AGE-FRIENDLY STRATEGY TIMARU DISTRICT Community Survey

> DISTRICT COUNCIL Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Te Tihi o Maru

## **AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY SURVEY**

We want to ensure the Timaru District is a great place to live, work and play for people of all ages.

We are asking our residents for their views about what older people need to thrive in our community.

This survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete, and will help us to develop an Age-Friendly Community Strategy.

We thank you for taking the time to participate.

1. Are you completing this survey on behalf of someone else? Yes

No

2. On the below star-scale, how would you rate the Timaru District as a place to live as you age?

Very Poor	Poor	Good	Very Good	Excellent
	$\star$	$\star$	$\star$	$\star$

Please provide any further comments about why you selected the above rating:

3. Please rate each of the following categories for older people ("older people" defined as those 65 years and over) in the Timaru District. Once you have rated each category, please use the comment box underneath to discuss any barriers facing this category, or ideas for improving opportunities.

	Very Poor	Poor	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A
Opportunities to volunteer						
Employment opportunities						
Opportunities to take part in skill-building or personal development activities						O
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes, walking paths, cycle paths etc.)						

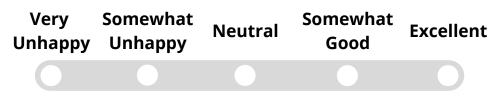
	Very Poor	Poor	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A
Opportunities to attend social events	0					D
Opportunities to attend spiritual activities						
Opportunities to attend cultural activities or connect with te ao Māori		0		0		D
Opportunities to attend community activities that bring both younger and older people together						
Opportunities to attend and/or participate in meetings about local government or community matters					•	D
Ease of getting to the places older people may need to visit on a regular basis (e.g. supermarket, doctor's office, pharmacy etc.)						
Access to public computers and the Internet for free or low cost, with help available if required			•			D
Access to important public information for older people (e.g. in printed format and easy to read)						
Overall feeling of safety for older people in the District						D
Older people being valued in the District						

What are the barriers impacting the above areas, and how could the above areas be improved?

4. Please rate each of the following health-related categories for older people in the Timaru District:

	Very Poor	Poor	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A
Accessibility of health services (e.g. GP, Needs Assessment Service Coordination - NASC, Mental Health Service etc.)						D
Coordination of health services						
Accessibility of social/welfare services (e.g. Work & Income, Senior Citizens, Family Works, Salvation Army etc.)			•		•	D
Satisfaction with home-based support						
Availability of information on how to request health support services						D
Support for informal carers (family/whānau)						

5. Thinking about your friendships as well as how often you see and chat to others - how happy are you with your social contact/connection?



6. How do you currently access information on programmes and services for older people in the Timaru District? (Please select all that apply.)

Advertisement at a Council Library or	Email newsletters
Service Centre	Friend, neighbour or family member
Advertisement at a community facility	Internet or social media - on a personal
🗌 Multicultural Aoraki	computer or device
Timaru Senior Citizens	Internet or social media on a public
Church newsletters or bulletins	computer
🗌 Community Associations (e.g. Kaumatua	Residential home/facility
groups, residents' groups, Grey Power, etc.)	N/A - I do not access this time of information
Other (please specify):	

7. How could information on programmes and services for older people in the Timaru District be improved?

Own your own home	
	Live with family or friends
Rent privately	Live in a rest home/care facility
Board	Live in a retirement village
Other (please specify):	

9. Please rate each of the following housing-related categories for older people in the Timaru District:

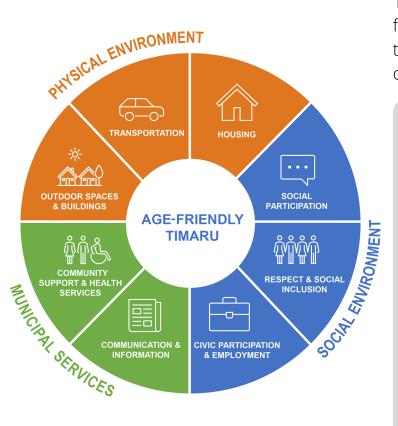
	Very Poor	Poor	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A
Safety of housing						
Cost of housing						
Availability of affordable housing						
Quality (e.g. current state of repair, level of regular maintenance required)						
Suitability to my needs (including accessibility needs)						D
Warmth and ryness						
Location - access to transport links						
Location - access to family and friends, community activities						
Location - access to amenities, shopping, health and personal services						

Please discuss any barriers impacting the above topics, or ideas for improving opportunities:

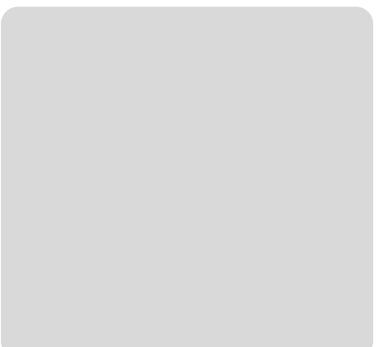
10. Please indicate which of the following transport options you use on a regular basis (Please select as many as apply.)

Walking	Mobility scooter
<ul> <li>Bicycle or E-bike</li> <li>Private car - I drive myself</li> <li>Private car - someone else drives me</li> <li>MyWay service (public transport)</li> <li>Community vehicle service (e.g. Geraldine/Pleasant Point Community Vehicle Trust)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Taxi, Driving Miss Daisy, or other commercial transport operators</li> <li>Health Shuttle or other volunteer transport services (e.g. St John, Cancer Society)</li> </ul>
Other (please specify):	

11. Please provide any comments or suggestions about transportation options in the Timaru District:



12.What is currently stopping the Timaru District from becoming more Age-Friendly? You can refer to the themes in the Age-Friendly symbol above, or provide your own suggestions:



13. How could the Timaru District be more Age-Friendly? You can refer to the themes in the Age-Friendly symbol above, or provide your own suggestions:

14. What is your top priority for an Age-Friendly strategy in the Timaru District? Please select one option from the eight Age-Friendly domains:

Transportation	Civic participation and employment
Housing	Communication and information
Social participation	Community support and health services
Respect and social inclusion	Outdoor spaces and buildings
Other (please specify):	

15. Are there any other comments you would like to make?

## **DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

16. What is your age bracket?	
18 - 34	65 - 74
35 - 44	75 - 84
45 - 54	85+
55 - 64	
17. What is your gender?	
🗌 Female	Gender diverse
Male	Prefer not to say

18: Which ethnic group do you belong to?	
New Zealand European	🗌 Tongan
🗌 Māori	🗌 Niuean
🗌 Samoan	Chinese
Cook Island Maori	🗌 Indian
🗌 Other - such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan, et	c. (please specify):
19. Where do you live?	
🗌 Timaru	🗌 Pleasant Point
🗌 Temuka	🗌 Rural
Geraldine	
Other (please specify):	

20. Would you like to be kept up-to-date on the results of this survey?

` ( )	Yes
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🗌 No

21. If you answered yes to the previous question, please provide your email or postal address so we can keep you up-to-date:

## THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR SURVEY

## This survey can be returned to any of the following locations upon completion:

- Timaru District Council
- Timaru District Library
- Geraldine Library / Service Centre
- Temuka Library / Service Centre
- Venture Timaru
- Caroline Bay Trust Aoraki Centre (CBay)
- Pleasant Point Four Square

Alternatively, you can post completed surveys to:

Timaru District Council PO Box 522 Timaru, 7940

