



Meals on Wheels

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Seniors Celebration Donatin - Brisbane City Council

The Seniors Celebration Donation helps senior citizens' groups to cover the cost of activities such as social outings and Christmas parties.

Funding available ranges from \$100 to \$300. Applications for this grant are now open and will close at midnight on Tuesday 2 October 2018.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by mid November 2018.

Eligibility

An applicant, within the Brisbane City Council area, should be a:

- club or group providing activities for seniors that is not funded by other sources
- seniors' group that is part of other organisations.

How to apply

For more information about the Seniors Celebration Donation, including how to apply, please read the guidelines at <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/community-safety/grants-awards/seniors-celebration-donation>

For more information or for help with your application, you can phone Council on 07 3403 8888 and ask to speak to the Grants Unit.

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Position Vacant

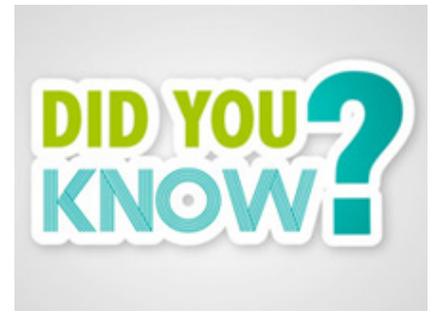
Bribie Meals on Wheels are looking for a chef/cook to fill a position Thursday and Friday from 6:00am - 1:00pm. Applicants must be available to do relief work on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

If you are interested in this position, please contact Jodie Pinnington. P | 3408 1721 Monday - Friday 7:30am - 1:00pm

Long Service Leave

- * In QLD, long service leave is covered by the Industrial Relations Act 1999.
- * Employees are entitled to take 8.6667 weeks of paid long service leave after a period of 10 years' continuous service.
- * Casual employees are also entitled to long service leave after a period of 10 years' continuous service.
- * No leave loading is payable on long service leave.
- * A pro rata long service leave payment is only available on termination after 7 years' service if employment is terminated for reasons of illness, incapacity, death or other pressing necessity.

For more information, please contact me.



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AGM Hints and Tips

After attending and assisting with the preparation for a number of AGM's this month, I'd just like to give the following tips and hints to help your AGM run smoothly:

- Have a copy of your constitution available before, and at, the AGM as it will guide you through the process and make clear important information. As an example, we recently discovered that for one Service, the position of Secretary is actually an appointed role rather than an elected position.
- Ensure that the Financial Report has been read prior to the AGM, by a number of people present at the the AGM, so that you have some understanding of the findings within this report should questions arise.
- Remember help is only a phone call away if you have any queries on running your AGM.

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Food Contamination

Most people would be aware of the news currently unfolding across the nation regarding needles being found in strawberries, and now other fruit such as bananas and even apples. While it is important to take precautions when preparing strawberries for consumption, it is also important that we continue to use the fruit, as not only is it at its peak in flavour and price, but it is also an opportunity to support the farmers and workers affected by this act of terrorism.

When using strawberries:

- It is important to wash fruit properly, as you would normally
- Cut all fruit (or mash) before using in desserts or recipes
- DO NOT give whole fruit to clients
- If any contamination is found, it is to be reported immediately

Below is a story from the ABC News online regarding the strawberry scare...

Contamination fears spread around country

Meanwhile, police in WA have confirmed they are now investigating 10 incidents of needles being located in strawberries.

Five incidents have been reported to police since late yesterday from the suburbs of Bicton, Darlington, Hocking, Morley, and Rossmoyne.

WA Police Force is joining with other agencies in appealing for people to take care when preparing strawberries for consumption.

Queensland Police are not releasing figures on the total number of reported incidents, but are investigating at least three cases of contamination which are linked to the original two farms affected.

There have been more than 20 reported contamination cases in New South Wales, including a banana and an apple.

While police are investigation two incidents in South Australia, one in Tasmania, and three in Victoria.

More information link below:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-09-13/strawberry-recall-needle-found-in-fruit/10240956>



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Wellness and Reablement Report Update

Under the current CHSP grant agreements (that took effect 1 July 2018), service providers are required to submit a wellness and reablement report annually. You will have received an email with an update from the Department of Health on Wednesday. It is very important that you read this email.

We are still investigating the effect this will have on Meals on Wheels in the future and eagerly await the online survey which must be completed by the 31 October 2018. The survey will not ask providers to enter individual client-level data. The report will ask for general information at the organisational level, such as:

- the size and structure of the organisation and the demographics of the client base
- current service delivery practices — what's working well and what the challenges are
- provider understanding of wellness and reablement and their progress towards fully embedding it into service delivery
- any additional support providers may need to fully embed a wellness approach.



Getting to know the Standards Information Sessions

Reminder to register as sessions are filling fast!

Queensland Meals on Wheels highly recommend that a representative from your organisation attend this event. The face to face information sessions will be 2 ½ hours in duration. They are targeted specifically towards those in leadership positions, including managers, service co-ordinators, quality managers, educators and trainers working in home care and residential aged care services.

The aim of these sessions is to raise awareness of the new Standards. This will include supporting aged care services to engage with the guidance materials to ensure they understand the intent and requirements of each Standard. Representatives who attend these information sessions will develop an understanding of the new Standards that they can take back to their service. From there, services will need to consider what the new Standards mean for their service and how they will influence their culture and inform their practice.

Please note that spaces are limited at these information sessions. This means that groups of more than 2-3 from the same service especially in metropolitan areas may not be able to be accommodated.

To register your attendance please use the link below:

<http://www.cvent.com/events/getting-to-know-the-standards-qld/event-summary-07d5502a64aa4d33a55143074b07674e.aspx>