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## FREE DIARY INFORMS SENIORS OF THEIR RIGHTS

Scams, elder abuse and pensions are all addressed in a free diary aimed at keeping seniors informed of their legal rights.

Attorney General Mark Speakman encouraged seniors to pick up a free copy of the 'Legal topics for older people' diary to help them understand their rights under the law and plan for the year ahead.

"Many of us across the State will be delighted to see the back of 2020. One of the hard earned lessons of this year was that when disaster strikes, it is critical that people have access to the legal help and information they need," Mr Speakman said.

"This amazing resource from Legal Aid NSW is full of useful tips to help seniors make the most of 2021. It provides a one-stop-shop for information about everything from retirement villages, family finances and the pension, to elder abuse and scams."

Acting Minister for Seniors Geoff Lee said the 2021 diary will support seniors in countering the scourge of elder abuse.

"Elder abuse is everybody's business. Older Australians across our State have a right to feel safe and to be treated with dignity," Mr Lee said.

"That's why this year's diary contains important information about how to identify elder abuse, and details about where you or your family can get help."

The diary will keep readers up-to-date with events like the NSW Seniors Festival, NSW Grandparents Day and 2021 school holiday periods. Importantly, it will also provide referral details to relevant legal and non-legal services that can assist older people with their concerns and provide them with avenues for support.

Diaries will be available from Legal Aid NSW offices, your local State MPs, libraries and selected community organisations from 20 January 2021.

Distribution of the diary will focus on reaching older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and older people living in regional and remote areas of NSW.

For the first time, Legal Aid NSW will also produce a free calendar for older people, including useful legal information and tips.

Orders for the diary and calendar can be made [here](#) from 11 January 2021.