



# AN AGE-FRIENDLY CITY

## Age-Friendly Communities For Canberra

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Age-friendly is really just 'people friendly' – and it's also environmentally friendly. Cities that are designed to be age-friendly are safe, slower-speed environments that encourage walking, cycling, and outdoor activity.

These qualities also make cities more environmentally friendly.

That's why the Greens will put the community first, and fund an expanded age-friendly communities program across Canberra.

### > **Our Plan**

The ACT Greens believe that a well-functioning society values all of its members. That means that our suburbs and our city should be safe, accessible and easy to navigate for all people.

The ACT Greens will provide an additional \$4 million dollars over four years to roll out age-friendly communities across Canberra.

This will fund the design and construction of age-friendly improvements across Canberra, support engagement with aged-care providers and older people, and improve planning and design standards for future development.

Every age friendly community is different. We will work with community stakeholders, including older people and groups representing them, to ensure that our age friendly communities meet the special needs of older people where they live or work.

Improvements could include:

» Green spaces and walkways. These would be well-maintained and safe green spaces with shelter, toilet facilities and seating facilities for older people to enjoy.

» Outdoor seating available in a variety of places including parks, transport stops and public spaces.

» Footpaths and shared paths that are well-maintained and well-connected, linked to local facilities, designed to accommodate wheelchairs and prams, and including low curbs.<sup>i</sup>

» Road improvements, including crossings and slower traffic. This could include raised, non-slip pedestrian crossings; crossing lights that allow enough time for older people to cross; slower traffic speeds to improve safety.

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<sup>i</sup> The Greens will make further specific announcements about maintaining, upgrading and expanding our path network.

## > **A Bigger Investment**

The ACT's age-friendly suburb program was started by Greens MLA Shane Rattenbury when he was Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, and Ageing, but it was limited by the amount of funding the Government approved.

Our plan will invest a further \$4 million to expand age-friendly communities to make more of our suburbs and our city accessible to everyone.