

# PLANNING FOR BRISBANE'S AGEING POPULATION



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Brisbane is a city that is growing and changing. In some parts of Brisbane in the future, older people may struggle to find housing to suit their needs. Council is planning now so that, as a growing proportion of our loved ones age, we will have suitable housing choices to help residents retire and age in their local area and maintain connections to friends, family and their community.

While some people will choose to stay in their own home or neighbourhood, our growing senior population will also need alternative smaller, accessible, lower-maintenance homes or other purpose-built retirement or aged care accommodation throughout the city.

## Enhancing retirement and aged care housing options

In 2016 the former Lord Mayor, Graham Quirk, launched a suite of initiatives to address the challenges that industry faces when providing and building retirement and aged care facilities. These initiatives included:

- giving greater consideration to ageing in the drafting of neighbourhood plans
- an incentive to reduce the cost of infrastructure charges levied on qualifying aged care and retirement facility developments to encourage more supply
- improving and streamlining development assessment processes for aged care and retirement facilities.

Council has adopted amendments to *Brisbane City Plan 2014* (City Plan) to offer a more streamlined approach to building, extending or upgrading residential care (aged care) and retirement facilities. The amendments also encourage the industry to develop facilities in suitable locations and to adhere to best-practice design requirements.



## What is included in the Retirement and aged care amendment package?

- facilitating retirement living and aged care accommodation is a key strategic goal for our city and this is now reflected in the strategic framework section of City Plan
- promoting the refurbishment of existing facilities and the reuse of existing sites, and broadening the zones in the city where a retirement facility and aged care facility are welcome
- increasing allowable building heights for retirement facilities and aged care facilities in Medium and High density residential zones, where a neighbourhood plan does not specify a building height
- allowing small businesses, health care services and educational facilities to share sites and integrate with retirement and aged care facilities.

## What this means for you

With the need for retirement and aged care housing options increasing by 50% by 2027, these initiatives and amendments will ensure we increase the supply of suitable housing and enable Brisbane residents to retire within their suburb and community.

These initiatives and amendments will ensure retirement and aged care facilities are available across Brisbane. In addition, we aim to ensure that the retirement and aged care facilities feature best-practice design, integrate with local communities and provide a variety of services for our senior residents. Every suburb has a part to play to ensure we meet the needs of Brisbane's ageing population.

## For more information

- Call Council on 3403 8888
- Visit [brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au) and search for 'Retirement and aged care'
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