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# Heart Foundation Walkshop

# **Age Friendly Mainstreets**

# What people experience in age friendly mainstreets and how to move towards it



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working together to create places that encourage more South Australians to be more active every day























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youtube.com/watch?v=WFhsSW2A608



## The Ageing Wave is Here

**Young elderly will almost double in size** from 220,000 in 2016 to at least 371,000/382,000 by 2041.

1 in 5 South Australians in 2041

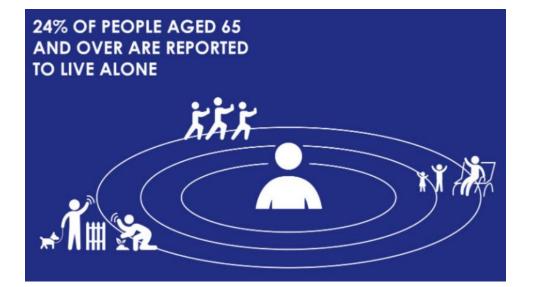
vast majority of those who will be 65-84 and 85+ to 2041 **are here now** 

Increase will be most dramatic between 2011 and 2026 as the large baby-boomer cohort reaches 65-84 years of age, but is not yet affected by higher mortality of old age

plan.sa.gov.au/state\_snapshot/population



## **Risk of Isolation and Poor Health**

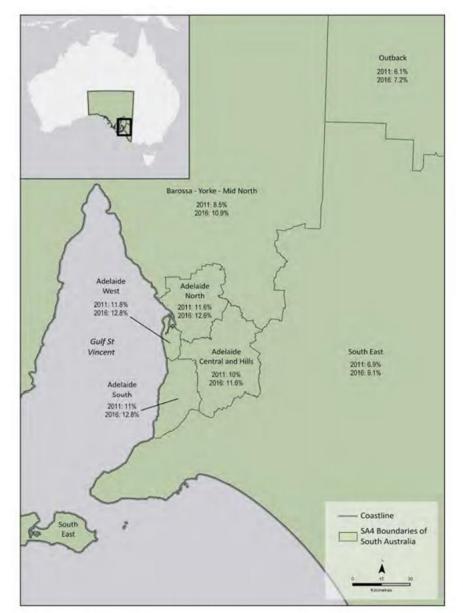




Only 27% of Australians over 65 meet the recommended 30 minutes activity per day, e.g., walking.

## Tightening Disposable Income ...

Figure 7: Proportion of 25–34 year olds living in the parental home, 2011 and 2016









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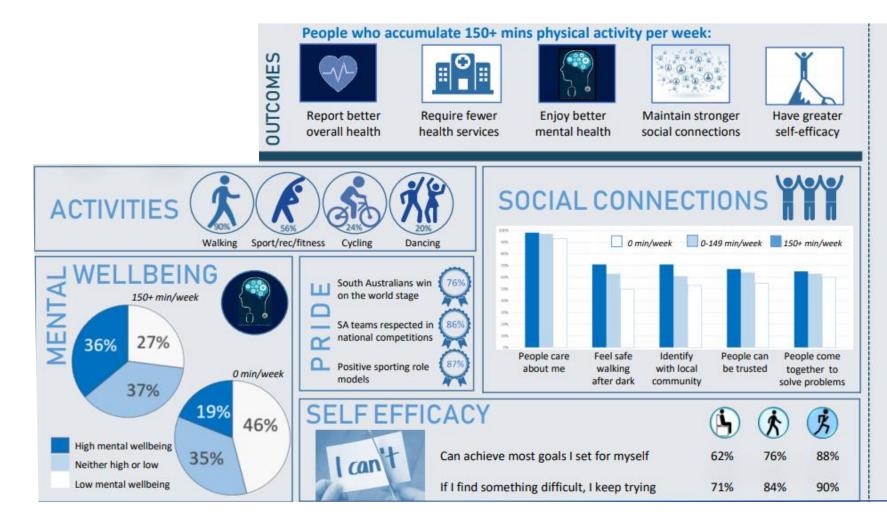
South Australian Housing Authority

March 2019

Prof Chris Leishman University of Adelaide

Prof Emma Baker

## The Case for Being Active



## **Being Active Helps Our Taxes**

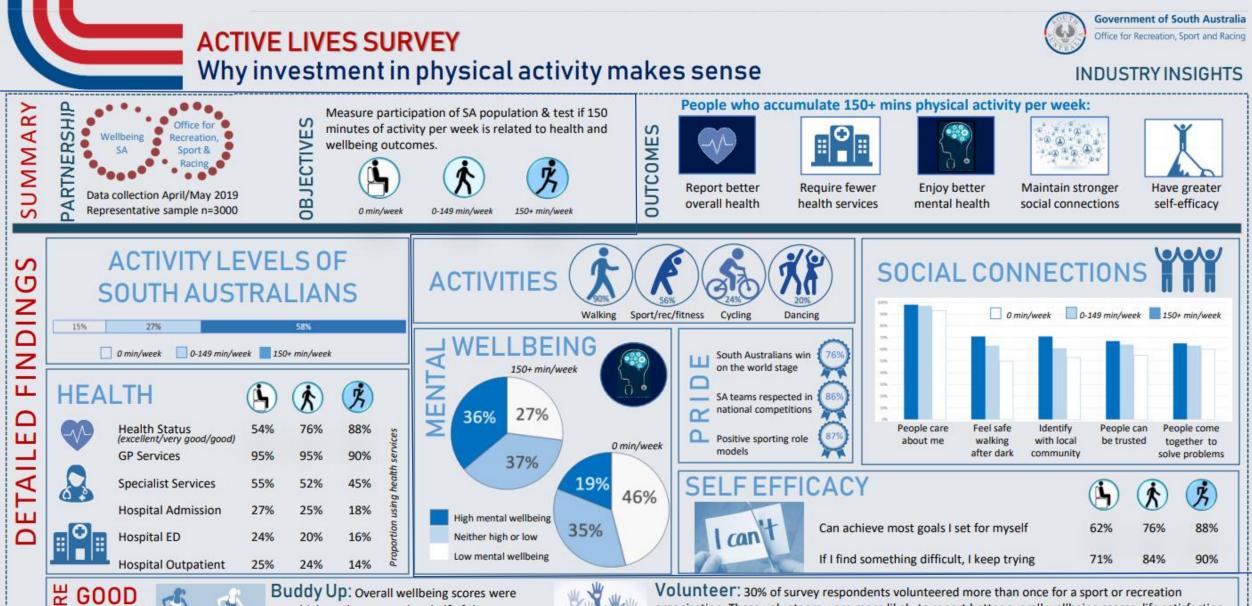




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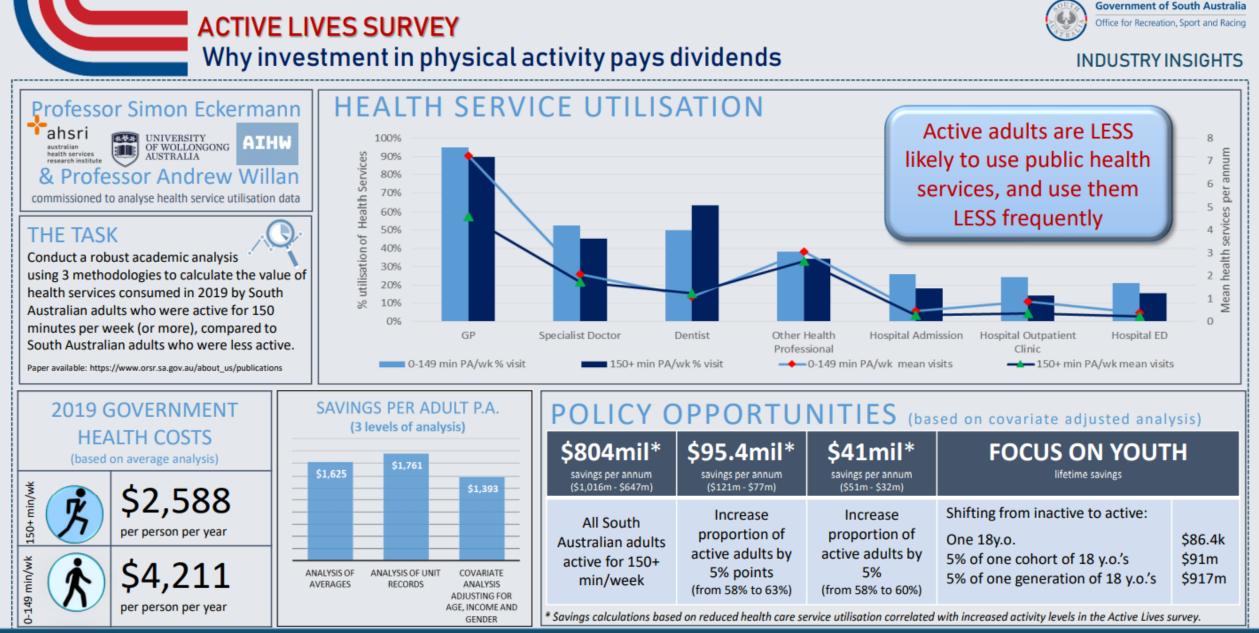
Buddy Up: Overall wellbeing scores were even higher when more than half of the physical activity was done with other people.

NEWS

**Volunteer:** 30% of survey respondents volunteered more than once for a sport or recreation organisation. These volunteers were more likely to report better overall wellbeing scores, life satisfaction, happiness and a sense that things they do in life are worthwhile, compared to non-volunteers

Stronger, healthier, happier and safer communities





### IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER:

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# When older people. are healthier, happier, more active and engaged, this delivers a social and economic benefit for us all



# How well are you catering for SA's ageing 'market' in your mainstreet?

2 minutes and then discuss

# Age Friendly Mainstreet

# **Experience 1 – Part of a Liveable** Neighbourhood Safe, socially cohesive and

inclusive, and environmentally

sustainable; with affordable

and diverse housing

linked via public transport

infrastructure to employment

Walking, and cycling

education, public open

space, local shops health

and community servic

and leisure and cur Main Street opportunities' Lowe et al. 2013 Professor Billie Giles-Corti **Director RMIT** Urban Futures Enabling Capability Platform

# **Experience 2 - Easy to walk**

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Activity centres: Convenient public and on-demand transport options and universally accessible paths are required to connect to and through activity centres and destinations of interest for older people.	Yes	No	N/A
Within activity centres, or at destinations, are traffic calming measures integrated into the streetscape to slow traffic and support the safe crossing of the street?			
The average walking speed of an adult is some 4.8km/h. For people aged 65+ this average speed drops to 3.0km/h. For people aged 80+ it falls further to 2.0km/h: Has the design of movement networks and more walkable suburbs and town centres taken into consideration the slower walking speeds of older people?			
Are the paths safe, including lighting, contrasting colour, unobstructed sightlines and integrated CPTED design considerations?			
Are paths sufficiently wide enough to enable two people walking arm in arm to pass those with scooters, a child's bicycle, wheelchairs, mobility devices, wheeled devices and protection from motor vehicles?			



## **Experience 3 - Easy Public Transport**



smart crossing technology for people with disabilities and older people been included in streetscape upgrades?

es public transport provide universal access to low floor buses, raised platforms for stops across all public transport modes?

es the street design support a public transport network that provides a highly accessible and frequent service in areas with high numbers of individuals aged 65 years d over?

## **Experience 4 – Updated Parks**

Yes

Parks: Green, welcoming and accessible open spaces are key destinations to support older people to stay active, walk and be engaged in their community.

Are there specifically targeted recreation provisions, such as exercise equipment designed for older people to support substantially improved muscle strength, balance, and physical function? These are all risk factors for falls.

Is the senior's exercise equipment co-located with children's playgrounds and seating, drink fountains, tollets and shade?

Are public spaces and landscapes designed to develop connections to Aboriginal communities and to respect all cultures and traditions represented within communities?









## **Eight Domains to Live Well!**



A Healthy Active Ageing framework features four inter connected principles:

ageing affects all ages across the lifecycle 2. physical activity improves the health and well-being of older people 3. social engagement provides the motivation to maintain healthy levels of physical activity key design features are needed to facilitate both the physical activity and social engagement required to support the highest possible quality of life for older people

# **Experience 5 – Updated Public Spaces**



Have initiatives such as seating been included in public spaces to encourage socialising?

Are public open spaces designed to enable several different activities, such as dog off-leash areas, access nature, allotments and community gardens, exercise areas, playgrounds and access to toilets?

Do health and other essential services work across sectors to facilitate support in ageing in place, particularly in rural areas?



# **Experience 6 – Mix of Uses and Slow Pace**



Does the built environment support areas for slower-paced activities, such as walking or low impact exercise, across the day, and night?

Does the precinct support a high diversity and mix of land uses, including aged care, medical centres, community centres, childcare centres, access to affordable, fresh healthy food, dementia friendly cafes, banks and other retail amenities?

## **Experience 7 – Updated Civic Buildings**



## **Experience 8 – Easy Communication**

Are programs and initiatives targeted and promoted to older people?

Have the needs of older people been considered in the design of walking programs that use information and gaming technology prizes and incentive schemes to motivate an increase in walking and socialising?

Does technology support the use of digital wayfinding in public spaces?

Has engagement with older people been tailored to local conditions and based on bottom-up participatory community consultation that supports ageing in place?

# Communication & Information

# **Experience 9 – Communication For Diversity**

Are there transnational support networks to help address the challenges of ageing in place of older migrants? Are there awareness programs to support dementia-friendly environments?

# Community Support & Health Services



# Is Unley leading the way?

Unley 8

DECLARED 2015 UPDATED 2020

### FOREWORDS

**Dr** Alexandre Kalache

Unley Mayor, Michael Hewitson AM

**PART A - INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT** 

### PART B – THE STRATEGY

Vision and Aim

**Guiding Principles** 

Alliance Model

Key Focus Areas Overview

### PART C – FOCUS AREA OBJECTIVES

Focus Area 1: Outdoor Spaces and Buildings

Focus Area 2: Transportation

Focus Area 3: Housing

Focus Area 4: Social Participation

Focus Area 5: Respect and Social Inclusion

Focus Area 6: Civic Participation and Employment

Focus Area 7: Communication and Information

Focus Area 8: Community Support and Health Services

Focus Area 9: Active Ageing Leadership

CONCLUSION

### APPENDICES

Indicative Active Ageing Action Plan

Age-friendly City Indicators for the City of Unley

Daily Moves Program	Co-housing Project	Dementia Friendly Training to school aged children which brought together aged care	Local Government Leadership Excellence Award	mobility device recharge stations	Age-friendly Business Network
corporate Dementia Training Program.	Hosting of the First 90 Years event	Increased resting spots	Taxi rank reviews	Trial parklets	Active Ageing events
	Pets as Companions Project	Age-friendly standards and criteria for footpaths and walkways	Listening to the needs of the community	Unley Legends short film series	

### KEY FOCUS AREAS OVERVIEW

Our Active Ageing Strategy is based on the WHO Age-friendly Cities Guidelines which features 8 Key Focus Areas. We have included a 9th Focus Area within our strategy to highlight our role in leading the development of Age-friendly Cities within this State and Australia.

#### FOCUS AREA 1: OUTDOOR SPACES AND BUILDINGS

#### **KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Pleasant, clean environments
- Importance of green spaces
- Places to rest
- Age-friendly pavements
- Safe pedestrian crossings
- Accessibility
- A secure environment
- Walkways and cycle paths
- Age-friendly buildings
- Adequate public toilets
- Service to older customers

#### FOCUS AREA 2: TRANSPORTATION

#### **KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Availability
- Affordability
- Reliability and frequency
- Travel destinations
- Age-friendly vehicles
- Specialised services for older people
- Priority seating and passenger courtesy
- Transport drivers
- · Safety and comfort
- Stops and stations
- Taxis and Community Transport
- Information
- Driving conditions
- Courtesy towards older drivers
- Parking



- Affordability
- Essential services
- Design
- Modifications
- Maintenance
  - Access to services to support independent living
- Community and family connections
- Housing options
- Living environment

### FOCUS AREA 4: SOCIAL PARTICIPATION

### KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Accessible opportunities
- Affordable activities
- Range of opportunities
- Integrating generations, cultures and communities
- Awareness of activities and events
- Encouraging participation and addressing isolation

### FOCUS AREA 5: RESPECT AND INCLUSION

### KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- · Respectful and disrespectful behaviour
- Ageism and ignorance
- Intergenerational interactions and public education
- Place within the community
- Helpfulness of the community
- Place in the family
- Economic exclusion
- Celebrating ageing and valuing contribution

### FOCUS AREA 6: CIVIC PARTICIPATION AND EMPLOYMENT

### KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Better employment options and more opportunities
- Volunteering options for older people
- Flexibility to accommodate older workers and volunteers
- Encouraging civic participation
- Training
- Entrepreneurial opportunities
- Valuing older people's contribution

### FOCUS AREA 7: COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

### **KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Widespread distribution
- · The right information at the right time
- Responsive and caring service
- Age-friendly formats and design
- Information Technology
- A personal and collective responsibility

### FOCUS AREA 8: COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND HEALTH SERVICES

### **KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Accessible care
- A wider range of health services
- Ageing well services
- Home care
- Residential facilities for people unable to live at home

### FOCUS AREA 9: ACTIVE AGEING LEADERSHIP

### KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- · Leadership initiatives
- Partnering
- Networking
- Innovation and prototyping
- Influence and advocacy
- Community safety

About Me – ALC, planner about communities

The wave Demographics, Spatial Near Too You and I are In IT

The health case – save budget

The business case for mainstreets considering older Australians

What Characterises an Age Friendly Mainstreet Tools

- HAA
- Domains
- Unique to Older Australians

Examples – Unley, CoA, some traders switched on, others less

Safe – no trip hazards

- Lighting
- Wayfinding

Comfort – seats with backs

- Staff aware
- Accreditation system for disability

**Funding Sources** 

Padlet - what might you change in your mainstreet?

what is the experience of an age friendly main street and how to get one

# HOW TO GET THERE?

# If you were to use HF or Unley checklist, how would you use the results?

# Pairs for two minutes









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# Age Friendly Mainstreets

Catch the ageing wave

Consider your situation with checklist, Heart Foundation or Unley

Collaborate to make changes

