



CARERS QUEENSLAND INVITES CARERS TO OUR FUTURE PLANNING WORKSHOP

This workshop will focus on key issues pertaining to future planning for Carers. This free event is for anyone who is providing additional care for a family member, friend or neighbor who has a disability, mental illness, chronic illness or for someone who is frail aged. We have four different presenters who are experts in their field (details are overleaf). The topics include:

Substitute Decision making – What does this mean and how does this impact on you as a Carer? What is capacity and who is the legal decision maker for yourself or the person that you care for? What is an Enduring Power of Attorney (EPOA). Under what circumstances would I need to apply to QCAT? Who can help me without any costs?

Mental Health & Decision Making – The new Mental Health Act is coming to Queensland in March 2017 – Would you like to find out more about the new Advance Health Directive for Mental Health? What are the implications for you as a Carer? Do you know want to know more about the new decision making roles and how this will affect how you can engage with treating teams and your involvement in decision making?

Financial Planning – What is a financial plan? Do you have a financial plan for yourself and/or your family that you care for? What constitutes an appropriate level of detail for a Carer to adopt on behalf of another? Would you like to have an understanding on structures, estate planning, investment or assistance with representation at QCAT from a Carer's perspective?

Wills & Trusts – Do you want to know more about wills and trusts to ensure that the good life that you are providing for loved ones is protected in the future? How can receiving benefits through wills have an impact on the pension and/or public housing eligibility? How can this be prevented? If my adult child has a disability, who helps them after estates are administered? What happens if, as a carer, I am not properly provided for in a will? What happens if the person I am caring for is not properly provided for?

WHEN: Wednesday, 17th May 2017—9:00am to 2:30pm

WHERE: Chermside Bowls Club, 468 Rode Road, Chermside
(BBQ Lunch provided)

RSVP: 5 May 2017
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SPEAKER PROFILES:

Simon Brown—Carer Advocate, Carers Queensland

Simon has a background in education, social work and law. He has worked as a legal practitioner in government, private practice as well as in the non-government sector. Simon has also worked as a Lecturer and Tutor in the former School of Social Work and Human Services at the University of Queensland. Previously, he was part of the Senior Management Team at the Office of the Public Guardian and Endeavour Foundation. Simon sits on a number of reference committees and is the current Deputy Chair of the Queensland Law Society's Health and Disability Law Committee. He is admitted as a Barrister in the Supreme Court of Queensland and High Court of Australia.

Karen Williams - Manager Guardianship Team, ADA Australia

Karen Williams is a Barrister and Manager of ADA Australia's Guardianship Team. Karen has long had an interest in providing advocacy for people with questionable capacity, and educating service providers and health professionals on the importance of being able to apply the legislation in a way least restrictive of a person's rights. Karen is also interested in the interface between health and legal/guardianship systems, in particular mental health and disability. Karen was awarded the Excellence in Advocacy Award in the 2015 National Disability Awards.

Jaimie Wright—Director—Jamie Wright Financial Services

Jamie Wright has been a Financial Planner for 20 years, specialising in the provision of personalised professional advice to clients from a range of different backgrounds. He is a Certified Financial Planner and runs his own business as the Principal Adviser of Jamie Wright Financial Services. *"It's our view that clients deserve personalised professional advice in recognition that everyone has different needs. Our promise to clients is to provide bespoke advice solutions"*. Jamie has worked with Carers over many years on issues ranging from simple financial planning queries to plan construction, advice on structures, estate planning, investment and assistance with representation at QCAT. *"Great advice needs to be useful, understandable and tailored specifically to your situation. All three need to be evident in the advice you receive before you should adopt it"*. At Jamie Wright Financial Services we work with a small group of clients who value bespoke advice solutions, and personalised attention focussed on achieving their goals and incorporating common-sense solutions to sometimes very complex problems.

Aimee McVeigh—Lawyer, Disability Law Queensland

Aimee McVeigh is a lawyer who specialises in assisting people with disabilities and their families to plan for the future. As the director of Disability Law Queensland Aimee works together with families and people with disability to ensure that their wills and other succession planning documents properly protect the good life for the person with disability. Recently Aimee won a 2016 Agnes McWhinney Outstanding Achievement Award for her work in the law. She is also a 2017 Queensland finalist for Australian of the Year.

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