome back to a second instalment of Queensland Focus for 09. This year has already thrown us many curve balls, and I'm not just talking about challenging tasks at work. Although there are no shortages of those. How do we warn people that sometimes the best intentions can have devastating consequences? How do we influence government to listen to the people and adjust policies to be in line with the changing landscape that come with an aging population?

My husband made a very pertinent comment over dinner one night while we were discussing ageism and current prevailing perceptions of aging across cultures. He wondered what it is about our culture that sometimes seems to place such insignificance on the wisdom of age? Now that's a good question.

Don't get me wrong—the majority of families are perfectly functional and well-balanced. Although it is still true that in western cultures we don't really want to admit when we're getting older. We now have so many procedures to “reduce the aging process”, “slow down the signs of aging”, “eliminate the signs of aging”. We have anti-aging creams, anti-aging food, anti-aging almost anything you can think of. What is it about getting older that is so frightening now that 20 or 50 years ago was so appealing? Not that any of these things are wrong, please don't misunderstand me. It's not the products or procedures that have me asking these questions so much as the attitude that seems to prevail that there is something wrong with a person who is advanced in years.

It is these attitudes that, when acted upon can lead to elder abuse. And elder abuse is something I have a huge problem with. You see Elder Abuse is not culture specific or socio-economic status specific, actually if it were a person it could be said it really wouldn't discriminate at all. Hence the need for awareness of the issue to be raised across all walks of life.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on the 15th June was established by the United Nations in an effort to raise the profile of elder abuse as an issue which has such devastating effects on older people and their loved ones. The need to raise awareness of pervasive negative attitudes towards aging and older people is a major focus for services working with older people in an effort to encourage greater inter-generational collaboration.

Our service has taken on a major strategic goal to raise awareness of these issues across all forms of media and evaluate how these issues are received and if there is any impact on the incidence of elder abuse. Mass media (such as TV, radio and newspapers) seems to be an effective method to disseminate information about an issue. This has been researched and analysed for many other topics, however when addressing stigmatised topic there is still a need for strong empirical research into the effects mass media has not only on encouraging debate and discussion on the topic but also people's help-seeking behaviour. All very curious questions that we hope to get answered.

To head the first part of the Mass Media Project we would like to introduce Belinda Wright from Griffith University who is doing an 18 week placement with us. I know that the project is quite massive but we have all confidence in Belinda.

I have been contemplating putting in a section for letters to the editor. If you think this is a good idea or would like to send me any letters I would love to get it started. Please don't put in identifiable information about clients or people in the letters as I would like to ensure the privacy of people who do experience elder abuse. But opinions and comments are very welcome, as is feedback on anything you read in the newsletter.

With all this as food for thought I'll gracefully take my leave and hope to hear from you in the near future.

“FINANCIAL ABUSE - DO I STAND A CHANCE”

By Tim Feely

Public Trustee of Queensland

Financial abuse can take a number of forms. The most common is misuse of funds (outright theft), transfer of assets (investment properties; the family home), or denial of expenditure (in order that the elder person's assets are maintained for distribution under their Will on their death). It has been said that financial elder abuse is the attempt to make an early distribution of the elder person's estate whilst they are still alive.

It is often not understood that the mere fact that an allegation of financial abuse may prove to be true does not mean that there will be an automatic recovery of the funds or assets that have been misappropriated.

An allegation, once made, and after investigation, an Application is made to the Guardianship and Administration Tribunal to remove an Attorney under an Enduring Power of Attorney and the appointment of an Administrator. Court or Tribunal proceedings may follow to recover funds or assets. Police action may also be considered. More often than not, the Public Trustee of Queensland is appointed.

It sounds simple but unfortunately it is not.

There is a perception that the very fact that the Public Trustee has been appointed will mean that there will be a recovery of funds or a retransfer of assets. In some cases this is true but in a lot of cases this perception is misplaced.

There are a number of obstacles that are in the way of a successful outcome for the adult, whose assets have been misused, and other interested parties, not least family members.

There may be difficulties in obtaining evidence to prove the allegations. The adult may lack capacity to give instructions or to clarify the circumstances in which the alleged misuse took place.

The adult may have limited financial resources to fund any litigation. The adults' funds and/ or other assets may have already been used or made to disappear. Some circumstances are quite complex, especially if Company structures are involved. Ownership of assets may also be difficult to prove. Following the money trail and the unwinding of complex financial structures is not only time consuming but may require the assistance of experts such as forensic accountants.

An Administrator of the adults' financial affairs is sometime called upon to make a difficult decision. The Administrator may have to decide between the general principle to support the adults' relationships and support networks and protecting or recovering the adults' assets. This is especially so when the family dynamic is involved. The adult may have a close relationship with the family member against whom allegations have been made by other family members.

The Administrator will also have to decide the costs of litigation. The perennial adage “why throw good money after bad” sometimes applies.

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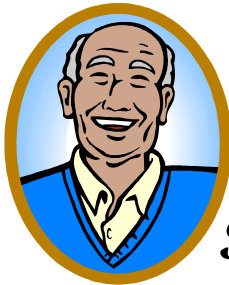
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To avoid disputes and to ensure an Attorney actions are transparent (especially in family situations) consideration should be given to include in the Enduring Power of Attorney document clauses as to:

Accountability: If one member of a family is an Attorney that they are required to account to other members of the family.

Consultation: That the Attorney be required to consult with other members of the family.

The other perennial adage applies “prevention is better than the cure.” With good advice and recognition of the importance of completing an Enduring Power of Attorney some of the problems in obtaining a “cure” may be overcome.



Date Claimer Peer Support Network



PSN Teleconference: Wednesday September 16th 1-2pm

Topic: Cognitive Impairment and Decision Making in the elderly

Presenter: Catherine Yelland, Geriatrician and General Physician

Profile:

Catherine Yelland is a geriatrician and general physician in full time practice at Princess Alexandra Hospital. She has previously worked at Prince Charles and Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. She has been the president of the Australian and New Zealand Society for Geriatric Medicine. She encounters the issues of elder abuse, particularly financial abuse, in everyday clinical practice. She has worked with the Guardianship and Administration Tribunal in the care of older patients.

Seniors Legal and Support Service comes to the Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast

By Mary-Jo Simpson
Seniors Legal and Support Service

Are you or is there someone you know over 60 who is being abused? Suncoast Community Legal Service and the Gold Coast Legal Service Inc are partnering with the Seniors Legal Support Service ("SLASS") of Caxton Legal Centre Inc in Brisbane to deliver more services to the Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast Communities.

SLASS has commenced an "**outreach**" **services** to the Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast, with an experienced lawyer attending the Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast fortnightly on a Friday. SLASS also offers **legal advice over the telephone** for clients in these regions.

SLASS is a **free** service to assist seniors 60 years and over, or in the case of Indigenous People, 50 years and over, who are subjected to, or are at the risk of, elder abuse, mistreatment or financial exploitation.

Elder abuse occurs when an older person is mistreated or harmed by someone they trust. Often the person who mistreats an older person is their partner, child, grandchild, carer, neighbour or friend. The abuse may include physical, sexual, financial, psychological and/or neglect.

Elder abuse often goes unreported because the older person is dependant for care and or company. They are fearful that if they report the abuse, they will experience further harm as punishment, they will lose their relationship and feel alone and isolated or they will be put in a nursing home because they will have no one to care for them. Often older people feel that the abuse is their fault and they are ashamed that this is happening in their family.

SLASS can assist seniors the outreach services by providing legal information, advice and support regarding elder abuse, mistreatment or financial exploitation, providing information on legal rights and remedies available, and referring seniors to other legal, consumer and support services.

SLASS often assists seniors in solving problems with family members who are forcing seniors to change their wills or forcing elderly parents to hand over their pensions or their homes to a third party, sometimes it assists people in relation to unfair or fraudulent practices relating to retirement villages, aged rental accommodation or residential parks, or seeking protection orders in the Magistrates Court to stop friends or relatives abusing the older person. The abuse may include; emotional, physical or financial abuse.

SLASS unfortunately cannot offer assistance in all areas of law. The areas SLASS cannot assist with are: the preparation of wills; advice on real estate, financial or investment planning or the interpretation of commercial documents. However if the service is unable to help you, every effort will be made to refer you to a service that can help you.

SLASS generally allows approximately 45 minutes for an appointment with a lawyer and if the senior is not comfortable conversing in English we can arrange for interpreter services if the client would prefer to conduct the interview in their first language Services have commenced at the Sunshine Coast on alternate Fridays/ fortnightly, beginning 10 July 2009, situated at the premises of the **Suncoast Community Legal Service, 7 Ocean Street Maroochydore.**

The outreach at the Gold Coast commences Friday the 31st of July 2009 and will be held fortnightly at the **Citizens Advice Bureau and Gold Coast Legal Service Inc, 24 Davenport Street Southport.**

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Seniors Legal and Support Service comes to the Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast

*By Mary-Jo Simpson
Seniors Legal and Support Service*

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SLASS can be contacted in Brisbane on ph **(07) 3257 1337** to arrange an appointment at one of the outreaches, or for telephone advice. Hours of operation are from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. Outside those hours an answering machine will answer your call and your call will be returned on the next working day.

SLASS is funded by the Queensland Government, Department of Communities.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Peer Skills

*By Francesca Lejeune
Lifeline Community Care Queensland*

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Peer Skills training project is part of the Time for Grandparents initiative delivered by the Older Persons Programs within Lifeline Community Care Queensland's Brisbane Division. The initiative builds on existing relationships with grandparent support groups and also identifies new relationships with groups. It provides training opportunities to enhance or assist in the set up of peer support structures.

Building on what Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support groups already do

It is generally acknowledged that individuals involved in support groups carry an enormous amount of knowledge and skills from their own life experiences and from listening to the experiences of others. It makes sense that support group members, because they understand these issues, play an important role in helping other grandparents raising their grandchildren. The aim of the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Peer Skills training is to acknowledge and build on these existing skills and in-turn, support grandparents with additional ideas and strategies for supporting their grand-children.

The aims of the two and a half day training are to;

- increase participants peer support skills
- meet and get to know other grandparents
- have fun and some time out
- gain more ideas on supporting grandchildren and
- help maintain and strengthen the GRG support group

The Peer Skills Workshop for grandparent groups has to date been implemented in partnership with "Grandparents As Parents" a group supported by Community Solutions at Kawana Waters, "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren" a support group with Community Services Tablelands in Atherton and participants from KinKare support groups in the Inala, Nerang and Eagleby areas.

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Tales from the Travel Bag: Roaming in the South West

*By Rose Marwick
Elder Abuse Prevention Unit*

I am just back from a whirlwind trip to Roma and Mitchell with Julie Argeros from our sister program, Seniors Enquiry Line, where her staff endeavors to link seniors with community information. Julie and her staff field questions which range from 'how much will I get when the new pension comes in' to where can I find a yoga class for people with arthritis' and 'how do I go about getting an ACAT assessment?' No question is too hard.

Julie and I drove out after a frantic morning at work, but once we got past Toowoomba and the traffic thinned and we could see all that big sky we were finally in rural mode.

We decided to make a shorter trip this time and stayed our three nights in Roma, just visiting Mitchell on the first day. It was great that we minimized driving and didn't have to rush to get to the next town before sunset as we so often seem to do on our trips.

It was fantastic to meet some PSN members in both Mitchell and Roma, and we now have several new members, so welcome to those of you who just joined.

We offered training and information on elder abuse at several sessions in both Roma and Mitchell; I always love meeting workers and hearing their stories, and several shared stories of elder abuse, both in care and the community, and it was gratifying to hear that all the right steps had been taken to try and resolve those issues.

Please don't hesitate to call us if you have any concerns about an older person in your community who may be suffering in some way at the hands of some-one who is trusted. Elder abuse is, unfortunately, prevalent all over Queensland, not just in the cities, and we often receive calls on our Helpline from rural areas and towns.

We returned to Brisbane at rush hour and the crowded Ipswich Road is always a bit of an anti-climax after the space and freedom of life out West.

Now Julie is off to Cairns for a few days and I am planning my next trip to Dirranbandi, Goondiwindi and St George at the end of August. I am also hoping to get out to Charleville, Quilpie and Cunnamulla before summer-so if anyone there would like training and information on elder abuse for their workers please ring me (3250 1946) so that I can plan around you. Maya (Far North Queensland) and Andrea (Central Queensland) will both be on the road at various times too, so keep an eye on our website to see who is coming your way.

Having the opportunity to travel and meet people in Rural Queensland is one of the perks of the job and my local geography is pretty darn good now! Unfortunately budget constraints keep us grounded at home base in Fortitude Valley for most of the time otherwise we would be on the road every week!

I look forward to catching up with those of you in the far South next month.

Till then-take care.

Lifeline's Telephone Counselling Service

By Caroline Binns
Lifeline Brisbane—Telephone Counselling Service

Lifeline Brisbane's Telephone Counselling Service (TCS) is part of the National network which operates 24 hours a day 365 days a year providing emotional support to callers in times of crisis. Lifeline was founded in 1963 by the late Reverend Dr Sir Alan Walker, after he received a call by a distressed man, who three days later took his own life. Determined not to let loneliness, isolation or anxiety be the cause of other deaths, Sir Alan launched a crisis line, which operated out of the Methodist Central Mission in Sydney. Just a few days after it was first established, Lifeline received over one hundred calls for help. Today, somewhere in Australia, there is a new call to Lifeline every minute and an average of over 450,000 calls are answered each year.

The confidential and anonymous service is delivered by dedicated volunteer Telephone Counsellors (TCs) who undergo comprehensive training and have access to on-going support from a small team of staff and volunteers. The training seeks to foster empathy, warmth and non-judgement in Telephone Counsellors in recognition of the importance of these qualities to providing a safe environment for callers to share their story. The training also equips Telephone Counsellors with the skills which enable them to listen to callers in a helpful and supportive manner, explore the meaning and impact of these on the caller and harnessing the caller's personal resources towards coping and, where appropriate, linking them to other community supports.

Although Lifeline's TCS arose in response to the tragedy of suicide and continues to provide a vital role in prevention of suicide, the nature of the calls that TCs receive is diverse. The majority of calls relate to difficulties in relationships, both within and outside their families. Problems related to mental and physical health and disability make up the second most prominent challenges for Lifeline callers, with almost shared prominence for calls about individuals and their place in society, for example, loneliness and isolation, matters of life direction, spirituality or self esteem and confidence. Other issues arise from matters pertaining, broadly, to trauma and abuse, problem behaviour, the need for practical help, or matters of risk.

The people who access the service are as diverse as the problems and challenges they share, and include members from all demographic groups. Also, it is not surprising –given the complexity of modern living – that callers commonly have multiple challenges, and TCs will endeavour to provide referrals to those agencies equipped to provide specialised support and advice pertinent to the caller's particular circumstances. Although there is an extensive range of community services available for referral, the growth of Lifeline's services and programmes has led to an increase in referrals across programmes. An older person experiencing economic hardship may be referred to by a TC to Lifeline's Financial Counselling Service as well as a service among those offered by Lifeline's Older Persons' Programme, such as the Elder Abuse Prevention Unit. Similarly, Lifeline's 13 11 14 service is widely offered as a referral by staff in Lifeline programmes and other agencies to distressed individuals.

DATE CLAIMER

Bundaberg Region Seniors Network invites you to attend a **Seniors Legal Forum**

Date: Thursday, 1st October 2009

Time: 9.00 am to 12 noon

Venue: Supper Room, Civic Centre Bourbong Street, Bundaberg

FREE Personal Safety Seminars by the Brisbane City Council

Brisbane City Council is running free Personal Safety Workshops for all Brisbane residents over 14 years of age.

The seminars are designed to increase your confidence and ease any concerns you may have about crime affecting you.

You will also have the opportunity to discuss any personal safety issues or questions with internationally-renowned experts.

Limited Places Available. Get your friends and family together and make a group booking today!

There are seminars available every month this year.

Day	Date	Gender	Starts	Location
Tue	4 Aug	Women	6.30pm	South Brisbane
Wed	5 Aug	Men	6.30pm	City
Fri	7 Aug	Women	6.30pm	The Gap
Mon	10 Aug	Women	6.30pm	Carindale
Tue	11 Aug	Women	Noon	Sunnybank
Mon	17 Aug	Women	6.30pm	Chermside
Thu	3 Sept	Women	6.30pm	Carindale
Mon	7 Sept	Women	6.30pm	Sunnybank
Tue	8 Sept	Women	Noon	South Brisbane
Mon	21 Sept	Women	6.30pm	Chermside
Tue	22 Sept	Women	6.30pm	The Gap

WOMEN

NORTH	Chermside Library, 375 Hamilton Road	Chermside
SOUTH	Sunnybank Lions Hall	Sunnybank
EAST	Carindale Library, Carindale Shopping Ctr, Creek Road	Carindale
WEST	The Gap Pastimes Club, [The Gap Footy Club] Glenaffric Street	The Gap
CENTRAL	Jagera Arts Centre Hall, Cordelia Street	Sth Brisbane

MEN

CENTRAL	Hotel George William, 325 George Street	Brisbane
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For further information, please visit
www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/personalsafetyseminars

To book contact Council's Contact Centre on (07) 3403 8888.
 Personalised seminars are available for group of 25 or more.



Healthy and Active Seniors Expo

Thursday 20 August 2009
9.00 am to 1.00pm

Anglican Church Parish Hall
Entry via Bundaberg Civic Centre

Cost: \$2 entry Includes morning tea and raffles

Featuring Free Demonstrations in:
Tai Chi, Yoga, Fit Ball, Wii Fit, Cooking, Lawn Bowls, Ten Pin Bowling
Dancing and more.

Why not try out something new at the expo?
Do you know what Frisbee Golf is? Come along and find out more.

There will be lots of Community Stalls with information available on a broad range of healthy and active pursuits on offer in your community. Prizes available for participation in activities.

Come along and try an activity or just have a look around and soak up whats on offer in your community.



Disability access

Part of Seniors Week: Positively Ageless



Media Overview



Elder Abuse in not traditional http://www.indiancountrytoday.com/yourict/41203892.html	Indiana County Today	13 Mar 09
CoCo seniors unprotected from financial abuse http://cbs5.com/local/Elderly.Abuse.Retiree.2.959160.html	CS5 CrimeWatch	14 Mar 09
Financial Abuse costs elderly more than \$2.6 billion annually http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20090317005205&newsLang=en	BusinessWire.com	17 Mar 09
New Study finds financial abuse of elderly is costly and vastly underreported http://www.elderlawanswers.com/resources/article.asp?id=7571&Section=4&state=	ElderLawAnswers	20 Mar 09
Two senior citizens get abandoned in city daily http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Cities/Two-senior-citizens-get-abandoned-in-city-daily/articleshow/4298396.cms	The Times of India	22 Mar 09
Training to help police identify elder abuse http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2009/03/genesee_county_michigan_as.html	The Flint Journal	24 Mar 09
Elder Abuse often undetected http://www.fox23.com/news/local/story/Elder-Abuse-Often-Undetected/18XuWiwNbEOimtMk3Ai4yA.csp	Fox23	30 Mar 09
Elderly Oregon woman in financial ruins, via America's worst son? http://www.salem-news.com/articles/march312009/elderabuse_032509.php	Salem News	31 Mar 09
Adult Protection monitoring report published, Wales http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/144514.php	Medical News Today	1 Apr 09
More elderly residents reporting abuse in Peel http://www.northpeel.com/news/article/67394	Brampton Guardian	3 Apr 09
Government of Canada launches call for proposals for Elder Abuse Awareness projects http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Human-Resources-And-Skills-Development-Canada-971164.html	Marketwire	6 Apr 09
Many financial fraud awareness tools available http://www.bclocalnews.com/kootenay_rockies/revelstoketimesreview/news/42551087.html	Revelstoke Times Review	6 Apr 09
Help for Townsville seniors http://www.townsvillebulletin.com.au/article/2009/04/13/48751_news.html	Townsville Bulletin	13 Apr 09
More than 1800 cases of elder abuse reported http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2009/0416/1224244809184.html	Irish Times	16 Apr 09
Support the Elder Justice Act http://roanoke.injuryboard.com/nursing-home-and-elder-abuse/support-the-elder-justice-act.aspx?googleid=261574	InjuryBoard.com	23 Apr 09
Brooke Astor's son Anthony Marshall goes on trial for stealing from socialite mom http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/2009/04/27/2009-04-27_brooke_astors_son_anthony_marshall_goes_on_trial_for_stealing_from_socialite_mom.html	Daily News NY Local	28 Apr 09
Elder Abuse Prevention Network looking for shutterbugs for new exhibit http://www.mykawartha.com/news/article/38889	MyKawartha.com	29 Apr 09
Call to halt financial abuse of seniors http://www.news.com.au/couriermail/story/0,27574,25634231-3102,00.html	Courier Mail	15 Jun 09
Abused pensioner is now 'penniless' http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=594&art_id=vn20090616052648941C407102	Cape Times	16 Jun 09
Elder-abuse reports up, due to higher awareness http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?cid=1244371116375&pagename=JPost%2FJPArticle%2FShowFull	The Jerusalem Post	16 Jun 09
Elderly not protected from financial abuse – forum http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2009/0627/1224249653567.html	The Irish Times	27 Jun 09

Upcoming Events

The 4th International Conference on Community Health Nursing Research: Health in Transition: Researching for the Future

16-20 August 2009

Adelaide, South Australia

Website: www.healthintransition2009.org.au

Or www.alloccasionsgroup.com/index.jsp

Seniors Week—Healthy Aging Expo

20 August 2009

Anglican Church Parish Hall

Bundaberg, Queensland

PH: 1300 883 699

Website:

<http://bundaberg.qld.gov.au/event/09/08/20/seniors-week-healthy-and-active-seniors-expo>

Florida Conference on Aging

24-26 August 2009

Florida, USA

Email: moreinfo@fcoa.org

Website: <http://www.fcoa.org/conference.html>

QCROSS 50th Anniversary Conference 2009

31 August—1 September 2009

Hilton Hotel

Brisbane, Queensland

PH: 07 3004 6900

Website:

<http://www.qcross.org.au/Article.aspx?type=event&id=5448>

PSN Teleconference

16 September 2009

PH: 07 3250 1836

Email: eapu.psn@lccq.org.au

Website: www.eapu.com.au

14th International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma

21-26 September 2009

San Diego, USA

Website:

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_gi_new&groupID=151764

Seniors Legal Forum

1 October 2009

Bundaberg Civic Centre

Bundaberg, Queensland

PH: 07 4153 3066

FECCA Conference

29—30 October 2009

Eastbank Centre

Shepparton, Victoria

PH: 02 6282 5755

Website: www.fecca.org.au

42nd AAG National Conference

25-27 November 2009

Canberra, ACT

PH: 02 6257 4905

Website: <http://www.aagconference.com/>

Additional Date Claimers 2009:

15—23 Aug	Senior's Week QLD
14—20 Sept	National Stroke Week
15—22 Sept	Dementia Awareness Week
21 Sept	World Alzheimer's Day
1 Oct	International Day of Older Persons
18—24 Oct	Carers Week
20 Oct	Carers Day

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