

Agenda 9.05: Member Survey 2024

4b: Important issues we've missed

Driver license competency testing for the over 75s.
Dementia Friendly focus
Affordability
Hospital for Kapiti Coast.
Community Support Workers, morals and training
Insurance costs
Elder Abuse
Yes home care
Councils' mismanagement of Coastal erosion planning.
Opportunities for social engagement
Yes Grey Power should become a political party, if not no government will ever take you seriously
The costs, if you have to go into care & accessing monies via your POA & THE BANK IF NO FAMILY
Help available as needed if I become incapable of doing things for myself
Alternative care for those who can no longer afford to live at home, rent or be accepted in a Retirement Village
Rental Housing
Personal security e.g. police and emergency response Availability of age-related drugs / medicines / surgery
We need an Official watchdog or Ombudsman to oversee Resident welfare in Retirement Villages. That includes those in need of personal care as they age. It is too easy to seriously neglect the aged - once they are out of sight in a "rest home".
Local Body Issues - the notification of housing developments that are out of character with their environment, have a devastating effect on nearby residents and are likely to cause future car parking problems and likely to become a road hazard. I am referring to the Mahara Road development, but I am sure there are other such developments that the council has consented which obviously should be publicly notified. A development of 20 houses amongst free standing houses is more than minor. Note that I am not immediately affected by this development but I feel for the people who have had to sell (no doubt at reduced value) and move.
Superannuation

Respite care beds, reliable subsidised housing, volunteer drivers,
Residential care, costs, availability etc
Housing - increasing numbers of elderly do not own their own home and cannot afford a retirement village.
Homeless people living in Kapiti
Recycling, climate change
Cost of Living crisis including and prioritising an increase in superannuation.
Accessible walkways in forest parks in our are
Isolation/ support/ companionship
Walking, cycling and dog walking tracks. They are pretty good but we don't want them to slip in importance.
Drivers licence process for older people
Rates rises, cost of house/contents insurance.
Older people working when cognition is declining, in areas that have significant affects on others - architects, lawyers, accountants, etc without the requirement of peer reviews on work done. Usually this is a person working alone. We are working longer but not working well for longer - biological fact.
Availability of suitable private accommodation for seniors
Security
Council lack of notification of all resource consent applications.
Lack of houses on small sections for the elderly who don't want to live in a village, or can't afford to. Housing developments in Kapiti are not fit for purpose. Even if they aren't two storeys, there is nowhere to store an ebike or mobility scooter under cover, and nowhere to charge them. 240 Kapiti Rd is a perfect location for houses for older folk... on a bus route, and close to a supermarket and hardware store. Yet it is going to be filled with 135 two-storey, tiny townhouses. Kapiti already has plenty of these, with more planned. Can Grey Power be more involved in advocacy for housing?
Coastlands car parking fines & lack of doctors, hospital services & afternoon Grey Power office hours to 3pm
1) Cost of building insurance. 2) Availability of 1 and 2 bedroom houses/units to buy/rent.
Driver License renewal medicals - irrelevant cognitive tests! Excessive medical fees for certificates (\$105 at Team Medical).

Home services - includes exercises/ outdoor equipment (simple, non-mechanical, vandal proof) for elderly group instructor to go to aged care meeting

Driver license renewal, threats to NZ Super, requiring on-line responses, adequate health facilities

Homelessness, rents affecting seniors.

Isolation. Ability to access banks, transport, ability to use computers.

Footpaths for pedestrians only

Housing, not just retirement villages

Safety advice for everyday living