

MEDIA STATEMENT



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Have your say on age-friendly strategy

Residents throughout Greater Bunbury area are urged to have their say on a strategy that adopts an age-friendly approach to planning while encouraging seniors to participate and remain active within the community.

The City of Bunbury and shires of Dardanup and Harvey have developed a Greater Bunbury Age-Friendly Strategy, which is designed to plan for the ageing population into the future.

The strategy was funded by the South West Development Commission and the Department of Local Government and Communities and was developed in consultation with Creating Communities.

The process of developing the Greater Bunbury Age-Friendly Strategy involved community engagement from across the Greater Bunbury Region, which included researching and analysing information to generate findings in respect of the Age-Friendly Communities Framework.

Seniors' participation in the local government consultation process is essential to an age-friendly approach to strategic planning.

An age-friendly community embodies a culture that anticipates and responds to the needs of its ageing population. This principle is shared by people of all demographics and promotes the inclusion and contribution of older people in all areas of community life.

The Greater Bunbury Age-Friendly Strategy will also contribute to Bunbury's push to be the most accessible regional city in Australia.

Residents of the City of Bunbury and Harvey and Dardanup shires can have their say by completing a submission form via the City of Bunbury website www.bunbury.wa.gov.au A copy of the strategy can also be found on the website.

The closing date for submissions is 5pm Monday 28 November.

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