



# Media Release

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Public Trustee of Queensland, Mr Peter Carne is raising awareness of the importance of having a valid Will as part of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General's free Rockhampton *Planning for Life Forum*, to be hosted by the Attorney-General, The Hon. Cameron Dick on 13 July 2010.

Speaking from his Office today, Mr Carne said that everyone over the age of 18 needs a valid Will and should nominate an Enduring Power of Attorney and these documents can be prepared easily and cost effectively by the Public Trustee.

"Last year we drafted 22,000 Wills, as part of our free Will making service, available right across Queensland and it's a myth we charge a percentage to administer Estates, we charge fee for service at very competitive rates" Mr Carne said.

"If you are over 18, getting your Will drafted for free is as easy as making an appointment with the Rockhampton Public Trustee Office, located in East Street, and we use the latest in Will preparing technology to make the process easy and hassle free.

"The Public Trustee has been serving the people of Rockhampton since 1916, over that time we have administered hundreds of Estates, including one belonging to a gentleman born that late 1880's which we have been administering for 88 years.

"In addition to our proven longevity, trustworthiness and expertise we also provide careful document storage, which is no small matter as some old estates can have almost two storage cabinets of original documents on file.

"Having a valid Will that is professionally prepared and stored, gives peace of mind and saves time and stress should the unforeseen happen, planning now can significantly reduce complications later" he said.

The *Planning for Life Forum* will also feature representatives from the Queensland Adult Guardian's Office, Seniors Legal and Support Service, the Office of the Public Advocate and the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

In addition to Wills, participants will obtain information about the importance of planning for the unexpected, Enduring Powers of Attorney, Advanced Healthcare Directives and can have their questions answered.

Anyone who is interested in making a Will should contact the Rockhampton Public Trust Office on (07) 4999 3600 or 1300 360 044.

For more information about the Rockhampton *Planning for Life Forum* or to register visit [www.justice.qld.gov.au](http://www.justice.qld.gov.au)

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