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## **SUPER COMMUNITY EVENT FOR THURSDAY ISLAND**

The State's largest superannuation fund, QSuper, will be visiting Thursday Island during NAIDOC week to host a free community event.

Visitors to the event can access a broad range of superannuation information such as how super works and how to maximise it, insurance within super and understanding superannuation member benefit statements.

The event is being supported by a number of partners to provide a broad range of services including the Australian Tax Office, Centrelink, the Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network (ICAN), Registry of Births/Deaths/Marriages, Good Shepherd Microfinance and Good Shepherd No Interest Loans Scheme.

Jason Murray, QSuper's Chief of Member Experience, said the event is the first of its kind hosted by QSuper, and hopes the breadth of partners attending will provide a one-stop-shop for accessing services not necessarily readily available on the island.

"QSuper has a large number of members based on Thursday Island and surrounding islands, most of whom have worked or are currently working for Queensland Government. We are excited to be able to provide a free service to our members and the entire community to help educate them about super, as well as provide access to a range of other services", he said.

The event is open to anyone to attend regardless of which superannuation fund they are a member of. There will be catering throughout the day, a number of giveaways and a crafts corner with face painting and activities to keep the kids entertained.

"I want to make it clear that this event is open to everyone. We will help you no matter which fund you're with. Bring along your benefit statement and we'll help you understand it so you know how much super you have, how much insurance you have and what actions you could take to improve your retirement outcome", he said.

QSuper has been an active participant and sponsor of the Big Super Day Out (hosted by First Nations Foundation) that supports First Nations people with superannuation queries. In 2018 the Fund was invited to speak at the Royal Commission to highlight the good work they are doing to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members.

The event will be held at the Trawq Community Hall, 21 Olandi Street, from 8.30am – 5pm. Everyone is welcome from 4pm to come along to enjoy a meal from Uncle Frankie's Café.

Giveaways have been kindly donated by QMV and Medilaw. Activity materials have been kindly provided by the Queensland Art Gallery - Gallery of Modern Art Children's Art Centre.

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**About QSuper**

*QSuper is Queensland's largest super fund according to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority's annual fund-level superannuation statistics issued on the 21 December 2018, with \$102 billion in funds under administration. From humble beginnings over a century ago, today QSuper manages the retirement savings of more than 577,000 members.*

*With membership previously restricted to current and former Queensland Government employees (and their spouses), QSuper opened its doors for the first time in 2017, with membership now open to anyone.*

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