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GOOD WILL WEEK 2011: DO YOU HAVE THE WILL FOR A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE?

NSW Attorney General, Greg Smith SC, together with the NSW Trustee & Guardian today urged people across the state to take advantage of events being held during Good Will Week 2011 and ensure they have an up-to-date Will.

“The theme of this year’s community education campaign is ‘A Will for a long and happy life’ to recognise while we are living longer than ever, the inevitable will happen, and we all need to make sure we have a legally valid Will in place,” Mr Smith said.

The good news is that almost 40 per cent of the 20,000 older Australians surveyed for Good Will Week consider themselves happy or optimistic, while the same amount say they are “generally fulfilled” about life and only 2.4 per cent said they were generally pessimistic.

The top tip they would give to younger people to help them live a longer and happier life was “to have family or friends nearby” followed by having “meaningful work” or “doing what you love”, and then “keeping your brain active”.

“To discover older Australians really enjoy themselves and feel pretty contented with their lives is a positive thing for all of us,” Mr Smith said.

Mr Smith added there should be no barriers to making a Will as there is no cost to write a Will with NSW Trustee & Guardian as executor. Charges apply on estate administration only.

“You can write a Will at 18 and continue to update it at no charge throughout your life as many times as you need – such as when relationships change, when you buy a house, have children, start a business and so on,” Mr Smith said.

For more information about Good Will Week, or to register for events, please visit www.goodwillweek.com.au Eighteen branches of the NSW Trustee & Guardian will be open for a Wills Day on Saturday, 24 September 2011. Appointments are free and bookings for the Wills Day can be made by calling 1300 14 24 34.

Good Will Week runs from 18 September – 24 September 2011.