



**Family &  
Community Services**

# **Age-Friendly Community Local Government Grants Scheme**

## **Age-Friendly Community Workshop**

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# NSW Ageing Strategy

People in NSW experience the benefits of living longer

More people will enjoy later life if:

- seniors lead active and rewarding lives and are valued members of the community
- people in their middle years make decisions that support their independence and wellbeing later in life
- NSW responds effectively to the challenges and opportunities of population ageing

# Population Ageing will change NSW

- NSW will grow from 6.8 million in 2006 to 9.1 million in 2036 (+ 2.3 million people or +33%)
    - 0-17 + 0.3 million people or + 19%
    - 18-64 + 0.9 million people or + 21%
    - 65-84 + 0.8 million people or + 100%
    - 85+ + 0.3 million people or + 300%
  - Most people will live longer, healthier lives
    - life expectancy for NSW males will rise from 79.1 years in 2006 to 85.6 years in 2036
    - life expectancy for NSW females will rise from 84 years in 2006 to 89.1 years in 2036
- (Planning & Infrastructure – Housing and Population Projections)

# Implications for Local Government

- Every region will experience an increase in people over 65 years
  - Sydney Metropolitan region will also experience high birth rates
  - Coastal regions will also experience high migration rates
  - Inland regions will also experience modest birth rates or overall decline
- Changing demand for public space
  - Critical services to be within 400m walk zone in town centres
  - Spaces and facilities to be shared by older people and families
- Economic and political force
  - Greater wealth than previous generations
  - High expectations of all levels of government
- Opportunity to use older people's social capital
  - Employment, volunteering and caring
- Housing and development assessments
  - Greater choice, adaptability and affordability
- Generational change in older people's interests
  - New programs and services

# Case Studies - Penrith (Sydney Outer Metro)

- Penrith will grow from 177,200 in 2006 to 234,300 in 2036 (+ 57,100 people or + 32%)
  - 0-14 + 6,900 people or + 17%
  - 15-39 + 17,400 people or + 25%
  - 40-64 + 11,000 people or + 20%
  - 65+ + 22,000 people or + 156%
- Key drivers of change (2006-2036)
  - Births + 92,700
  - Deaths - 29,900
  - Net migration - 5,700
  - Total change + 57,100

(Planning & Infrastructure – Housing and Population Projections)

## Case Studies - Willoughby (Sydney Inner Metro)

- Willoughby will grow from 66,900 in 2006 to 81,500 in 2036 (+ 14,600 people or + 22%)
  - 0-14 + 2,300 people or + 19%
  - 15-39 + 3,000 people or + 11%
  - 40-64 + 3,800 people or + 18%
  - 65+ + 5,500 people or + 68%
- Key drivers of change (2006-2036)
  - Births + 31,500
  - Deaths - 10,900
  - Net migration - 5,800
  - Total change + 14,600\*

\*Components do not sum due to rounding

(Planning & Infrastructure – Housing and Population Projections)

## Case Studies – Port Macquarie-Hastings (coastal)

- Port Macquarie-Hastings will grow from 71,300 in 2006 to 107,600 in 2036 (+ 36,300 people or + 51%)
  - 0-14 + 2,500 people or + 19%
  - 15-39 + 2,700 people or + 15%
  - 40-64 + 7,500 people or + 31%
  - 65+ + 23,700 people or + 148%
- Key drivers of change (2006-2036)
  - Births + 23,400
  - Deaths - 29,800
  - Net migration + 43,000
  - Total change + 36,300

(Planning & Infrastructure – Housing and Population Projections)



# Case Studies - Walgett (inland)

- Walgett will decline from 7,300 in 2006 to 5,800 in 2036 (- 1,500 people or - 21%)
  - 0-14 - 700 people or - 44%
  - 15-39 - 600 people or - 29%
  - 40-64 - 600 people or - 23%
  - 65+ + 400 people or + 44%
- Key drivers of change (2006-2036)
  - Births + 2,500
  - Deaths - 1,700
  - Net migration - 2,400
  - Total change - 1,600\*

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(Planning & Infrastructure – Housing and Population Projections)



# Challenge

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- How will population ageing change your community?
- What are the implications for your Council?
- What needs to happen now to help your council prepare for population ageing?
- What needs to be included in your Council's Community Strategic Plan and other planning documents?
- Who will work with you to prepare for population ageing in your community?

# Age-Friendly Community Local Government Grants Scheme

## Aim:

- To support planning and responses to population ageing in the local government sector

## Objectives:

- plan for population ageing and incorporate in Community Strategic Plans
- whole of council approach to population ageing
- create age-friendly places
- accessibility and utilisation of community facilities
- partnership with local stakeholders
- leverage funding from other sources



# Age-Friendly Community Local Government Grants Scheme (continued)

## Eligibility:

- Open to councils or groups of councils

## Applying for a grant:

- \$550,000 available
- Grants administered by LGSA, with support of a steering committee (OfA and DLG)
- \$25,000 for individual councils or \$60,000 as part of a group of councils
- Applications made via the online form [www.lgsa.org.au](http://www.lgsa.org.au)
- Check the eligibility guidelines

# Possible Examples

- Planning for population ageing
  - Develop a local ageing strategy
  - Specific modelling or engagement processes to understand impact of ageing for the Community Strategic Plan
- Age friendly places and town centres
  - Seniors auditing the liveability of town centres, parks or other council places
  - Progressing the implementation of past audits and plans
  - Small improvements to signage, seating, toilets or exercise equipment
- Facilities Planning
  - Joint planning with ngos and clubs on accessibility and use of facilities
- IT Solutions
  - Applications to help people navigate their local community

# Exclusions

Projects that are not eligible for funding:

- Festivals, events, short term programs or activities
- Devolved grants
- Maintenance of past capital projects
- Continuing administration/operational costs of organisations
- Normal salaries of existing staff supervising or working on the project as part of their usual duties
- Projects without benefit for older people's participation
- Projects that are already completed/taken place (i.e. retrospective funding)

# Timeframes

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Applications close	16 November 2012
Applications reviewed	mid-late November 2012
Councils notified	December 2012
Projects start	by end February 2013
First progress reports	30 July 2013
Projects complete	30 June 2014
Acquittals	by 30 July 2014