

WE ARE LIVING LONGER

Australians are living longer, healthier lives and this change in the make-up of our society means there will soon be an equal number of older people as there are children.

People over the age of 80 are now the fastest growing age group due to the baby boomer generation reaching this stage of life. This change is permanent, bringing with it significant social change. Five generations are now living, learning, working and socialising together.



WHAT ARE AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES?

Age-friendly communities are places where people stay involved in community life, enjoy good health and feel safe. They are also communities where older people are treated with respect and feel they can contribute and belong.

LIVE WELL PROJECT

GOAL

To shine a light on social connection through life-long learning, physical activity, the arts and volunteering so that individuals live well and communities become more age-friendly.



Corangamite Shire received an Age-Friendly Communities grant of \$100,000 from the Victorian State Government in early 2017. The project will run from May 2017-March 2019.

CORANGAMITE AGE PROFILE

Age group	2011	2026	2036	Change 2011-2036
0-4	1,104	969	888	-215
5-11	1,516	1,400	1,300	-216
12-17	1,571	1,204	1,128	-443
18-24	1,138	1,136	1,074	-64
25-34	1,492	1,537	1,440	-52
35-49	3,209	2,693	2,591	-618
50-59	2,313	2,297	2,225	-88
60-69	1,959	2,358	2,397	437
70-84	1,838	2,383	2,925	1,087
85+	386	508	625	240
TOTAL	16,526	16,485	16,594	68
60+	4,183	5,249	5,947	1,764

Forecasts for Corangamite Shire show the increase in the number and proportion of older people in our communities. Exactly who the term 'older people' includes is debatable. Sixty years of age is a commonly used reference point, despite many people of this age not identifying as an older person.

This project welcomes the involvement of people who are interested to join in with activities and events, and contribute to their community, regardless of age. The whole community benefits when diverse groups of people get to know each other, get along, and get things done together.