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Council endorses Active Ageing Strategy

An action plan based on the express wishes of Camden seniors is set out in the new Camden Active Ageing Strategy.

This week, Council adopted the 10 year strategy designed to support the lives of older people by improving transport options, access to information and community services.

"It is important that we create an environment that supports senior residents to achieve the lifestyle that they want," said Deputy Mayor, Theresa Fedeli.

"We know that a more connected community ultimately leads to a more active and healthy life and this strategy will help Council to achieve that," Cr Fedeli said.

"This strategy outlines the key concerns of older residents raised during consultation activities, and how Council and other relevant organisations can address these issues," she said.

Between 2016 and 2026, the forecast population of people over the age of 65 in the Camden area is expected to grow by more than 57 per cent, accounting for 20 per cent of the total Camden population.

The community consultation revealed that the main issues of concern for senior residents were access to information, public transport options and involvement in decision making.

The strategy outlines plans to address these issues in the short and long term that will be conducted by Council and other service providers.

Some of these include providing driver, mobility scooter and pedestrian safety education programs, advocating transport services to improve the user experience for older people and work with local businesses to provide recharge points for electric scooters across the area.

More internet training options for seniors will be addressed in the short term as well as increasing access to technology across the area and improving access to information on Council's website.

The strategy is available on Council's website, www.camden.nsw.gov.au.

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