

Age Friendly Strategy 2024-2025 Interim Progress Report

Key action/Project		Responsible Directorate	Progress Update
Our Community – Inclusive and Engaged			
1.1	Schedule fitness programming for senior residents through internal and external programming	Community Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Karratha Leisureplex currently run a Lifestyle Fitness class on Tuesday & Thursday mornings at 10-11am. This class caters to senior clients to provide a low impact session with a combination of strength, cardio, mobility, and core exercises. Free to current members and accessible via a casual visit pass for those without membership.
1.2	Establish and promote a calendar of senior friendly events	Community Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning is underway for a NAIDOC Ball at Roebourne, Cossack Arts Awards Seniors morning tea; Seniors Week program full of activities, and Christmas lunches for seniors in Roebourne and Karratha. REAP Team are planning to incorporate a seniors screening to the City's movie schedule with activations pre & post.
1.3	Support local clubs and community groups to engage older residents by fostering social inclusion strategies	Community Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning currently underway. Scheduled for delivery in Q4 of 2024/25.
1.4	Facilitate an information session between local businesses and seniors card providers to encourage local businesses to be age friendly	Development Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant question/s will be in the 2025 Business Survey (October/November) Business interviews will be conducted based on survey insights to gain deeper perspectives on the program. Explore leveraging the KDCCI network (newsletter and social media) to educate small businesses
1.5	Implement 'Seniors Parking' scheme to improve access to allocated parking bays at City facilities	Projects & Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seniors Parking bays have been implemented in a number of prominent locations. Additional bays will be added as suitable additional locations are identified.
1.6	Establish a seniors community reference group to advocate for opportunities to improve the liveability of Karratha	Community Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work underway to commence in 2025/2026.

1.7	Undertake an audit of seniors' accessibility to all City of Karratha infrastructure	Community Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not yet commenced. Planned for 2025/26 in conjunction with accessibility audit of all City facilities.
1.8	Support the State Government to investigate options for retirement living in the City of Karratha	Community Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted the Pilbara Development Commission (PDC) with their preparation of a Business Case to support the development of an Aged Care Lifestyle Village in the City of Karratha, including identification of preferred sites and planning advice. The City understands the Business Case has been submitted to the Minister for Regional Development; Disability Services; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering, for consideration as part of the 2025/26 State Government Budget. Advocacy for retirement living has been incorporated into the Council's Advocacy Position Statement.
1.9	Consider accessibility needs for seniors when planning City wide community events	Community Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff are implementing a designated parking zone for seniors' buses close to events, providing five dedicated parking bays for seniors, and adding more shaded areas with tables and chairs at events.
Our Environment – Thriving and Sustainable			
2.1	Develop a works plan to provide a cyclone season preparation service for senior residents	Development Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 properties registered for the senior's pre-cyclone clean up in 24/25 FY from across Karratha, Dampier, Roebourne, and Wickham. Two local contractors were engaged to complete the work at a total cost of \$23,490.
Our Economy – Well Managed and Diversified			
3.1	Investigate opportunities to attract, retain and develop the health and aged care workforce as part of the preparation of the Economic Development Strategy	Development Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This initiative is being considered within the Economic Development Strategy, it may be considered as part of a broader skills attraction initiative.
Our Leadership – Proactive and Accountable			
4.1	Advocate to State and Federal Government on key issues affecting the	CEO's Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently under consideration for inclusion in City's Advocacy position statement.

	ageing community and local service providers		
4.2	Advocate for improved and appropriate transport options for older people in the City of Karratha	CEO's Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently under consideration for inclusion in City's Advocacy position statement.
4.3	Advocate to improve the desirability of existing retirement living options in the City of Karratha	CEO's Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retirement accommodation needs for senior residents now forms part of the City's Advocacy position statement.