

Legal eagle now playwright



**DAMIAN
BATHERSBY
IN NAMBOUR**

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TONI Wills describes her new play as "family drama with game show fun".

She could also add "educational, funny and thought-provoking".

The Suncoast Community Legal Service project officer has combined a love for theatre with her legal

background to write a play to help seniors understand their legal rights.

Yesterday she was at the Old Ambulance Station in Nambour, making preparations for the staging of Piano Forte in the Black Box Theatre.

"Part of the idea of the show is to fuse a traditional education format into an entertainment format and deliver community legal education in a different

way," she said.

Piano Forte was developed after consultation with local seniors and lawyers and uses a narrative format to deliver information on issues such as enduring power of attorney, financial exploitation of older people, inheritance and wills.

It uses just three actors, with the elderly lead character using the information she learns from a game show in a fictional family scenario.

"We found a family drama was a great setting because most of the time, this sort of stuff happens within families," Toni said.

"Sadly, it's the most common scenario."

Piano Forte will be staged at Buderim War Memorial Hall (September 20), Noosa Arts Theatre (September 22) and The Black Box Theatre

(September 24).

Tickets at suncoastcommunitylegal.org/events.



PASSION FOR THEATRE: Toni Wills from Suncoast Community Legal Service.