

BUR-DEL Anniversary

Newsletter



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From the Editor

This year heralds Bur-Del's 50th anniversary, a tremendous achievement due to the visions of all the presidents, CEO's, board members and the working staff since 1975.

From its humble beginnings of renting of various sites to offer rental services to the Burdekin indigenous community, the organisation now offers services to the wider Burdekin and Townsville communities from six business sites in Ayr, Home Hill and Townsville.

Also at the AGM another big milestone was acknowledged. Christine celebrated her ten years of service as CEO of Bur-Del.

Well done Christine.

A common question of our staff "I have a Home Care package what am I entitled to?" I have researched this via the many platforms and have listed a basic guide on pages 8 and 9 of this newsletter. Hopefully this may help but we are only a phone call away or just call in for assistance.

My helpful and energetic field reporter Merwez has left the Burdekin and is now working in Cairns. We all gathered together and thanked her for her contributions to Bur-Del and wished her all the best with her new vocation.

Winter is here again be mindful of the usual viruses and if your immune system needs a boost, take precautions and consider

the jab. Until next issue take care.

Rob Lesca 🥖

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The Bur-Del Co-Operative Advancement Society Limited

Is a not for profit organisation and was registered as a large Society in Queensland in 1975.

The organisation provides services to Individuals through funding by donors and government agencies. These services may be provided by one or more organisations within the Burdel Pty. Ltd. Group of entities and auspices the following Charity Programs.

Community and Home Care Community Housing Early Childhood Education

Business Sites

Ayr

Administration Centre

72 Wickham Street, Ayr

Phone: (07) 47 834 560 / (07) 47 833 680

Butterfly Lodge

114-118 Cameron Street, Ayr Phone: (07) 47834 560

Allied Health Hub

114-118 Cameron Street, Ayr Phone:(07) 47834 560

Bur-Del Early Education Transition Support

Centre, 110-112 MacMillan Street, Ayr

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Home Hill

Bur-Del Community & Home Support

IGA Complex

Eighth Avenue, Home Hill

Phone: (07) 47 834 560 / (07) 47 833 680

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Bur-Del Community & Home Support

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1 pm to 4.30 pm

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Trading Hours

Monday Closed

Tuesday Closed

Wednesday 10.00 am — 6.00 pm

Thursday 10.00 am — 6.00 pm

Friday 10.00 am — 8.30 pm

Saturday 10.00 am — 2.00 pm

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- 14 Where you were at crime time
- 15 Academy (abbr.)
- 16 Children's love
- 17 Trainee
- 18 Field game
- 19 Pigpen
- 21 A person's female child
- 23 Wing
- **26** Ball
- 28 Metric capacity unit
- 29 Crimes
- 32 Noblewoman
- 33 Demonic
- 34 Filmed
- 36 Woman to whom a man is
- 38 Churned water from a boat
- 42 Singing voice
- 43 Sailing ship
- 44 Level

- 46 Adjusting
- **49** Path
- 51 Japanese money
- 52 Advertisements
- 53 Stunning
- 57 A person's male child
- 59 Throb
- 60 Tennis playing area 62 American Association of Retired Persons (abbr.)
- 66 Stag
- 67 Turn out
- 68 Louver
- 69 Be incorrect
- 70 Discourage
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- 4 Disorder
- 5 Paper from papyrus
- Wing
- 7 Expired
- Syrian bishop
- 9 In __ of (instead of)
- 10 Scottish terriers
- 11 Whiter
- 12 Love intensely
- 15 Plant louse
- 20 Large weight unit
- 22 Pleased
- 23 Some (2 wds.)
- 24 Jacob's son
- 25 First letter of the Arabic alphabet
- 27 Wager (2 wds.)
- 30 Bullfight cheer
- 31 Island nation
- 32 Headed
- 35 Gathering of people to celebrate or have fun
- 37 Fisherman's tool

- 38 Compass point
- 39 Opera solo
- 40 Helpful
- 41 Omelette ingredient
- 42 Opp. of short
- **44** Dad
- 45 Metric capacity unit
- 47 Examiner
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- **49** Swap
- 50 Racing car
- 54 Type of tea
- 55 Not any
- **56** Wind
- 58 Space administration
- 61 Regret 63 Entire
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Solutions Crossword, Sudoku & Find a Word

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Find The Word

Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out the hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally eight in all directions

> Hidden Quotation by Marcus Tullius Cicero

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Evergreen

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Perennial

Rain Seeds Shrubs Soil Sunshine Trowel Vegetables

4 Home Care Package Levels

01

03

Basic care needs

Basic care services such as domestic assistance, personal care, and some health-related services.

Intermediate care needs

More complex care needs, including services such as intensive personal care, clinical care, and support for dementia.

02

Low-level needs

A range of care services, including assistance with daily activities, nursing, and allied health services.

04

High-level needs

A comprehensive range of service to address high-level health and support needs, including specialised nursing and allied health services.

What is a Home Care Package?

The Australian Government provides in-home support as people age. The Home Care Packages Program provides individualised coordinated care and services for people over 65 with ageing related care needs. It assists people to live safely and independently in their own home for as long as it is safe and appropriate.

Services: The Home Care Package can cover a wide range of services, including personal care (showering, hygiene), clinical care (nursing, podiatry), home support (cleaning, gardening) and social support (transport, community engagement).

Eligibility: It is <u>not</u> means tested like the Age Pension and is for people over 65 years (or over 50 years for First Nations People)

Level 1 Home Care Package (HCP-1)

A Level 1 Home Care Package provides government funding to assist with basic care needs, like help with personal care, domestic tasks and social activities. This level is for individuals who can largely manage independently but need some assistance with everyday tasks

Detailed Breakdown:

- 1. Personal Care:
- Assistance with showering, dressing and getting ready in the morning, as well as continence management.
- 2. Domestic Assistance:
- ► Help with cleaning, tidying and basic household tasks.
- ► Gardening support.
- 3. Social Support:
- Companionship and opportunities for interaction to combat isolation.
- 4. Meal Preparation:
- Support with nutritious meal planning and cooking.
- 5. Shopping and Transport:
- Assistance with grocery shopping and transport to appointments or social activities.

Level 2 Home Care Package (HCP-2)

A Level 2 Home Care Package generally provides a subsidy to help individuals with low-to-moderate care needs access a range of

services, including personal care, domestic assistance, meal preparation, transport, social support and basic nursing care. The package can also cover some home modifications and equipment to improve accessibility and safety.

Detailed breakdown:

- 1. Personal Care:
- ► Assistance with showering, dressing, hygiene, and other basic care needs.
- 2. Domestic Assistance:
- Help with cleaning, laundry and other household tasks.
- Gardening support.
- 3. Meal Preparation:
- ► Assistance with cooking and meal planning.
- 4. Transport:
- Support with getting to appointments, social outings and other activities.
- 5. Social Support:
- ► Companionship, engagement in hobbies and participation in community activities.
- 6. Basic Nursing Care:
- Basic nursing care services such as medication management and wound care.
- 7. Allied Health Services:
- Some packages may include physiotherapy or occupational therapy.
- 8. Home Modifications and Equipment:
- Assistance with minor home modifications and the provision of basic care equipment like walking frames.

Level 3 Home Care Package (HCP-3)

A Level 3 Home Care Package provides A Level 4 Home Care Package is the highest intermediate-level care and support for individuals with moderate needs, including services like domestic personal care. assistance, meal preparation, and social support. It's designed to help individuals maintain their independence and well-being at home.

Detailed breakdown:

1. Personal Care:

- ► Assistance with daily hygiene activities like bathing, dressing and grooming.
- ► Mobility support. Includes help getting in and out of bed. Support with toileting and continence

2. Domestic Assistance:

- ▶ Help with household chores like cleaning, laundry and ironing.
- Assistance with meal preparation and shopping.
- ► Gardening support.

3. Social Support:

Companionship and social activities and Help with hobbies and community engagement.

4. Other Services:

- ► Nursing care: Basic nursing support for managing chronic conditions or medication.
- ► Allied health: Services from specialists like physiotherapists, speech therapists and occupational therapists.
- ► Transport: Assistance with getting to appointments and other activities.
- ▶ Home modifications: Support for making minor changes to the home for accessibility.
- ► Equipment: Provision of aids and equipment like walking frames and wheelchairs.

Level 4 Home Care Package (HCP-4)

level and is for individuals with complex care needs, offering the maximum hours of care and a wide range of services to support independent living at home, including nursing, personal care, domestic assistance.

Detailed Breakdown:

1. Complex Nursing Care:

► For various health conditions, clinical care at home, such as wound care.

2. Personal Care:

► Assistance with showering, dressing, toileting and other personal hygiene tasks.

3. Domestic Assistance:

► Help with cleaning, cooking, laundry and other household chores.

4. Mobility Aids and Equipment:

► Provision of necessary equipment to aid in mobility and independence.

5. Nutrition and Meal Preparation:

► Assistance with meal planning and preparation

6. Allied Health Therapies:

► Access to services like physiotherapy, occupational therapy and podiatry.

7. Respite Care:

► To allow regular caregivers a break.

8. Transport and Shopping Assistance:

► Help with getting around and accessing essential services.

9. Garden Maintenance:

Assistance with maintaining a garden.

The Bur-Del Co-Operative **Advancement Society**

Are registered providers of home care services offering clients affordable care services. Phone: 4783 3680

Applying for a Home Care Package:

To apply for a Home Care Package in Australia, you need to start by registering with My Aged Care and requesting an assessment to determine your eligibility.

You can do this online through their website (My Aged Care) or by calling 1800 200 422. An assessment is conducted by the Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT). If you are eligible, you will be assigned a Home Care Package and a priority level.

Be aware there may be a wait list for Home Care Packages as the demand is high.



Anzac Day service at the Ayr State High School

Emene Monday and Mavis Blackman laying down of the commemorative Wreath of behalf of 'The Bur-Del Co-Operative Advancement Society Ltd'

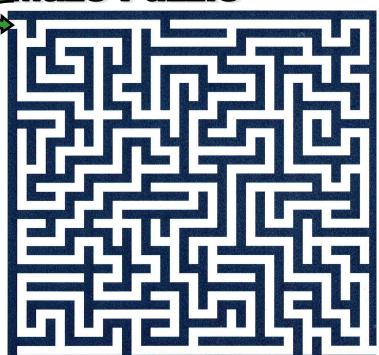




BAY-Watch Gerald Henaway 0409 726 922

Baywatch Weekly Youth Program	Club	Activities
Monday	Boys Club	Specifically for young men: Fishing, basketball, crabbing
Tuesday	Baywatch Youth	Boxing and Pizza
Wednesday	Baywatch Youth	Touch footy
Thursday	Baywatch Youth	Basketball & guest speaker
Friday	Girls Club	Specifically for young ladies: Girls stuff (girl talk, hair, makeup, movies)
Sunday	Baywatch Youth	Youth Night - Burdekin Community Church





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BENEFITS OF BERRIES

Mother natures medicine



STRAWBERRY

Rich in anti-oxidants and help neutralize heavy metals in the body. Also rich inh vitamin C, magnesium & dietary fibre that keeps metabolism running smooth



BLUEBERRY

Rich in vitamin C & B6. Also a great source of fibre, potasium & polynutrients. Regular consumption reduces cholesterol in body thereby reducing the risks with heart disease



RASPBERRY

Rich in vitamins, anti-oxidants & dietary fibre. Contains high amount of ellagic acid which is a compound that stops the growth of tumor-



CRANBERRY

Maintains healthy vaginal pH. Has poly nutrients that are anti-inflammatory, rich in anti-oxidants and is anti-cancer. Good source of vitamin C & K, manganese, copper etc.



GOJIBERRY

Loaded with beta-carotene that maintains healthy eyes, skin & hair. Helps body build resistance against invading organisms. Also rich in thiamine, betaine, lycopene etc.



Black Currants

Lowers blood pressure, preventing diabetes, improving vision, reducing cancer cell growth.





The perfect go-to recipe for hectic weeknights, ideal for making use of any leftover chicken and rice you have on hand. If you're short on leftovers, a rotisserie chicken paired with a package of microwaveable brown rice is a good substitute.

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons sesame oil
- 3 cups bite-size broccoli florets
- 1 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1 cup sliced spring onions
- ½ cup low-sodium teriyaki sauce
- ½ cup water
- 1½ tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 cloves garlic, grated (½ teaspoon)
- 3 cups sliced cooked chicken
- 3 cups cooked brown rice
- Toasted sesame seeds or toasted sliced almonds for garnish (optional)

Step One:

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Step Two:

- ► Heat 2 tablespoons sesame oil in a large ovenproof skillet over medium heat.
- ► Add 3 cups broccoli, 1 cup bell pepper and 1 cup spring onions; cook, stirring, until softened, 3 to 5 minutes.
- ➤ Combine ½ cup teriyaki sauce, ½ cup water, 1½ tablespoons cornstarch and the grated garlic in a measuring cup.
- ► Add to the pan along with 3 cups chicken and 3 cups rice.
- Stir to combine well.

Step Three:

Transfer to the oven and bake until the vegetables are tender and the casserole is warmed through,

about 15 minutes. Serve sprinkled with sesame seeds (or almonds), if desired.

Ingredients:

- 2—3 Large tins of pie apples
- 250 grams butter
- 3 cups rice bubbles
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 2 cups flaked almonds
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 1/2 cup gluten free plain flour
- (optional sultanas)

Instructions:

Step 1.

In a large tin place pie apples (& optional sultanas) and mix through.

Step 2.

Melt butter in a saucepan or in a microwave.

Step 3.

Mix all dry ingredients thoroughly in a large bowl.

Step 4:

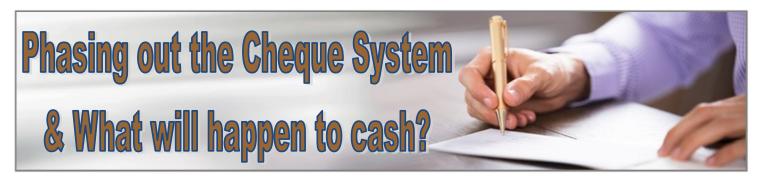
Pour melted butter into dry ingredients and mix well.

Step 5.

Spread crumble mix evenly over the apple and bake for 10—15 minutes in moderate oven.

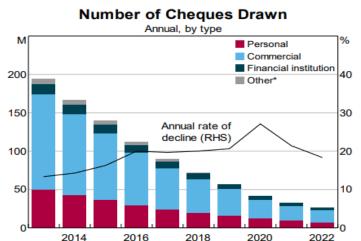






Phasing Out the Cheque System:

the cheque system, with the goal of complete making them environmentally friendly. closure by that date. The transition plan includes What Will Happen to Cash?: ceasing the issuance of bank cheques by 2025, While Australians have moved to digital payment commercial and government cheques by 2026, methods, the Government has been careful to and personal cheques by 2027, with the final maintain closure of the system by 2030. Some banks are Around 1.5 million Australians use cash to make also planning to phase out cheques more rapidly more than 80% of their in person payments. than this timeline.



Prior to a series break in May 2018, components differ slightly from the aggregate series Source: RBA

Why Phase out the System:

Declining Usage:

Cheque use has plummeted in recent years, with last a significant drop of over 90% in the decade. This decline is attributed the widespread adoption of digital payments like electronic fund transfers, online banking mobile payment.

Higher Costs:

Cheques are becoming more expensive process on a per-transaction basis due to the declining volume and the manual effort required. The average cost of processing a cheque now exceeds \$5 and clearing a cheque can take several business days.

Digital Alternatives:

In Australia, the cheque system is planned to be Digital payments offer faster, more secure and phased out by 2030. The Australian government convenient ways to pay and receive money. They has announced a staged process to wind down also eliminate the need for physical paper,

cash as payment method. Cash also provides an easily accessible back up to digital payments in times of natural disaster or digital outage.

According to the most recent data, up to 94% of businesses continue accept cash. The Government has stated that they will mandate that businesses must accept cash when selling essential items, with appropriate exemptions for small businesses. Mandate to take effect approximately 1st January, 2026.

Currently, businesses don't have to accept cash businesses can specify the terms and conditions that they will supply goods and services. The issue of card surcharges often comes up when a business adds a surcharge rather than recognizing this cost of doing business in their pricing. A business can charge a surcharge for paying by card, but the surcharge must not be more than what it costs the business to use that payment type.

2025—Cease issuance of bank cheques.

2026—Cease issuance of commercial and government cheques.

2027—Cease issuance of personal cheques.

End-2028—Cease acceptance of personal, commercial & government cheques.

End-2030—Cease acceptance of bank cheques. Close the cheques system.

Age 50 and older? Get the shingles vaccine!

Shingles is a painful skin rash caused by the same virus as chickenpox. Here are three things to know:



Your risk increases with age. 1 in 3 adults will develop shingles. If you had chickenpox earlier in life, you are at risk for developing shingles.



Shingles can be serious. For many people, shingles symptoms are mild, but others may develop more severe symptoms like intense or long-lasting pain.



It's preventable! The shingles vaccine is more than 90% effective at preventing the disease, and it's recommended for most adults age 50 and older.

What is shingles?

Shingles is a viral infection caused by the varicella Free zoster virus which is the same virus that causes National Immunisation Program (NIP) is available chickenpox. After you have chickenpox, the virus for eligible people at moderate to high risk of lays dormant (inactive) in your body. When this severe virus reactivates (often many years later), it shingles. causes shingles.

Shingles is characterised by a painful rash with for: blisters that can also be itchy. The infection can • last for several weeks and has different phases. Only people who have previously had chickenpox or who have been exposed to the virus can get . shingles, although not everyone estimated that a third of all Australians will develop shingles in their lifetime.

Is shingles contagious?

simply a reactivation of varicella-zoster virus, the same virus that causes ⁵ years. chickenpox.

their system) comes into contact with the fluid in 1 dose). chickenpox – and later shingles.

Shingles is less contagious than chickenpox and immunocompromised. the risk of spreading the virus is low if the rash is When? kept covered. However, immunisation is the Talk to your health professional about your best way to reduce your risk.

Who should get vaccinated against shingles:

shingles vaccination under illness and complications from

A 2-dose course of Shingrix is available for free

- people aged 65 years and over
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 50 years and over
- 18 years and over considered at increased risk of herpes zoster due to an underlying condition immunomodulatory/ and/or immunosuppressive treatments..

lf previously received you Shingles itself is not contagious. Remember, Zostavax shingles vaccine under the NIP, you are the not eligible for a free Shingrix vaccine for at least

How to get vaccinated against shingles:

However, if someone who hasn't had chickenpox The shingles vaccine is a single vaccine, not a (and therefore doesn't have varicella zoster in combination vaccine (2 or more different vaccines

from the shingles blisters, they can contract the Shingrix consists of 2 doses given 2 to 6 months virus, which may cause them to develop apart in immunocompetent (healthy) people, or 1 months apart in people are

eligibility for the free shingles vaccine today.

Don't Wait Vaccinate

What is Elder Abuse

'a single or repeated act or lack of appropriate action occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust, which causes harm or distress to an older person'

The Six Types of Elder Abuse

Physical

Hitting, kicking, pushing, slapping, burning, or force causing injury

Sexual

Engaging in sexual acts without consent

Emotional

Harming selfworth or emotional well-being, name calling, and scaring

Neglect

Failing to meet basic needs like food, housing, clothing, and medical care

Abandonment

Leaving elders alone or no longer providing care

Financial

Illegally misusing an elder's money, property, or assets

How prevalent is it? Research from Australia and overseas shows that up to 14 per cent of older people may be experiencing elder abuse. The real number may be higher because many people feel they cannot speak up.

Who are the main perpetrators? Abuse is generally carried out by someone close to the older person. Helpline data shows this is most commonly the older person's adult son or daughter, though it also happens within a wide range of other family and caring relationships.

What can I do to help? If you suspect that an older person you know is being abused, or are experiencing elder abuse yourself, phone the Elder Abuse Helpline on 1300 651 192, anyone can make the call.

Organisation	Contact Information
Police, Fire or Ambulance (emergency only)	000 or 112 (from mobiles)
Police (non-emergency)	131 444 <u>www.police.qld.gov.au</u>
SES (State Emergency Services)	132 500 <u>www.ses.qld.gov.au</u>
Burdekin Shire Council	(07) 4783 9800 disaster.burdekin.qld.gov.au
Burdekin Local Disaster Management Group	https://www.facebook.com/ BurdekinDisasterInformation/
Bureau of Meteorology	Weather and Warnings 1300 659 219 Cyclone Warnings 1300 659 212 www.bom.gov.au
Ergon Energy	Emergencies - 13 16 70 Report a Fault - 13 22 96 <u>www.ergon.com.au</u>
Radio	630 AM - ABC
Communications	Telstra Faults 13 13 44 Optus Faults 13 22 03
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Home Hill

Wednesday 2 pm

Tech Connect Ayr

Wednesday 10 am - 11 am

Tech Connect Home Hill

Wednesday 1 pm - 2 pm

Email <u>library@burdekin.qld.gov.au</u>
Facebook at Burdekin Library





Have you ever opened up the freezer, ready to Since freezer burn is more likely to occur the pull out some meat or other frozen food only to find it looks like it's covered in a layer of ice? That's freezer burn. But if you've chucked your foods have been in the freezer. Make sure your freezer-burned food in the past, you might want to foods are labeled and well organized, especially if reconsider.

What Is Freezer Burn?

Freezer burn can occur when there is moisture lost from frozen food. All foods contain water, the smallest sealed container or storage bag which forms ice crystals when frozen, causing dehydration. The dehydration makes the food dry Portioning: and tough underneath layers of ice crystals. Freezer burn can effect flavours and textures.

Contributing factors of Freezer Burn.

The temperature of your fridge and freezer can fluctuate when it is opened and closed, especially if it's happening frequently and for long periods of time. Overloading the freezer, especially when adding multiple non-frozen items at once, can put too much strain on the appliance, resulting in a slow freeze and a higher chance of freezer burn.

How to Prevent Freezer Burn:

Keep your freezer freezing:

The ideal temperature for your freezer is as cold as possible, 0°F or below. You also will have the best results if you use a high-quality vacuum bag combined with a very low temperature. Freezing is a great way to extend the edible life of your food, but you have to pay close attention to your process.

Wrap foods well:

Since freezer burn occurs when air is introduced, make sure your meat and other soon-to-be frozen goods are properly wrapped. You can store meat and poultry in the freezer in the original packaging, but its protection may diminish over time as the packaging is permeable to air.

> Stop freezing too soon: Are you freezing things too fast? The stark contrast between

boiling-hot soup and your freezer can not only cause potential damage to the container it's being stored in, it can also be the culprit causing freezer burn. This can cause a temporary thaw on the surface of your items that will undoubtedly be a prime opportunity for freezer burn to happen. Always chill your items in a refrigerator prior to freezing.

Labeling:

longer food has а important to be mindful of how long your different you're buying in bulk.

Packaging:

Make sure everything is entirely covered inside possible.

Portioning your food out before freezing so you can take out what you need instead of refreezing.

Containers:

Ensure containers are well sealed. For example Ice cream can turn a bit icy when freezer burned, loosing its fresh creamy texture.

Food Safety:

Is It Safe to Refreeze Foods?

The more times you thaw food out and refreeze it. the more opportunity bacteria have to reproduce. You can avoid this by only thawing food out under refrigeration and reheating only the portion you intend to consume. You should then refreeze the item as quickly as possible. Don't refreeze any food items that have been left out of the refrigerator for 2 hours or longer.

Is It Safe to Eat Freezer-Burned Foods?

It's a common misconception that you lose out on nutrients if your food has been freezer-burned, but it's actually just the flavours and textures that have changed.



When in doubt throw it out No meal is worth the risk of food poisoning

Got a letter about a "big inheritance" from a "long-lost relative?"

Don't Fall for it: It's Probably a Scam



If an email arrives or a letter claiming a distant relative has died and named you their heir. The supposed estate is worth millions. However, to access it, you must first provide personal details or cover some "processing" costs. If this sounds too good to be true, that's because it is.

Inheritance scams: These are among the most emotionally manipulative frauds out there. They prey on unsuspecting Australians—particularly older individuals or those who may already be financially vulnerable.

What Are Inheritance Scams? Inheritance scams involve fraudsters who pose as lawyers, bankers, or officials. They claim you're entitled to a large inheritance. Typically, they say you've been chosen due to a family connection or name match with a deceased person. Often, scammers deliver their message with a sense of urgency and secrecy.

The scammer may:

- Ask for personal identification and banking details
- Request payment for "legal," "administrative," or "transfer" fees
- Urge you to keep the matter confidential
- Use impressive-looking documents to appear 2. Verify the source. Check the credentials of legitimate

This tactic is known as advance-fee fraud, where victims pay money upfront while believing they'll receive a large sum later—which, of course, 3. Never never arrives.

Why **Australians** Targeted: Are Being Australians lose millions of dollars to scams every vear. For example, according to Scamwatch, over 4. Refuse to pay fees upfront. Any request for \$20 million was lost in impersonation scams in 2024 alone. A significant number of those reports 5. involved inheritance or legal fraud.

Older Australians face greater risk due to several factors. These include access to retirement

savings, limited digital literacy and increased emotional vulnerability.

Real-Life Example: In 2022, a woman in Victoria lost nearly \$50,000. Someone contacted her claiming to be a solicitor managing an estate in the UK. The scammer said she had a claim to an unclaimed inheritance but needed to "processing fees" before the transfer could occur. She sent multiple payments. Eventually, she realised it was a scam.

Red Flags to Watch Out For:

The most common warning signs that an inheritance offer is fraudulent:

- You've never heard of the deceased person. Scammers often use vague names or claim distant family ties.
- They request payment upfront. Legitimate inheritances don't require fees before you receive funds.
- They pressure you to act quickly. Creating urgency is a classic scam tactic.
- They insist on secrecy. By telling you not to speak to others, they attempt to isolate and control you.
- Communication appears unprofessional—bad grammar, poorly designed documents or suspicious email addresses.

How to Protect Yourself:

- sceptical of unsolicited If someone reaches out unexpectedly about an inheritance, always question it. Search for their firm independently-don't trust the details in the message.
- any law firm or agency. Do not use contact details provided in the original message search for them independently online.
- send personal or financial information. Avoid sharing your bank account, passport, driver's licence. Medicare number.
- prepayment should raise serious concerns.
- Report suspicious activity. If you suspect a scam report it to Scamwatch the Australian Cyber Security Centre, on 1300 292 371 or call your local police.



Ministers and Portfolios

Responsibilities include the overall management of Queensland, Cabinet and its committees, coordinating government communication, policy development, governance, legislative drafting and publishing, protocol, intergovernmental relations, veterans' affairs, cross-border coordination and overall public service management.

Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure & Planning & Minister for Industrial Relations Iarrod Bleijie MP

Responsibilities include state development, economic development, major project impact assessment, strategic planning for priority industry sectors, capital works and program monitoring, integrated resort developments and global tourism hubs, urban growth, industrial relations and Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games infrastructure.



Responsibilities include government owned enterprises, insurance, investment facilitation, trade development, employment, vocational education and training, skills and workforce development and marketing and promotion of international education and training.

Minister for Health and Ambulance Services Timothy (Tim) Nicholls MP

Responsibilities include hospitals, public health, mental health, oral health, nursing homes and hostels, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, community health services, alcohol and drug services, disease surveillance, health rights and promotion, registration of health professionals and the ambulance service.

Minister for Education and the Arts John-Paul Langbroek MP

Responsibilities include state schooling, early childhood education and care, higher education, non-state school funding and the Arts.



Treasurer, Minister for Energy & Minister for Home Ownership David Janetzki MP

Premier & Minister for Veterans

David Crisafulli MP

Responsibilities include the state budget, taxation, economic policy, mineral and petroleum royalties, energy, regulation of electricity and gas sectors, biofuels, clean energy, energy industry development, hydrogen, renewable energy, climate change and clean economy policy and home ownership.

Minister for Natural Resources & Mines, Minister for Manufacturing & Minister for Regional and Rural Development Dale Last MP

Responsibilities include mining and petroleum, mine safety and health, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander land interests and titles, land management, rural and regional economic development, cross sector coordination to enhance economic growth and manufacturing industry development.

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity Deborah (Deb) Frecklington MP

Responsibilities include justice administration, courts, registration of births, deaths and marriages, Legal Aid, fair trading and consumer protection, incorporation of associations, lotteries, keno and wagering, occupational licensing, registration of charitable and community purpose organisations, archives, integrity in government and the Public Trustee.



Minister for Police and Emergency Services Daniel (Dan) Purdie MP

Responsibilities include the police service, crime prevention including youth crime, community safety and protection, Queensland Government Air Services, disaster management and state emergency service.



Minister for Youth Justice & Victim
Support & Minister for Corrective Services
Laura Gerber MP



Minister for Transport & Main Roads

Brent Mickelberg MP

Responsibilities include youth justice, victims' rights and corrective services.

Responsibilities include land transport and safety, main roads, marine infrastructure, passenger and personalised transport, ports, railways, transport infrastructure and the Cross River Rail project.

Minister for Local Govt. & Water & Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery & Volunteers

Ann Leahy MP

Responsibilities include local government, bulk water supply, regulation of water quality and supply continuity, management of water supply emergencies, catchment and water resource management, water resource allocation, planning and management, fire and rescue services, rural fire services, disaster recovery, recovery and reconstruction of Queensland following natural disaster events and volunteers

Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Youth

Samuel (Sam) O'Connor MP

Responsibilities include homelessness, housing supply and delivery, building and plumbing standards, government buildings, licensing and regulation of the Queensland building industry, property facilities management for government and major projects, urban design and architecture, government purchasing, night-life economy and youth affairs.



Minister for Primary Industries

Anthony (Tony) Perrett MP

Responsibilities include biosecurity, agriculture, animal welfare and food and fibre industry development.



Minister for Women and Women's Economic Security, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Minister for Multiculturalism

Fiona Simpson MP

Responsibilities include women's policy, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage, policy, rights and culture and multiculturalism.



Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation

Andrew Powell MP

Responsibilities include environmental planning and protection policy, the Great Barrier Reef, pollution and waste management, marine and national parks management, tourism development and promotion, tourism investment attraction, science strategy and innovation policy.



Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

Amanda Camm MP

Responsibilities include community care, community recovery, community services, social inclusion, seniors, disability services, adoption, child protection services, the redress scheme for Queensland survivors of institutional child sexual abuse, carers, and prevention of domestic and family violence



Minister for Sport and Racing and
Minister for the Olympic and
Paralympic Games
Timothy (Tim) Mander MP

Responsibilities include major events, sport and recreation, racing and Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games.



Minister for Customer Services and Open
Data and Minister for Small and Family
Business

Steven (Steve) Minnikin MP

Responsibilities include cyber security operations and management, digital economy, open data, government information and communication technology policy and planning and shared services systems, small business advocacy and small business capability and resilience.

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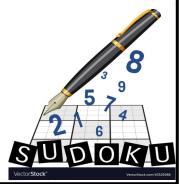
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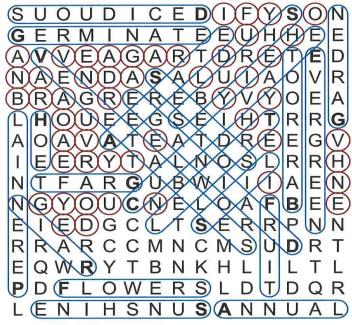
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Find The Word Hidden Quotation 'If you have a garden and a library you have everything you need'











A drunk phoned the police to to his car.

"They've stolen the dashboard, steering wheel, brake pedal, even the accelerator," he cried out.

However, before the police investigation could get under way the phone rang a second time, with the same voice came over the line.

"Never mind," said the drunk with a hiccup. "I got in the backseat by mistake."

The Tomato Garden

An old Italian man lived alone in New Jersey. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden; but it was very difficult work as the ground was hard. His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament:

"Dear Vincent,

I am feeling pretty sad, because it looks like I wont be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days. Love, Papa".

> A few days later he received this letter from his son:

"Dear Pop, Don't dig up that garden. That's where the loot is buried. Love, Vinnie."

At 6 am the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any loot. They apologized to the old man and left. That same day the old man received another letter from his son.

"Dear Pop. Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances. Love, Vinnie."

Jesus is Watching You

A thief enters a house at night, intending on robbing the entire place. In the dark, he starts hearing:

"Jesus is watching you... Jesus is watching you..."

Panicked, he looks around for the source of the report that thieves had broken in whisper, when he finds a parrot in a cage, with the name "Moses" pinned on it. Relieved, he says:

> "Who's the idiot who named a parrot Moses?" The parrot answers:

"The same idiot that named the Pitbull Jesus".

The Twins

A woman, pregnant with twins, gets into a car, has an accident and ends up in a coma for a month. When she wakes up, she's no longer pregnant. The nurse tells her that she gave birth while unconscious, but assures her that both babies, a boy and a girl, are perfectly healthy.

"There's just one thing," the nurse says, "because your children needed legal names, we had to contact your next of kin, your twin brother Patrick."

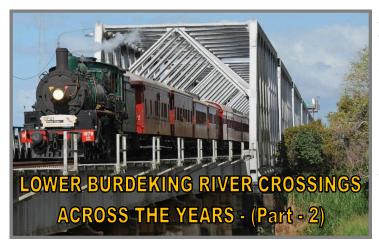
Well, knowing her brother, the woman can only imagine what he named her newborns. She takes a deep breath and asks "what did he decide to name my daughter?"

"Denise" says the nurse. After thinking about it for a while, the woman decides she actually really likes the name Denise. Feeling a bit more optimistic, she asks,

"What did Patrick name my son?"

The nurse sighs and replies "Denephew."





A Railway line to Nowhere:

A snippet from history. This was built from Bowen to Wangaratta (now Bobawabba) south of Home Hill in 1891. It terminated at Bobawabba because the powers that be, could not decide whether the rail would towards the goldfields ao Ravenswood and Charters Towers connecting the Townsville – Reid River Charters Towers Railway line or go to the sugar towns of Ayr and Brandon. In 1901 a railway line was built from Townsville-Stuart to Brandon-Ayr to take the raw sugar to the Townsville Port.



Gibson's Crossing: There was another crossing near the old railway bridge sometimes known as Gibson's Crossing. Robert Gibson had the farm next to this crossing. In 1905 when the river was high the Council ran a ferry from here.

Gleeson's Crossing: This crossing was named after Thomas Gleeson, a farmer, nearby. It was about six miles up the Burdekin from the railway bridge near Osborne State School.

Hamilton's Crossing: (15miles from Inkerman). This crossing was named after Frederick Hamilton who had the first "Burdekin Inn" in 1864 on the northern banks of the Burdekin.

The homestead on the southern side of the river was known as Rosedale, settled by

James Cassady and his family. In March 1864, William Hann found the cost of a ferry at this crossing to be very expensive £3.00. (Gateway to Golden Land Townsville to 1884 by Dorothy Gibson Wilde p17). In March 1870, a flood in the river washed away a punt used by Leichhardt Downs. Two swagmen were drowned here January 1901. (BC Saturday 12 Jan. 1901 p4).

MacMillan's Bridge: This bridge was at the mouth of the Bogie River near Millaroo was built in 1872 to take machinery and supplies to the goldfields of Ravenswood and beyond. It was used for about ten years and then again in the early 1900's for agistment of sheep from the west.

Strathalbyn Crossing: (Named after the property on the southern side of the river.) John McKinlay and Frederick Walker both used this crossing on their return from the Gulf after searching for the missing explorers, Burke and Wills. In the late 1950's early 1960's, the Truscott's who lived on this station came to Ayr and Home Hill via this crossing. In flood times, they would keep their vehicle on the Dalbeg side of the river and use a punt to come across the river.

Burdekin Bridge: (once known as the High Level Silver Link) was finished and officially opened 15th June, 1957. Planning for the bridge began in 1946 after World War 11 and took ten years to build. This bridge is a traffic bridge and also incorporates a railway bridge, effectively keeps Queensland Coastal towns and cities connected all year round. It connects the towns of Ayr and Home Hill near Inkerman Sugar Mill. The Bridge was listed as a National Engineering Heritage Landmark in October 2010.





Built on sand as the river bed at the crossing is made up of sand more than 50 metres deep. The bridge is supported by waterproof concrete caissons measuring 17m x 7.6m, sunk through the sand 30m below bed level.



The bridge superstructure consists of twenty-two approach spans and 10 main spans each by John Kerr for information and photos. spanning 76.2m long make up the overall bridge length of 1103m total weight being 7000 tons.



Construction cost \$6 million and at any one time more than 250 men across several trades worked on the project.





Maybe some of you could tell us a tale or two of when you crossed the river before the high level Burdekin Bridge of today was built, or using the Anabranch Bridge when the sugar line was used at the same time as the vehicles.

I thank the use of Trove for this information, Qld State Archives and Black Snow and Liquid Gold

Glenis Cislowski

The <u>Bridge</u> was completed in 1957. Construction began 10 years earlier in 1947. At 1097 metres (3,600 ft) in length, it is one of the longest multi-span bridges in Australia and longer than <u>Brisbane</u>'s Story <u>Bridge</u> or New South Wales's Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge. It is 46 metres shorter than Sydney's Harbour Bridge. Originally, it was thought that the bridge could not be built in its present location. No trace of rock could be found on which to build the bridge foundations. In 1946, two high-ranking Government engineers visited India to inspect a number of bridges built on sand foundations. The same technique was used for the Burdekin Bridge and it is the only bridge in Australia not built with a firm foothold.

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	Nacho		Kids Deals Served with potato
	Choose from the Nacho range	\$56	gems and popper
	onicken opcorn, nuggets, fingers, tenders, chips,	\$10	
	otato gems, BBQ & tomato sauce, Aioli	\$56 \$10	
	oaded Fries	\$10	
В	Bacon, cheese, eshallots & BBQ sauce	\$50 \$10	Mini Hotdog