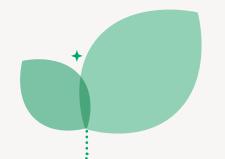
# **OLDER PEOPLE**

OVER 50% OF ALL RESPONSES FROM THE COMMUNITY CAME FROM THOSE AGED 50+, WITH 30% OF OVERALL RESPONSES FROM OVER 65'S.





#### WHAT WILL AGEING LOOK LIKE IN THE CITY OF MELTON IN THE NEXT 30 YEARS?

56%

Feeling accepted and included was prioritised highly



60%

Over 50's rated infrastructure and access (transport, services, open space) as most important

563%



The prevalence of dementia in our community is forecast to increase by 563%

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Lone person households will be the fastest growing household type

**60+YRS** 

There will be an additional 40,000 people aged 60+ totalling around 65,000

20,000

over 65's will be culturally and linguistically diverse





**85+YRS** 

Over 85s are the fastest growing population



**65+YRS** 

The number of over 65s will triple by 2051



**AGEING** 

Australia's population is ageing. Driven by longer life expectancies and lower fertility rates

**GROWING & THRIVING** 

MELTON

## **OLDER PEOPLE**



### WHAT THEY SAID WAS IMPORTANT

#### **WHAT WE PLAN TO DO**

Infrastructure (the built environment) and access (transport, services, open space

- Support the delivery of targeted employment programs for over 50's
- Deliver initiatives which support the financial literacy of older women
- Deliver a range of Support At Home services to eligible clients
- Undertake research to better understand the issues, needs and opportunities of Grandparent Carers

Local and accessible community services were an important part of this population ageing well, as is Feeling accepted and included

- Increase awareness of Seniors Rights and Elder Abuse
- Deliver a variety of events during the Victorian Seniors Festival
- Increase awareness of online safety
- Nominate seniors for awards that recognise their positive contribution to the community

We recognise that giving older people plenty of opportunities to come together and socialise, and to celebrate the contribution of older people will make this community better for older people.

The other key message we saw from feedback related to places, spaces and involvement.

Further, these needed to be tailored to particular circumstances that older people have

- Connect with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations to better understand their needs and aspirations,
- Promote targeted men's and women's health programs such as Sons of the West and Daughters of the West,
- · Deliver targeted exercise programs that meet the needs of older residents, and
- Promote opportunities for older people to contribute their voices to community consultations.

