



Shire of
Serpentine
Jarrahdale

Looking after our Seniors



Timeframe
2018/2019



Cost
\$100,000



Partnerships
Federal, State,
not-for-profit and
private.

Keeping our community together.

We're working hard with a range of partners to deliver local and regional programs and facilities to our senior residents that will enable them to continue to live in an area they love while experiencing greater quality of life.

But we need your help.



By 2026...

we will experience a **151.9%** increase in residents of retirement age.



Right now...

aged care facilities in Serpentine Jarrahdale can only house up to **68** residents.



We provide...

a range of localised funding, support, and programming specific to seniors.



Planning for an engaged SJ.



Project summary

It's important that we continue to collaborate with agencies to provide diverse and holistic aged care services to our community. By reviewing current service deficits to local seniors, we will be equipped to deliver a strategy that identifies programs and facilities required to meet the needs of this increasing demographic.

Our long-term vision is to deliver active living programs for seniors, enabling them to enjoy the country lifestyle they have come to expect from Serpentine Jarrahdale. We hope to ensure that they have access to key facilities and services by providing development opportunities for retirement and lifestyle villages, as well as aged care facilities that cater to a range of residential, respite, and palliative needs. Encouraging the development and delivery of additional aged care facilities with a full range of holistic care options means we can provide positive ageing options for our residents. We aim to reduce the need for senior residents to seek lifestyle options outside of the Serpentine Jarrahdale area.



Situational analysis

There is one aged care facility currently within the Shire. This means that we are experiencing a significant lack of diversity of aged care housing options locally. Senior residents have no real choice for ageing in place, and will likely have to leave the Shire in order to secure accommodation that suits their needs.

Our concern is that this will lead to a severe disconnection from community, and social isolation for our ageing population. With a 151.9% increase of residents of retirement age by 2026, we will not have sufficient accommodation options for our seniors.



Risks of delay

- A growing number of seniors poorly supported due to resourcing issues in the areas of facilities, services and programs.
- Insufficient aged care facilities resulting in senior residents being required to leave Serpentine Jarrahdale. This puts a significant strain on families and social relationships.
- Continued pressure on neighbouring hospitals and medical facilities, and consistent frustration for residents needing to drive or rely on insufficient public transport options to receive care.



Outcomes

- Engaged and active seniors, with access to the services and facilities they require to continue to be active within the greater community.
- Aged care facilities that focus on positive ageing strategies and incorporate a range of residential living and care options that foster community and social engagement.
- Retention of benefits associated with older people living in our community, such as higher volunteer rates, protection of historical local knowledge and intergenerational engagement.



How to help

- Assist with undertaking assessments of potential sites for facility development on State controlled land.
- Contribute towards a total \$150,000 investment for further aged care analysis requirements. This includes the development of a Positive Ageing Strategy, examination of social environmental factors, improving the built environment to reduce vulnerability and assessing multi-disciplinary, multi-sectoral approaches to healthy ageing.