

## Maleny meeting to discuss elder abuse

From Val France

WE all want to believe we will be safe and cared for as we get older. But this does not always happen. What can we do to ensure the rights and safety of ourselves and our loved ones?

While there has been much publicity in recent years about domestic and family violence, there has been less emphasis on how our elders can also suffer physical, emotional, and financial abuse. Speak Up Now, an initiative of the combined Service Clubs of Maleny and the Blackall Range, is holding a forum on Elder Abuse on Monday 13th December 2021 (9am - Noon). There will be a short film in the form of a drama outlining issues for older people and their legal rights, including Enduring Powers of Attorneys and Wills, followed by a complimentary morning tea. After this a question and

answer session will be hosted by Julian Porter from the Suncoast Community Legal Service and well know local, Tove Easton from Easton Lawyers.

Representatives from Centacare Domestic Violence Service, and Relationships Australia Elder Abuse team, will also be available to speak to.

Additionally Rev Liena Hoffman will speak about a Conversation Hub which will be commencing in Maleny to enable families to gather to hold 'difficult conversations' related to enduring powers of attorneys etc.

Come along to learn what you can do to ensure your rights to safety in your advanced years. And bring all your questions for the experts. RSVP for catering purposes to Val France 0419 599042 or [speakupnowstopdomesticviolence@gmail.com](mailto:speakupnowstopdomesticviolence@gmail.com).

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Doors open at 8.45am and morning tea will be provided.



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