

An elderly man and woman are laughing and stretching on a paved path in a park. The man is on the left, wearing a dark grey t-shirt and shorts, with his hands on his knees. The woman is on the right, wearing a teal t-shirt and grey leggings, also with her hands on her knees. They are both smiling and looking at each other. The background is a lush green park with large trees and sunlight filtering through the leaves.

Strong, liveable communities

**TASMANIA'S ACTIVE AGEING
PLAN IMPLEMENTATION
STRATEGY 2021–2022**

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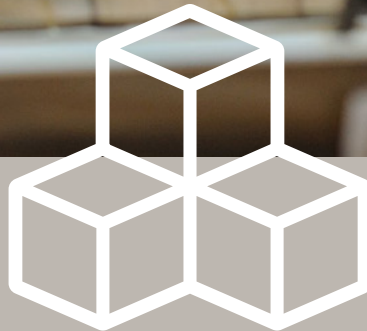
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It is projected that by 2030, one in four Tasmanian people will be 65 years or older.

Older people make a significant contribution to our society and to our economy, as self-employed and paid workers, volunteers, students, family members, carers, consumers and tourists. They help to create a more inclusive and vibrant community.

When people are supported to age actively, they are empowered to make choices about how to live their life and ways they can reach their potential for physical, mental and social wellbeing.

Strong, Liveable Communities Tasmania's Active Ageing Plan 2017-2022 (Active Ageing Plan) is the Tasmanian Government's commitment to support older Tasmanians to maintain their health, increase their participation, continue to learn, and feel secure as they age.

The evidence is clear. Older adults can live longer, healthier lives by staying socially connected, learning new skills, increasing their levels of physical activity, and eating in a healthy way.

To support the Active Ageing Plan, Tasmanian Government agencies have developed this third Implementation Strategy which outlines actions to be progressed by agencies up until 31 December 2022.

The Active Ageing Plan and Implementation Strategy contain four priority action areas identified through consultations with older Tasmanians. These are health, life-long learning, participation and security.

A key focus of the Active Ageing Plan is on building strong, liveable communities. Active Ageing is about providing people with opportunities to grow older in the way they wish, to be engaged in their communities and to enable them to age in-place.

As we move along the COVID-19 recovery journey, there is also a focus on what we can do to maximise opportunities for older workers to re-enter, reskill, or remain in the workforce.

The Tasmanian Government funds COTA Tasmania (Council on the Ageing [Tas] Inc) as a peak body to represent the needs and issues of older Tasmanians, and to ensure that their voices and views inform Government policies, service and programs for older Tasmanians.

COTA Tasmania plays a key role in implementing programs in supporting the Government in implementing each Active Ageing Strategy, through providing research and a range of programs to support older Tasmanians remain healthy, engaged and resilient.

This is the final implementation strategy under the 2017-22 Active Ageing Plan.

The Tasmanian Government will support development of a new *Strong Liveable Communities: Tasmania's Active Ageing Plan*, through investing \$125 000 for COTA to finalise implementation of actions under the current strategy, as well as commence work on consultation ahead of the current plan expiring in 2022.

The Tasmanian Government acknowledges the important contribution made by many organisations in the delivery of services to older Tasmanians, including in our response to and recovery from COVID-19.

OUR AREAS FOR ACTION

The Tasmanian Government will act in areas that make it easier for older Tasmanians to live full and active lives. The four key areas are:



ONE: HEALTH

1. Support people to be active in managing their own health
2. Facilitate access to physical activity to improve strength, resilience and participation
3. Provide information and programs about affordable, healthy eating
4. Improve access to mental and physical health care in rural communities



TWO: LIFELONG LEARNING

5. Work collaboratively to increase confidence and skills to use digital technology
6. Provide opportunities for diverse groups to share skills and knowledge
7. Work to lift literacy and numeracy levels of older adults
8. Provide targeted information about education, training and learning opportunities



THREE: PARTICIPATION

9. Strengthen the liveability of local communities
10. Maximise opportunities for older workers to re-enter, reskill or remain in the workforce
11. Work with local businesses to respond to the needs of an ageing community
12. Implement whole-of-community strategies to overcome transport barriers
13. Support a skilled, sustainable volunteering workforce
14. Address ageism and combat age-related stereotypes



FOUR: SECURITY

15. Support awareness and improve our response to elder abuse
16. Assist people to access appropriate cost of living support
17. Strengthen our efforts to provide appropriate and affordable housing
18. Facilitate education and support for older people to be safe online
19. Support older people to maintain independence as they age



ACTION AREA ONE: **HEALTH**

Tasmanians can access information and services to be active participants in managing their own health as they age.



I Support people to be active in managing their own health.

- 1.1** Through the Healthy Parks Healthy People program, work cooperatively with organisations to provide safe experiences in parks and reserves, highlighting the link between nature and human health.
- Establish and maintain a schedule of regular meetings with access and inclusion staff at Parks Victoria to share learnings and best practice in the Healthy Parks Healthy People space.
- Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment**
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- 1.2** Pursue opportunities to support and promote mental health of Tasmanians and help reduce stigma under *Rethink Mental Health, Better Mental Health and Wellbeing: A Long-Term Plan for Mental Health in Tasmania 2015-2025*.
- Department of Health**
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- 1.3** Implement relevant frameworks and models of care for subacute care, rehabilitation and geriatric services, as part of *Our Healthcare Future* reforms to connect and rebalance care across acute, subacute, rehabilitation, mental health and primary health sectors through to care in the community.
- Department of Health**
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- 1.4** Through the immunisation team in the Department of Health, continue to encourage older Tasmanians to access adult immunisations for older Tasmanians, via collaboration with our stakeholders.
- Department of Health**
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- 1.5** **Chronic conditions**
- Update the Department of Health's 'Working in Health Promoting Ways' website. The website contains health promotion resources for health and community workers to help them work together to address the causes of ill health, reduce the burden of chronic conditions and create a more sustainable health system.
- Department of Health**

Healthy Tasmania Challenge

Develop the next phase of the *Healthy Tasmania Strategic Plan 2021–2026*.

Guiding the next phase of the Healthy Tasmania Strategic Plan is a significant body of successful activity, partnerships, evaluation, feedback, and consultation.

The Tasmanian Government has signalled its continued commitment to the health and wellbeing of Tasmanians underpinned by the Tasmanian Statement.

In designing the strategic plan, the focus is on finding new and better ways of working across government and with communities to develop longer-term solutions to address longstanding social and economic factors that may influence poorer health outcomes for Tasmanians.

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Facilitate access to physical activity to improve strength, resilience, and participation.

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| 2.1 | <p>Offer discounts for a variety of activities managed by the Parks and Wildlife Service to senior concession card holders to encourage seniors to keep active and maintain their physical health and participation levels. These include bookable walking track products, cave tours and access to Highfield House.</p> <p>A 20% discount is applicable for holders of Seniors Cards (excluding Seniors Business Cards issued in Victoria and Queensland to seniors still working up to full time) to these activities.</p> | <p>Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment</p> |
| 2.2 | <p>Provide an ongoing 50% discount for all annual or two-year Parks passes for Seniors Card holders.</p> | <p>Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment</p> |
| 2.3 | <p>Ensure the needs of older Tasmanians are considered in the development of State Sport and Recreation Infrastructure strategies.</p> | <p>Department of Communities Tasmania</p> |
| 2.4 | <p>Deliver Healthy Tasmania Fund projects over two years. The active projects from Healthy Tasmania funding rounds will continue into 2021 and 2022.</p> | <p>Department of Health</p> |
| 2.5 | <p>Release annual North and North-West Get Active booklets to provide ideas for older Tasmanians to be active and social in their local area.</p> | <p>Department of Communities Tasmania</p> |
| 2.6 | <p>Support COTA Tasmania to ensure that older Tasmanians can readily access information about participation in sport, recreation and community life, so as to promote active ageing.</p> | <p>Department of Communities Tasmania</p> |
| 2.7 | <p>Provide infrastructure that encourages the physical challenge of cycling.</p> | <p>Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment</p> |
| 2.8 | <p>Through the Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) continue to work with representatives from ParaQuad Tasmania to review and ground-truth access-friendly facilities, tracks and information for park users.</p> <p>In partnership with Healthy Tasmania and the University of Tasmanian Institute for Social Change, PWS intends to undertake a research project to determine barriers and enablers to park visitation, pending the availability of funding.</p> | <p>Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment</p> |
| 2.9 | <p>Promote the Discovery Ranger program to encourage older Tasmanians to participate in physical activity events. PWS will expand on the introductory accessibility training provided to Discovery Rangers and Aboriginal Discovery Rangers.</p> | <p>Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment</p> |

3**Provide information and programs about affordable, healthy eating.**

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| 3.1 | Support COTA Tasmania to offer the <i>Eat to Cheat Ageing</i> peer education program which supports older Tasmanians in improving their knowledge of age appropriate diets. | Department of Communities Tasmania |
| 3.2 | Continue to offer the <i>Nutrition for Older People and Malnutrition in Older People</i> online training. These free training packages are for all staff and volunteers who work with older people living in the community. | Department of Health |
| 3.3 | Continue to update and maintain the Healthy Ageing webpages on the Department of Health website. The focus of this resource is about eating well and being active. All resources are free to access, with the primary target group being health and community workers who support community living older Tasmanians. | Department of Health |

4**Improve access to mental and physical health care in rural communities.**

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| 4.1 | Improve the provision of health services in rural communities through the use of telehealth connecting to individual's personal devices or computers, or at Tasmanian Health Service facilities in rural and remote locations. | Department of Health |
| 4.2 | Support COTA Tasmania to provide support to older people in regional, rural and remote areas of Tasmania through extended outreach of its consultations and programs. | Department of Communities Tasmania |
| 4.3 | Support Rural Alive and Well to build healthy and resilient rural communities, and assist individuals, families and communities through mental health issues with a focus on suicide prevention. | Department of Health |



ACTION AREA TWO: **LIFELONG LEARNING**

Tasmanian have access to lifelong learning to acquire knowledge and learn new skills throughout life.

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Work collaboratively to increase confidence and skills to use digital technology.

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| 5.1 | Continue to provide computing and technology programs for older Tasmanians in local communities through Libraries Tasmania. | Department of Education |
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| 5.2 | Deliver the Digital Ready for Daily Life program that helps ensure older Tasmanians are not left behind in an increasingly digital world, with training in local communities. | Department of State Growth |

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Provide opportunities for diverse groups to share skills and knowledge.

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| 6.1 | Provide ongoing funding to support a state-wide, coordinated approach for Men's Sheds in Tasmania, to enable intergenerational sharing of knowledge and skills, and to undertake mental health and well-being initiatives. | Department of Communities Tasmania |
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| 6.2 | Through the Parks and Wildlife Service Aboriginal Discovery Rangers continue to provide Aboriginal cultural activities for visitors to parks and reserves. | Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment |
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| 6.3 | Through Libraries Tasmania continue to identify intergenerational learning opportunities involving local schools and older Tasmanians. | Department of Education |
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| 6.4 | Through the Parks and Wildlife Service continue to work in partnership with Wildcare and the Migrant Resource Centres to deliver inclusive, supported park visits statewide. | Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment |





7 Work to lift literacy and numeracy levels of older adults.

7.1 Through the 26TEN campaign, encourage older Tasmanians to volunteer and support older people to build their skills. **Department of Education**

7.2 Support COTA Tasmania to implement its 26TEN Action Plan. **Department of Education**

8 Provide targeted information about education, training and learning opportunities.

8.1 Support COTA Tasmania to provide targeted information to older Tasmanians on education, training and learning opportunities. **Department of Communities Tasmania**





ACTION AREA THREE: PARTICIPATION

Older Tasmanians are able to fully participate in the economic and social life of the community.

9 Strengthen the liveability of local communities.

9.1 Promote the updated *Liveable Communities Toolkit*, resources and Facebook page to Local Government Councils. The Toolkit includes information about liveable communities, how they can be achieved; and where to go for more information.

Department of Communities Tasmania

9.2 Commence the scoping of issues for coverage by the Tasmanian Planning Policies (TPPs) in early 2021, with the submission of draft TPPs for formal review by the Tasmanian Planning Commission in late 2021. The principles are already included in part in the State Planning Provisions currently being incrementally implemented across the State to replace the older planning scheme controls in the *Housing Land Supply Act 2018*.

Department of Justice

9.3 Implement *Accessible Island: Tasmania's Disability Framework for Action 2018-2021* to support access and inclusion for older Tasmanians with disability to continue to participate in their community.

Department of Communities Tasmania

The Premier's Disability Advisory Council will advise on review of the 2018-21 Framework.

9.4 Ensure apartment developments include consideration of adequate private open space, avoidance of lengthy corridors, appropriate setbacks for sunlight, privacy and amenity.

Department of Justice

The Apartment Code currently being developed in partnership with the Hobart City Council will ensure that new developments are not only easier to assess but designed to provide high quality accommodation for those members of the community seeking to downsize in retirement.

While the Code is being developed in partnership with Hobart CC, it will be a state-wide code which will apply in the inner urban zones irrespective of which municipal area they are in. Those zones are:

- a. Inner Residential Zone;
- b. Urban Mixed Use Zone;
- c. Local Business Zone;
- d. General Business Zone; or
- e. Central Business Zone.

In addition to the specified zones, councils will also be able to apply it to other areas by using an overlay where there is strategic justification that apartments are appropriate in those areas.

10**Maximise opportunities for older workers to re-enter, reskill, or remain in the workforce.**

10.1	<p>Through TasTAFE continue to offer training for older learners who are planning to commence, return to, or continue with study.</p> <p>In 2021, TasTAFE will deliver the Certificate II in General Education for Adults under the Adult Learning Strategy.</p> <p>TasTAFE will also deliver no cost training places (including foundation skills) for jobseekers and school leavers through the JobTrainer Fund, in partnership with the Australian Government.</p>	Department of State Growth
10.2	<p>Review the role and responsibility of Career Advisors.</p> <p>The Department of State Growth will seek to enhance data analysis and industry liaison to better align training to skills required by industry.</p>	Department of State Growth
10.3	<p>Revise and update the Tasmanian State Service Diversity and Inclusion Framework in 2021. The associated actions will incorporate research undertaken in 2020 to support older/mature age workers.</p>	Department of Premier and Cabinet
10.4	<p>Finalise a draft mental health best practice framework for workplaces in Tasmania.</p> <p>The framework will apply to all people in Tasmania's workplaces, including considering the needs of older people in the workplace. This work will be informed by relevant national developments, including the possible development of a National Mental Health Workplace Framework.</p>	Department of Health
10.5	<p>Undertake targeted consultations with stakeholders on the draft amendments and tools to support older workers making application to the Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Tribunal.</p>	Department of Justice
10.6	<p>Support COTA Tasmania to continue to promote the Work45+ website and to work with industry councils to encourage employers to hire and retain older workers.</p>	Department of Communities Tasmania

11**Work with local businesses to respond to the needs of an ageing community.**

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| 11.1 | Encourage employers and industry to participate in their own workforce planning and development activities, including recognising the positive role and potential in recruiting, retraining and retaining older workers in the workforce.

Action continues through the Skills Tasmania industry advisory framework to encourage industries to prepare workforce plans that include strategies for employing older people. | Department of State Growth |
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| 11.2 | Support COTA Tasmania to continue the Ageing Workforce Community of Practice to promote age-friendly workplaces. | Department of Communities Tasmania |
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| 11.3 | Continue the Employer of Choice program of events, to highlight issues in managing an ageing workforce and to showcase businesses that can be considered 'active ageing workplaces'. | Department of State Growth |
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| 11.4 | Support COTA Tasmania to implement and update age-friendly business resources in collaboration with Tasmanian businesses and Seniors Card businesses. | Department of Communities Tasmania |
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12**Implement whole-of-community strategies to overcome transport barriers.**

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| 12.1 | Fund RACT to continue to deliver the Years Ahead program which is specifically aimed at helping drivers choose a safe vehicle, being physically fit to drive, and understand road rules that are commonly misunderstood by Tasmanian drivers. | Department of State Growth |
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| 12.2 | Provide taxi subsidies to National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants until the participant has had their plan reviewed or until 31 October 2022, whichever occurs first. The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) has agreed to reimburse states for continuing to provide taxi subsidies.

Tasmanian NDIS participants are able to continue to access uncapped taxi subsidies through the Taxi Subsidy Safety Net until their plan review has been undertaken.

Transition to the Taxi Supplement will occur once a participant's plan review has been undertaken. The Supplement will allow Tasmanian NDIS participants to continue to receive a level of taxi subsidies while they adjust to using supports in their NDIS plan until the end of 2023. | Department of State Growth |
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| 12.3 | Continue to implement a more connected network of bus services across the state that continue to operate more regularly and consistently.

On 17 January 2021, the new North West bus network, and intercity bus network which operates between Devonport and Hobart became active.

In the South, bus networks to and within Kingborough are being improved. The new network will be supported by park and ride facilities, the introduction of additional high frequency bus services from Kingborough to the Hobart CBD on a two-year trial basis, and general improvements to bus services across Kingborough. These new services will result in an additional ten buses on the road.

Implementation is expected to be completed by July/August 2021. | Department of State Growth |
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| 12.4 | Provide a \$500 000 Community, Coach and Car Fund for local community sector organisations to access.

The Community Car and Coach Fund will help communities to purchase vehicles to provide local transport for access to essential services, connecting people to employment, education, health and wellbeing services, social and other support networks - particularly in Tasmania's regional communities where other transport options may be more limited. | Department of Communities Tasmania |
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| 12.5 | Continue Free bus travel on Metro during Seniors Week for Tasmanian Seniors Card holders. | Metro Tasmania |
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13 Support a skilled, sustainable volunteering workforce.

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| 13.1 | Fund Volunteering Tasmania to support local volunteer organisations and help them find and retain volunteers, and to make it easier for people interested in volunteering to find suitable roles as recover from COVID-19. | Department of Communities Tasmania |
| 13.2 | Continue to work with Wildcare and other volunteer organisations to engage older volunteers in the Parks and Wildlife Service programs. | Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment |
| 13.3 | Continue to lead and support activities aimed at up-skilling volunteers, coaches and officials within the sport and recreation sector. | Department of Communities Tasmania |
| 13.4 | State Emergency Service (SES)
Continue to support a skilled, sustainable volunteering workforce by providing opportunities for older Tasmanians to participate and contribute to towards community safety. | Department of Police and Emergency Management |

14 Address ageism and combat age-related stereotypes.

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| 14.1 | Provide indexed funding to COTA Tasmania to act as the peak body representing the needs of older people, and the older persons' sector, in Tasmania. COTA plays a key role in addressing ageism and its impact on older persons. | Department of Communities Tasmania |
| 14.2 | Fund COTA Tasmania to deliver Seniors Week in 2021 and 2022. Seniors Week provides opportunities for older Tasmanians to participate with others in a wide range of events and to try out new activities. The week provides an opportunity to pay tribute to seniors and their contributions to Tasmania. | Department of Communities Tasmania |



ACTION AREA FOUR: SECURITY

Older Tasmanians are supported to be safe and secure in their own home and the community.

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Support awareness of, and improve our response to, elder abuse.

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| <p>15.1 Work with the Statewide Elder Abuse Prevention Advisory Committee (SEPAC) to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• undertake actions arising from the <i>Respect and Protect Older Tasmanians—Tasmania’s Elder Abuse Prevention Strategy 2019-2022</i>, including continuing work to strengthen the services system;• undertake actions arising from the <i>National Plan to Respond to the abuse of Older Australians 2019-2023</i>; and• facilitate the review and consultation for the development of a new strategy in 2022. | <p>Department of Communities Tasmania</p> |
| <p>15.2 Consider research undertaken as part of the <i>National Plan to Respond to the Abuse of Older Australians Elder Abuse) 2019-2023</i> as well as any outcomes of the Royal Commission into Aged Care in relation to elder abuse, when considering any enhancements to the Tasmanian response system.</p> | <p>Department of Communities Tasmania</p> |
| <p>15.3 Continue to deliver the Elder Abuse Prevention Awareness Campaign (launched in June 2020) to raise the understanding and ability to respond to abuse of older persons.</p> | <p>Department of Communities Tasmania</p> |
| <p>15.4 Fund Advocacy Tasmania to deliver the Tasmanian Elder Abuse Help Line service.</p> | <p>Department of Communities Tasmania</p> |

16 Assist people to access appropriate cost of living support.

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| 16.1 | Promote and update the annual Tasmanian Government Discounts and Concessions Guide, which provides information on a range of concessions and discounts on the cost of government services to support older Tasmanians to access essential services. | Department of Communities Tasmania |
| 16.2 | Administer the Seniors Card Program, jointly supported by private enterprise, to provide a diverse range of discounts on products and services. | Department of Communities Tasmania |
| 16.3 | Continue to support the delivery of emergency relief initiatives to provide food, information and support to those in need. | Department of Communities Tasmania |
| 16.4 | Provide financial assistance for families to meet the cost of energy through the Energy Hardship Fund. | Department of Communities Tasmania |
| 16.5 | Provide winter energy bill relief of \$125 per household for concession customers, giving direct assistance to those who need it most. The energy bill supplement will apply to eligible concession card holders, including those on the Age Pension. | Department of Treasury and Finance |
| 16.6 | Provide funding to the No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS) Energy Saver Loan and Subsidy Scheme for energy efficient appliances, over four years. | Department of State Growth |



Strengthen our efforts to provide appropriate and affordable housing.

17.1	Through Housing Tasmania work with Housing Connect to raise awareness of the role and function of Housing Connect's one-stop-shop services.	Department of Communities Tasmania
17.2	Continue to design and construct new accommodation and public housing suitable for older people. All new construction is expected to meet livability standards suitable for 'ageing in place'. The <i>Housing Design – Standards for Social Housing</i> policy, which already mandates these standards, is also under review.	Department of Communities Tasmania
17.3	Support the construction of a new aged care facility in Southern Tasmania to support frail elderly on low incomes, with delivery of 40 bed licenses awarded to Wintringham Specialist Aged Care.	Department of Communities Tasmania
17.4	Support the transfer of 132 social housing units to Wintringham to provide tenancy management and support for older people in the South.	Department of Communities Tasmania
17.5	Through Housing Tasmania work with Wintringham to provide outreach support for older people who are applicants on the Housing Register.	Department of Communities Tasmania
17.6	Support the construction of new supported accommodation facilities for older Tasmanians in the North-West of the State.	Department of Communities Tasmania
17.7	Continue to monitor housing demand from older Tasmanians through the Housing Register.	Department of Communities Tasmania
17.8	Continue to fund women's shelters in each region to provide crisis and transitional accommodation for adult women across the State.	Department of Communities Tasmania
17.9	Continue to use the Household Assessment Prioritisation System to ensure homeless women are categorised as priority applicants.	Department of Communities Tasmania

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Strengthen our efforts to provide appropriate and affordable housing.

- 17.10** Offer a concession that provides a 50 per cent discount on property transfer duty for eligible pensioners who sell their former home in Tasmania and downsize by buying another home in Tasmania.

**Department of
Treasury and
Finance**

The new property must have a dutiable value of \$500 000 or less and also have a dutiable value less than the former home.

The duty concession is available to 30 June 2022.

Further information on eligibility is available through www.sro.tas.gov.au

- 17.11** Work with the Hobart City Mission to co-invest in new homeless accommodation for older men in the South to assist residents into more stable housing.

**Department of
Communities
Tasmania**

- 17.12** Provide an in-home support service for older residents in social housing in the South to improve their stability of tenure and health and wellbeing.

**Department of
Communities
Tasmania**



18**Facilitate education and support for older people to be safe online.**

- 18.1** As an eSmart library service, accredited through the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, equip Libraries Tasmania staff to support Tasmanian library users with the skills they need for smart, safe and responsible use of technology. **Department of Education**
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- 18.2** Inform and support older Tasmanians on issues of online safety, personal and household safety, which may include presenting to smaller, COVID-19 safe groups, and through print and social media platforms. **Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management**
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Support older people to maintain independence as they age.

<p>19.1</p>	<p>Work collaboratively with our partners and other relevant organisations to support older Tasmanians to feel safe.</p> <p>Engage with older Tasmanians through print and social media to provide simple, practical tips and strategies to improve personal and household safety, including through targeted community fire safety programs.</p>	<p>Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management</p>
<p>19.2</p>	<p>Administer the Companion Card program for people with disability who require lifelong support from a companion carer to participate at community venues and events.</p>	<p>Department of Communities Tasmania</p>
<p>19.3</p>	<p>Revise the <i>Tasmanian Carer Action Plan 2017-2020</i> which includes recognition of the role and contribution of older carers, and those who care for older Tasmanians.</p>	<p>Department of Communities Tasmania</p>
<p>19.4</p>	<p>Introduce Tasmania's first Carer's recognition legislation and provide funding for a new Carers Week community grants program.</p>	<p>Department of Communities Tasmania</p>
<p>19.5</p>	<p>Extend supports for informal kinship carers, including grandparents, who help raise children who are unable to live with their parents.</p>	<p>Department of Communities Tasmania</p>
<p>19.6</p>	<p>Implement <i>Compassionate Communities: A Tasmanian Palliative Care Policy Framework 2017-2021</i>, which aims to create a contemporary, inclusive approach to palliative care in Tasmania.</p> <p>Key focus areas for 2021 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing the implementation of the Strengthening Communities of Care Strategy 2018-2021. • Ongoing work to support, strengthen and monitor the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Tasmanian Palliative Care Community Charter; – Bereavement Care Network; – End of life care supplementary services; – After hours palliative care phone support service; and – Implementation of the revised Advance Care Directive and information resource. 	<p>Department of Health</p>
<p>19.7</p>	<p>Progress staged implementation of the Tasmanian Law Reform Institute's Final Review of the <i>Guardianship and Administration Act 1995</i> and continue to educate older people about guardianship and Power of Attorney issues.</p>	<p>Department of Justice</p>
<p>19.8</p>	<p>Finalise the legislative framework for Advanced Care Directives.</p>	<p>Department of Justice</p>
<p>19.9</p>	<p>Continue to support and participate at a national level to progress reforms for the establishment of a National Register of Enduring Powers of Attorney.</p>	<p>Department of Justice</p>

OUR FUTURE FOCUS

This is the final implementation strategy under the current Active Ageing Plan.

Strong Liveable Communities: Tasmania's Active Ageing Plan 2017-22 concludes in December 2022.

In early 2022, COTA Tasmania will be undertaking state-wide consultations with older Tasmanians to review the current Active Ageing Plan.

All Tasmanians will be encouraged to participate in the consultation through one of the many channels of communication.

These channels will include phone, letter or submission, survey, face-to-face sessions, regional and focus group meetings. There will also be opportunities to engage on-line through social media.

The 2022 consultation will provide an important opportunity for the Tasmanian Government to hear and respond to the voices of older Tasmanians so as to ensure that our Government policies, programs and services enable older Tasmanians to stay active, healthy and engaged in our community—and to age in place.





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