

Age no barrier for fun loving Keith

DON'T be fooled by Keith Silverwood's walking stick, he is about as spritely as they come, and proves that with age, there is no barrier.

Holding his smart phone in one hand, the 95-year-old is about as tech savvy as any teenager.

"I have one of the latest, a Galaxy S5," he said proudly.

"It told me the other day

that Rafael isn't playing in the US open, he dropped out. He has got a sore wrist or something, but I follow all of his games."

Not only is Mr Silverwood up to date with the latest technology, but he is also a tour guide in Charters Towers and admits he doesn't dwell on his age but just goes about enjoying life.

"Tomorrow I will be at the Miner's Cottage on my own from 10am 'til 5pm as a tour guide.

"It's my son's business and we get people from all over Australia, and they can pan for gold," he said.

Mr Silverwood and his family have dabbled in gold all their lives, dating back to 1959 when he had a gold mine in

Blackwood, Victoria, but nowadays he enjoys spending his spare time panning for gold in the local creeks.

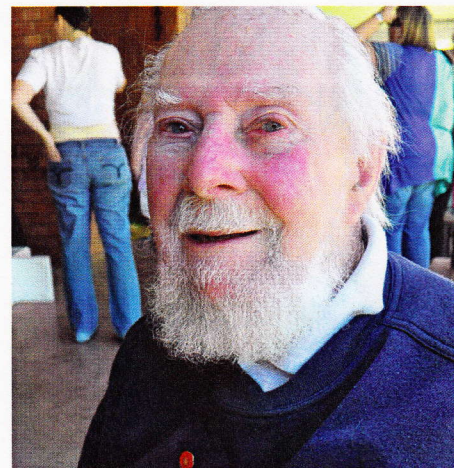
When asked what the secret was to living an active life, Mr Silverwood said most of the time he is a vegetarian, but the secret really is just to enjoy life. "I will never have alzheimers," he said.

"When people come to the cottage and they say they are from Western Australia, I let them know I was in the air force and spent a lot of time over there and they tell me where they came from, I can tell them some history from the area."

Last Saturday, Mr Silverwood was one of many seniors who attended the Senior's Week Lunch at All Souls St Gabriels School.

60 and Better Program coordinator Penney Wilson said Seniors Week is a celebration of all things senior within the community.

Students provided singing entertainment throughout the day and close to 140 seniors at-



Keith Silverwood celebrated all things senior last Saturday when he attended the Senior's Week lunch. Picture: SOPHIE KESTEVEN

tended the lunch.

"They all need their social interaction, because a lot of them live alone so they like getting out and about," Ms

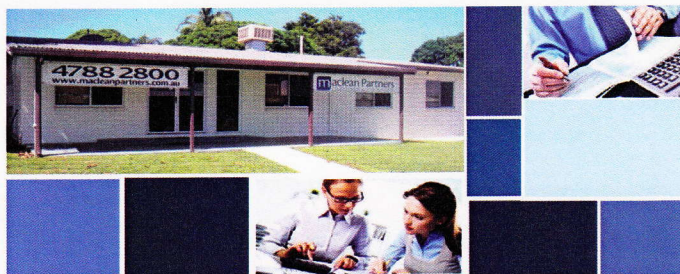
Wilson said.

"And it gives us an opportunity to show our appreciation for the seniors."

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A large number of seniors attended the Senior's week lunch in Halse Hall at All Souls St Gabriels School on Sunday. Picture: SOPHIE KESTEVEN



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