

Te Paepae

Waikirikiri Selwyn Ageing Well Strategy 2024–2034



Introduction

Te Paepae Ageing Well is a strategy for Waikirikiri Selwyn. It identifies what residents aged 65 and over need so they can age in place well, supported by comprehensive and equitable services within a vibrant, connected, and inclusive community.

This strategy provides a platform for fostering collaboration among a diverse array of partners including the Council, community members, government agencies, non-government organisations, community service groups, and businesses. Collectively we can achieve the vision of making the district a great place to live through all stages of life.

Over the next 30 years, the district's urban and rural population is projected to age rapidly, partly due to people living longer. The Council's high-growth projection model shows a population in 2053 of 36,758 people aged 65+; that is an increase of 262% on the 2023 population of 10,131.

The proportion of Waikirikiri Selwyn's 65+ population is projected to change from 1 in 8 people in 2023 to 1 in 4 people in 2053. 6.4% of Selwyn residents aged 60 years and over contributed to the strategy via survey and focus group engagements, ensuring the strategy reflects the community's needs and aspirations.

Themes



Improved access to services and information



Opportunities for connection, participation, and sharing



Access to age friendly spaces, places, and a variety of housing options



Kaumātua Māori are deliberately recognised, supported, and respected



Affordable access to opportunities and services



Equitable access to opportunities and services for rural areas and Māori communities

Next Steps

Te Paepae is a living document with planning and delivery both ongoing and adaptive.

This approach enables us to take advantage of new opportunities and celebrate as actions are completed. Measurable and specific actions will be a feature of planning and delivery and will align with the strategic priorities and Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn, which is the Council's long-term strategic framework.

Toia te pae tawhiti kia heke iho
Bring closer the distant horizon as learnings to pass on

Strategy Map

Vision: Waikirikirī Selwyn is a great place to live through all stages of life

Mission: To support people to age well in Waikirikirī Selwyn

Improved access to services and information

- Accessible transport
- Accessible health and community support services
- Accessible information and communication

Opportunities for connection, participation, and sharing

- Meaningful social connection
- Inclusive community participation
- Cultural inclusion
- Support for multicultural leadership
- Changing the narrative

Access to age friendly spaces, places and a variety of housing options

- Accessible infrastructure and community spaces
- A variety of housing options

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- Support for kaumātua Māori cultural leadership
- Support for kaumātua Māori to participate in kaupapa taiao
- Meaningful engagement and consultation

Intersecting themes

Affordable access to opportunities and services

Equitable access to opportunities and services for rural areas and Māori communities