



2009 Senior Superstar finalists

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Welcome to the first exciting edition of Trustee Talk, newsletter for members of the Public Trustee of Queensland community.

As a valued client of the Public Trustee of Queensland we want to keep you informed on current estate issues and the Public Trust Office's activities within the community.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Peter Carne and in early 2009 I was appointed as the new Public Trustee of

Queensland. I have worked in my own legal practice for many years, and have been President of the Queensland Law Society as well as the Chief Executive Officer of the Society. I bring this experience to my new role as well as a personal commitment to providing high quality Will and Executor services that are accessible to all Queenslanders.

If you have made a more recent Will with another provider, would prefer to receive our

newsletter via email or would like to receive other Public Trustee information updates simply email us at clientenq@pt.qld.gov.au or call us on 1300 360 044.

I look forward to keeping you up-to-date in the area of trustee services. In the meantime if you have any questions regarding our services please call 1300 360 044 to speak to one of our staff at your nearest Public Trust Office.

Intestacy booklets

A person who dies without making a valid Will is said to have died Intestate. The Queensland laws of intestacy determine the entitlements of the next of kin of an Intestate person. We now have an intestacy booklet to help explain the rules when someone dies intestate.

Please call 1300 360 044 to request a copy.



We can speak at your next function

If you're looking for a speaker at your next function then let us know. We're available to give free talks to your group about Wills, Enduring Powers of Attorney and Executor services.

To book one of our speakers call 1300 360 044.



Senior Superstar

Senior Superstar is an excellent example that life begins at 50!

The competition showcases Queensland's brilliant over 50s talent with the Public Trustee of Queensland proud to be one of the major event sponsors again in 2010. The Senior Superstar talent quest is now in its sixth year and continues to grow in popularity. Singers, musicians, dancers, magicians, comedians, poets, ventriloquists and even contortionists participate in this fabulous event.

The first round of auditions for Brisbane was held on the 15th May at Wesley House. Heats begin in early June. All heats are free to attend, no bookings necessary, making it a great excuse for older people to get out of the house and possibly make some new friends at the heats.

An astounding 1,200 people attended the 2009 Brisbane final. The winner was Darcy Turgeon, who performed with great gusto "Operator Please" by the Manhattan Transfer, complete with a mid song costume change.

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The 2009 Sunshine Coast Senior Superstar was just as popular with over 1,000 people eager to see the finalists perform. The judges included a special guest judge, logie-winner John Wood. The 'Likely Lads', Brian Williams and Geoffrey Harrod-Eagles, won the Sunshine Coast competition with "Working where the sun don't shine", a comedic song about the downfalls of being a below the waist surgeon.

The Public Trustee of Queensland looks forward to seeing more tantalizing talent from the Senior Superstar competition in 2010.

Elder abuse

Elder abuse is a very serious and real concern with the number of reported cases increasing in Queensland each year.

Defined as any act that causes harm to an older person where there is an implied relationship of trust, it can occur in a number of ways.

One of the common forms of abuse is that of a financial nature. As a person ages they become dependant on those they trust to help them with the management of their financial assets. Sadly an older person can be denied their rightful economic freedom by trusted family or friends. Commonly reported examples of this kind of abuse include: misuse of money, property or assets, denying access to funds and pressuring the older person to give away assets. When questioned about this financial abuse the offenders often respond by saying that it is a form of early inheritance and that they are entitled to the funds.

To protect against elder abuse it is important to know what channels are available for support and ensure that the rights of older people are respected. Community groups such as the Elder Abuse Prevention Unit (EAPU) have been established to combat all forms of elder abuse. An Enduring Power of Attorney can prevent some types of abuse as financial and health attorneys are appointed by the person making the document, instead of leaving it to chance.



Queensland Symphony
Orchestra

QUEENSLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

This year The Public Trustee of Queensland is proud to be a corporate partner to the Queensland Symphony Orchestra (QSO).



The QSO is the largest performing arts company in Queensland and employs 88 full-time musicians. It is the state's only professional symphony orchestra and plays a vital role in Queensland's cultural community, giving over 100 live performances across 47 weeks each year to more than 100,000 people.

The Public Trustee, Peter Carne, said "A significant and recurring theme in the Public Trustee of Queensland planning is seeking opportunities to be of service to Queenslanders. If we can make the QSO more accessible to the community, we are fulfilling our commitment to social equity".

The QSO's Music on Sundays program showcases a thoughtful mix of beautiful music and stunning soloists topped off with witty and charming presenter Guy Nobel. These sessions give an ideal introduction to the orchestra world, making them perfect for families and those new concertgoers. What a way to spend a Sunday.