



Role of Local Government in planning for older residents

“ Roads, Rates, Rubbish and
Residents”



Introduction

- Putting LG role into a framework and identifying our strengths
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Outline of Presentation

- Statutory framework for LG community services
- Planning for human services delivery
- Building partnerships with other levels of government and the community sector to achieve outcomes



Statutory Framework

- **Local Government Act 1999**
- *encourage and develop initiatives within its community for improving the quality of life of the community*
- *seek to provide services, facilities and programs that are adequate and appropriate and seek to ensure equitable access to its services, facilities and programs*
- *represent the interests of its community to the wider community*
- *provide for the welfare, well-being and interests of individuals and groups within its community*
- *be responsive to the needs, interests and aspirations of individuals and groups within its community*



Building Partnerships

- Development of Positive Ageing Projects 1990's to present
- Collaboration between all levels of govt and the community sector
- Outcomes: Better understanding and needs analysis, improved intra and inter-regional planning, shared resources, increased resources
- LG role: facilitator, coordinator, advocate, funding attraction



Planning Frameworks

- Internal management plans: eg AHC 2003/7 Goal “ Increase provision of human services”
- Development of Community Plan 2005: Youth, Families, Older People, People with Disabilities
- Community and agency input – varied mechanisms, needs analysis, data collection and strategy development



Older People Strategies

- Council will facilitate and support the development of a local collaborative project to promote positive ageing, inter-agency collaboration and local area strategic planning;
- Council will support submissions from local providers to increase the availability of residential beds, respite beds and other respite services and aged care packages in the area;
- Council will support the development of an affordable housing summit bringing together key stakeholders in the provision or facilitation of affordable housing in the Council area;
- Council will support the provision of smaller allotments in appropriate places to meet the needs of older people;
- Council will work closely with transport users and providers to ensure the best possible outcomes for the development of transport services across the area;



Strategies (cont)

- Council will assist with the development of a community information strategy targeting the needs of older people and their carers;
- Council will work closely with local groups and service providers to support and encourage older residents in maintaining and improving their mental and physical health;
- Council will support and assist with the facilitation of a Hills focused volunteer centre to promote, recruit, train and support volunteers for organizations working in the Hills;
- Council will assist older indigenous residents and residents who do not speak English as their first language to access appropriate services and information.



Summary

- LG seeks to build capacity within its communities
- Acts as an advocate for disadvantaged groups and its region
- Acts to influence the direction and purpose of funding from other sources