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## Your Guide to Using Your Smart Phone – 20th January 2020, 9am-11am

Are you getting full use from your Smartphone? At our first Be Connected session for 2020, you can learn how to -

- use the touchscreen
- make and receive phone calls
  create a contact list of
- friends and family
- keep your smartphone secure
- browse the internet safely
   download and install apps and enjoy a cuppa while you are here

Admission is free for people over 55, if you are willing to register with BeConnected. There is no registration or membership fee. BeConnected is a service provided by the Australian Government.

To find out more, check out our Facebook page. Phone Judi on 0447 227 630 to book. Numbers are limited.

## CNSA First Monthly Meeting for 2020 – Tuesday January 28th from 10.30am

Do you have any questions about your Centrelink entitlements or pension? Margie Horstman, from the Department of Human Services, will be the guest speaker at our monthly meeting on January 28. She provides the Financial Information Service, Face to Face Services for Northern Queensland. Margie will discuss pension entitlements and explain access to concession cards so that you receive discounts on prescriptions, electricity bills, concessions on council rates. cheaper car registration and save on public transport fares. She will explain in simple words what the questions on the pension application form mean. Margie will talk about how the age pension asset test and income test work and clarify part pension rates. We hope

she can take some of the mystery out of deeming rates, franked dividends, thresholds and cut-offs.

She will explain the differences between a Pensioner Concession Card, a Low Income Health Care Card and a Commonwealth Seniors Health Care Card.

Please don't expect Margie to be able to change the system. But she can explain how the system works and you may hear of services and benefits that you do didn't know about. The meeting will be held on Tuesday January 28 at the Oak Tree Retirement Village, 40 Foulkes Street, Norman Gardens at 10.30 am. Following the meeting, members and quests are invited to join us for a light lunch at the Parkhurst Tavern. Choose and pay for your own.

## Join us

Looking for ways to contribute? Consider joining CNSA.

You have a voice and can have genuine input into a range of issues concerning older Central Queenslanders.

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 10.30am.

Unless otherwise stated, events and meetings are held

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at Oak Tree Retirement Village Community Centre, 40 Foulkes St, Norman Gardens. Limited parking and disabled parking is available on site with ample parking in the street. Optional RSVP lunch - \$10. https://nationalseniors.com.au/ about/branches/ capricornia-rockhampton

