



Media Statement

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Final weeks to have your say about ageing in the community

People aged 65 years and over, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 50 years and over, are encouraged to complete a survey about how confident and comfortable they are about growing older in the community.

The *Growing Older in your Community* survey is a chance to help in the planning and evaluation of aged care services in Beverley, Boddington, Cunderdin, Kojonup, Manjimup, Mullewa, Mingenew, Northampton and Wagin.

This will help to determine whether additional services are needed to support people to continue living in these communities as they grow older.

Rural Health West Project Manager, Beth McEwan said the team hope to hear from 1,300 older people living in these towns and surrounding areas.

“If you live in one of these towns or have a connection to these towns – for example if your doctor is based in one of these towns, or you visit regularly for shopping or social reasons – we would love to hear from you.

“We want to get information about how older people access transport, where they find information about events and social gatherings, and how much assistance they currently receive at home for things like gardening, cleaning and personal care,” Beth said.

“We would also like to know whether people are happy with their current living arrangements, whether they feel safe and secure in their own homes, and what improvements could be made to increase their confidence to live independently.

“No personal details will be kept and we will treat this information with the utmost confidentiality.”

The survey is open until 15 September, and is available at the following locations:

- Local Shire office
- Community Resource Centre
- Local library
- Online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/ageingincommunity

Alternatively, people can contact Rural Health West directly on 6389 4500.

The survey is managed by Rural Health West on behalf of the WA Country Health Service.

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