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### REVERSE MORTGAGES

By Nicole Nolan—Solicitor

On 7 August 2011 the Assistant Treasurer asked older Australians to comment on draft legislation that will increase protections for seniors using a reverse mortgage. This concern about the state of the reverse mortgage market reflects the realisation that the proportion of Australians aged 65 or over will rise to about 23 per cent of the total population by 2050, compared to 14 per cent today.

The growing number of older Australians is changing society's shape as the enormous benefits and opportunities that come with a larger and more active community of seniors are only beginning to be appreciated. Australians moving into their senior years are generally healthier, higher skilled and more financially secure than previous generations, providing a wider range of opportunities both for individual older Australians and for the broader community.

Given the rapid population ageing in Australia the government has realised that this will lead to a significant increase in the demand for reverse mortgage products over the next 25 years. Therefore it is important that industry and government can work together to ensure a sustainable industry with a range of innovations and policy and industry safeguards in place.

The reverse mortgage market has gained considerable momentum in Australia since the 1980s. For instance, in 2008 the Senior Australians Equity Release Association of Lenders (SEQUAL) records indicated that there were approximately 36 600 reverse mortgages currently on issue in Australia. Therefore many Senior Australians need to use credit to access the equity in their home then the Government realizes that they deserve to be adequately protected.

The Government intends to deliver a new level of protection for seniors who take out reverse mortgages. Reverse mortgages are different from other credit products and it is important the law takes into account their unique characteristics. With these new measures, older Australians can have greater confidence when using these products, and will be able to make better choices.

#### **So what is a reverse mortgage?**

In its simplest form a reverse mortgage allows you to borrow money secured against your home, without having to pay back either the amount you borrowed or the interest due until you leave your home or die. Instead, your debt and interest builds up (or compounds) over time. They are generally restricted to senior Australians. You will generally be required to maintain and insure your home and pay your rates at your own expense.

#### **All this sounds too good to be true!!**

The reality is that a reverse mortgage is a very complex product that can significantly impact on your finances and relationships, and your quality of life in retirement.

Before you consider taking out a reverse mortgage it is important to:

- seek independent financial and legal advice
- Speak to your partner and family.

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# Reverse Mortgages (cont.)

By Nicole Nolan—FFA

Part of your checklist should also be to ensure that you completely understand:

- How reverse mortgages work
- The risks
- How much can you borrow?
- How much will it cost?

Just like a normal mortgage your home is used as the security for the loan. The loan can be taken as:

- a lump sum,
- a regular income stream,
- a line of credit or
- a combination of these options.

Unlike a normal loan you:

- do not need to be receiving an income to qualify.
- don't have to make repayments while you live in your home – this enables the amount owing to sky rocket out of control if not carefully monitored.

The loan is repaid in full (including interest and fees) when one of the following occurs:

- you sell your home or
- you die or,
- as in most cases, you move into aged care.

## The Problems:

- Interest rates are generally higher than average home loans, so the amount you owe will rise quickly as the interest compounds over the term of the loan
- The loan may affect your pension eligibility
- You may not have enough money left for aged care or other future needs
- You could end up owing more than your property is worth unless your loan has a No Negative Equity Guarantee (NNEG). Members of the [Senior Australians Equity Release Association of Lenders](#) (SEQUAL) must offer reverse mortgages that have a NNEG
- You could lose your NNEG if you don't repair and maintain your property to a standard set by the lender
- if you are the sole owner and someone lives with you, that person may not be able to stay when you die

## Check with:

- Centrelink's Financial Information Service  
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- Check SEQUAL membership <http://www.sequal.com.au/>
- Check with a legal adviser  
Ask them to look at:
  - the reverse mortgage fine print regarding the consequences of breaching any terms and conditions.
  - the loan conditions
  - other available choices
- Check with a **financial counsellor** as they will be able to reality check your thoughts by looking at your overall financial position – remember this service is free

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# Editorial

By Domnica Sparkes

Thank you to everyone who called in and let us know they had seen the Department of Communities' posters around in June and July. We really appreciated the feedback. The EAPU partnered with the Department of Communities to hold an awareness campaign, **Act as 1 Against Elder Abuse**, to mark World Elder Abuse Awareness Day which was on 15 June. The campaign was very successful and the number of calls we received during the campaign period jumped tremendously. It is good to see that people are making a stance against elder abuse in our community. We have also completed our report for the study we did on notifiers of elder abuse and how they came across information to provide help to people being abused. If you would like to read this have a look on our website: [www.eapu.com.au](http://www.eapu.com.au).

The trainers have been all over Queensland. I almost feel as though I haven't seen them in months. They have returned with rave reviews of the wonderful people they have met, amazing scenery and sumptuous food. I fear they may never want to be in the office at this rate. If you would like to book some training or an information session please contact Rose, Andrea or Maya, they'd love to hear from you.

Our last **Rural and Remote Peer Support Network Teleconference** addressed "Elder Abuse" and the more subtle forms of abuse which are often harder to address. The teleconference participants provided us with lots of interesting feedback which has given the trainers a guide on additional information people would like to address during training sessions. If you would like us to cover any particular topic please don't hesitate to contact us and we'll do our best to include it in our teleconference schedule.

Also an exciting date claimer for people to put in their training diaries for next year is our **New Directions in Elder Abuse Prevention Conference (7-8 June 2012)** which will be held in Brisbane next year. Keep an eye on our website for updates and also let us know if you would be interested in coming along.

I look forward to hearing from you and in the meantime if you have any information or new programs that you feel others would benefit from please let me know.

## Next Peer Support Network Teleconference

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011

1pm – 2pm

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# Stronger laws on the Way

*By Les Jackson, Coordinator EAPU*

Queensland's Domestic and Family Violence legislation is being strengthened to provide better protection against abuse. In August 2011 a draft of the Domestic and Family Violence Protection Bill 2011 was presented to a forum of key stakeholders to iron out as many bugs as they could find in the final step of the review of Queensland's Domestic and Family Violence legislation.

The participants at the workshop hosted by the Department of Communities came from all the government and community agencies that will likely use this legislation, including the Elder Abuse Prevention Unit. Overwhelmingly the participants agreed that the draft legislation takes a big step in the right direction and should offer greater protection and more alternatives than the existing Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act (1989).

Two new elements the EAPU identifies as significant for elder abuse situations are:

- The inclusion of economic (financial) abuse as a form of domestic violence. This form of abuse is a feature of many elder abuse situations and its inclusion is a significant improvement in the coverage of the violence affecting older people.
- The introduction of "Intervention Orders" is a new approach that will provide the courts with an additional tool specifically targeting the abusive behaviour. The intention of the order is that the court can require an abuser to attend approved counselling that may be beneficial in reducing the harmful behaviour related to the domestic violence. If this area is introduced, particularly in a strengthened format as recommended by many stakeholders it will give the court the option to, for example, require an adult son who is financially abusing his parents to attend financial counselling, or drug/alcohol counselling or whatever services are most appropriate and available to address the underlying behaviour leading to the financial abuse.

There are many other new initiatives contained in the draft Bill and lots of "tweaks" suggested by the stakeholders. What impressed me most however was the strong sense of purpose, commitment and cooperation among the forum participants and I imagine that when the final version of the Bill is introduced to parliament it will receive wide support. When this will occur I don't know but everyone wants it sooner rather than later. There will obviously be a long lead time before the new legislation could come into effect as everyone, particularly the police who are at the front line of this legislation will require extensive training in its use. We will keep our readers updated on its progress via the EAPU website and newsletter.

## Upcoming Regional Elder Abuse Training

- Townsville and surrounding area Wed 14<sup>th</sup>—16<sup>th</sup> September
- Cairns, Mossman and Atherton area Mon 10<sup>th</sup>—14<sup>th</sup> October
- Wujal, Cooktown & Hopevale area Mon 17<sup>th</sup>—22<sup>nd</sup> October

If you would like to book a training or information session please contact Maya Zetlin (on 1300 651 192 or [eapu@uccommunity.org.au](mailto:eapu@uccommunity.org.au)).

# World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Victoria

By Seniors Rights Victoria

In 2011, Seniors Rights Victoria (SRV) adopted an ambitious program to deliver on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. And it was a success - raising awareness about elder abuse amongst service providers and agencies, engaging with the community, providing practical learnings to the legal sector, celebrating the contribution seniors make to the community and recognising their right to live in safety and dignity. As well some novelty ways were used to promote WEAAD including banners on a tourist tram and a WEAAD Quilt.



## Melbourne

WEAAD Full Day Workshop & WEAAD Legal Seminar

SRV hosted its 3rd annual full-day WEAAD Workshop for workers in health, aged care, family violence and community sectors. One hundred plus people were in attendance at Victoria University's City Convention Centre to hear presentations and to workshop case studies on aspects of elder abuse.

In addition to the WEAAD Workshop, Seniors Rights Victoria in partnership with the Public Interest Legal Clearing House (PILCH), hosted a legal seminar on Family Agreements. *A Collision Between Love and the Law*, was presented by Mr. Brian Herd from Carne, Reidy and Herd Lawyers, Brisbane. Mr Herd practices in Elder Law and law relating to older people. He has written widely and presented to a broad cross section of audiences in Australia and overseas. He is Chair of the Queensland Law Society's Elder Law Committee and an international member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys of America.

## Bendigo

Bendigo is approximately 150 kilometres north of Melbourne, Victoria's capital. It is a main provincial city located centrally in a large rural area. Formerly known as Sandhurst, Bendigo played a pivotal role in the gold rush days with some of the mines still in existence.

A Community Unites for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.



On a crisp sunny morning in Bendigo, a small group of people assembled at St Andrews Uniting Church for the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) service. So began the community education program for WEAAD on June 15th. The aim of the day was to raise awareness about elder abuse, celebrate ageing and recognise the contribution that seniors make to the community. In the lead up to the day, Seniors Rights Victoria approached a number of organisations for support and received an overwhelmingly positive response.

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# Research Overview

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## **FOR LOVE OR MONEY: INTERGENERATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF OLDER VICTORIAN'S ASSETS**

(King et al, May 2011)

This is the fifth part in a research project examining the way older people manage assets and protective factors they use to reduce vulnerability to financial exploitation and/or abuse. The study found four main points:

1. That family dynamics and structure impacted on the way people made decisions about how their finances were to be managed
2. There are many risks that can be taken which can lead to inadvertent opportunities for family members with a sense of entitlement to take advantage of an older person for their own gains.
3. There are a number of factors impacting on intentional mismanagement of older people's assets, referred to by the researchers as "range of intentionality". These factors for intentionality are dependent on factors which may leave older people at risk or vulnerable to predation.
4. Identified best practice principles in dealing with financial abuse of older people. This involved organisations taking individual responsibility for their policies and processes as well as a multidisciplinary approach to providing older people with the best services available to reduce risks.

## **JOINT ISSUES PAPER: ELDER ABUSE**

(Queensland Law Society, June 2011)

This paper is a follow on from the original position paper which explored legislation addressing elder abuse in Queensland in 2010. The Queensland Law Society received feedback following 2 months of community consultation, which highlighted some common themes of concerns with Queensland legislation. This report made 6 recommendations involving changes to existing legislation including: uniformity across states for powers of attorneys, amendments to various existing legislation.

The three main areas of legislation that were raised by stakeholders were the Guardianship laws, Civil law (personal injuries and tort law) and Criminal law.

The guardianship areas that have raised concerns were in relation to recognition of powers of attorneys in other state and territories across Australia. This in conjunction with the consensus that there is a need for registration of attorneys.

Civil law issues identified that civil liabilities and personal injuries centre around loss of income which becomes an issue as most older people that are abused are no longer in the workforce therefore reducing the amount of compensation they would be eligible to receive.

Criminal laws exist to address cases of various offenses however they are notoriously difficult to prosecute. The authors argue the need for education of law enforcement officers to better equip them with an understanding of how they can assist older people who experience these crimes. They also feel the need to include examples to help in understanding what could constitute elder abuse under existing legislation.



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# Calendar of Events

## **Elder Abuse Training—Townsville region**

14—16 September 2011

Townsville and region, Queensland

PH: 1300 651 192 or 07 3250 1836

Email: [eapu@ucommunity.org.au](mailto:eapu@ucommunity.org.au)

Website: [www.eapu.com.au](http://www.eapu.com.au)

## **3rd Biannual National LGBTIQ Domestic Violence Conference**

16 September 2011

Sydney, NSW

Website: <http://www.acon.org.au/anti-violence/Get-Involved/lgbtiq-domestic-violence-conference-2011>

## **Peer Support Network Teleconference**

5 October 2011

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## **Elder Abuse Training—Cairns Region**

10—14 October 2011

Cairns and region, Queensland

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## **Elder Abuse Training—Far North Queensland Region**

17—22 October 2011

Wujal, Cooktown and Hopevale regions, Queensland

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## **9th Asia/Oceania Regional Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics—Aging Well Together**

23—27 October 2011

Melbourne, Victoria

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Website: <http://www.ageing2011.com/EOI.htm>

## **Aging and Society Conference**

8—9 November 2011

Berkeley, USA

Website: <http://agingandsociety.com/conference-2011/>

## **2011 National Aging and Law Institute**

10—12 November 2011

Boston, USA

Website:

[http://www.naela.org/Public/Meetings\\_and\\_Events/Live\\_NAELA\\_Events/Advanced\\_Institute/Public/Meetings\\_and\\_Events/Advanced\\_Fall\\_Institute.aspx?hkey=cc59cc4a-6b50-4c9d-9195-752646bbf4c3](http://www.naela.org/Public/Meetings_and_Events/Live_NAELA_Events/Advanced_Institute/Public/Meetings_and_Events/Advanced_Fall_Institute.aspx?hkey=cc59cc4a-6b50-4c9d-9195-752646bbf4c3)

## **Gendered Violence Conference**

23—24 November 2011

Bristol, UK

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

## **Additional Date Claimers 2010—2011:**

1 October—International Day of Older Persons

6 November—Grandparents Day (Qld)

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