

## AGEING TOGETHER QUESTIONNAIRE

We want to improve our understanding of the issues that affect older people in Lower Hutt, and to then work with the community and other agencies to promote and support projects or actions that can address these issues. To help us do this, the following questionnaire aims to identify the main issues that affect older people, and to find out about which of these would contribute most to improving your quality of life.

The questionnaire will inform the development of a strategy – which we are calling the *Ageing Together Strategy* – which will, in turn, guide the development of specific initiatives and policies to help improve the quality of life of older people.

Please complete the questionnaire by circling the relevant number, ticking the relevant box, or writing your response in the space provided.

You do not need to write your name on this questionnaire and the information you give us will remain confidential. Responses will be used solely for the purpose of helping us to develop the *Ageing Together Strategy*.

Please return this questionnaire no later than **Tuesday 31 March** by mail (fold in three, staple/cellotape and post to freepost details on the back page). The questionnaire is available online at [www.huttcity.govt.nz](http://www.huttcity.govt.nz) You may print a copy of the questionnaire from this website, or complete and submit the questionnaire to us online.

Thank you for taking the time to complete and return this questionnaire. We really value your input.

For more information, please contact Victor Pikari at Hutt City Council on **570 6666**. If you have a concern you wish to discuss, please feel free to contact Victor.

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### Your vision

What plans and changes can Hutt City Council make which will facilitate and support the growing number of older people in Hutt City?

## Transport

1. On a scale of 1 to 5, how satisfied are you with the public transport service for travelling: *(Circle one for each factor)*

	Not at all satisfied			Very satisfied	Don't know					
(a) Around Hutt City	1	-----	2	-----	3	-----	4	-----	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) In/out of Hutt City (e.g. in/out of Wellington or Upper Hutt)	1	-----	2	-----	3	-----	4	-----	5	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Please add any comments to explain your responses to 1(a) and 1(b):

3. Do you have a SuperGold Card?

No *(Go to Question 4)*

Yes → do you use it on public transport?

Yes *(go to Question 4)*

No → why not? *(Please comment below):*

4. Please add any other comments on other aspects of transport that affect your quality of life (e.g. mobility scooters, walking around Hutt City, taxis, wheelchairs, using your own car):

## Housing

5. On a scale of 1 to 5, how satisfied are you with housing in Hutt City?  
*(Circle one)*

Not at all  
satisfied

Very  
satisfied

Don't  
know

1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5

6. Please add any comments to explain your response to Question 5: *(You might want to comment on living alone, maintenance, rates, access to shared housing, retirement villages, residential care or Council housing)*

## Information

7. On a scale of 1 to 5, how satisfied are you with access to information about services and events in Hutt City? *(Circle one)*

Not at all  
satisfied

Very  
satisfied

Don't  
know

1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5

8. Please add any comments to explain your response to Question 7: *(You might want to comment on knowing where and how to get information, being able to get information, using technology such as computers, quality of information)*

## Social, recreation, and leisure

9. On a scale of 1 to 5, how satisfied are you with social, recreational and leisure activities in Hutt City? *(Circle one)*

Not at all  
satisfied

Very  
satisfied

Don't  
know

1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5

10. Please add any comments to explain your response to Question 9: *(You might want to comment on opportunities to access services or activities, and/or the quality of services or activities available to you, such as libraries, music, concerts, theatre, movies, clubs, and outdoor activities)*

11. Are you currently participating in any community-based physical activity programme (e.g. tai chi, walking, aquarobics)?

No *(Go to Question 12)*

Yes → what is the programme/activity? *(Please comment below):*

## Safety

12. On a scale of 1 to 5, how safe do you feel in Hutt City? *(Circle one)*

Not at all  
safe

Very  
safe

Don't  
know

1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5

13. Please add any comments to explain your response to Question 12: *(You might want to comment on walking in public spaces, lighting, safety in your home, neighbourhood support)*

## Paid and voluntary work

14. On a scale of 1 to 5, how satisfied are you with opportunities to contribute to society and feel valued in Hutt City? *(Circle one)*

Not at all  
satisfied

Very  
satisfied

Don't  
know

1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5

15. Please add any comments to explain your response to Question 14: *(You might want to comment on being able to get paid or voluntary work)*

## Health

16. On a scale of 1 to 5, are you satisfied with access to health services in Hutt City? *(Circle one)*

Not at all  
satisfied

Very  
satisfied

Don't  
know

1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5

17. Please add any comments to explain your response to Question 16: *(You might want to comment on hospital services, GP services, dental services, or other health services such as counselling and physiotherapy)*

## Other ideas or suggestions

18. Please comment on any other issues that affect your quality of life in Hutt City, and add any ideas or suggestions you have to improve your quality of life:

## Priorities

19. Please rank **up to three** of the most important areas that affect your quality of life: *(Write a 1, 2 or 3 in the relevant boxes)*

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transport   | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information | <input type="checkbox"/> Social, recreation and leisure  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety      | <input type="checkbox"/> Paid and voluntary work         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Please say what):</i> |

20. Are you retired?

- Yes *(Please comment below on why you retired in Hutt City):*
- No → do you plan to retire in Hutt City?
- Yes → why? *(Please comment below):*
- No → why not? *(Please comment below):*

## Background information

21. Are you:

Female

Male

22. What is your age group?

Under 50 years

65-69 years

50-54 years

70-74 years

55-59 years

75 years or over

60-64 years

23. Where do you live?

Alicetown

Harbour View

Normandale

Avalon

Hutt Central

Petone

Belmont

Kelson

Stokes Valley

Boulcott

Korokoro

Taita

Eastbourne

Maungaraki

Wainuiomata

Fairfield

Moera

Waterloo

Gracefield

Naenae

Woburn

Other (*Please say where*):

**Thank you very much**

**Do you want to be further involved?**

Hutt City Council is facilitating the development of an Ageing Together Strategy, and has established an “Ageing Together Working Group” to drive the Strategy. The working group consists of key agencies and individuals with knowledge and experience concerning older persons.

The working group will hold a meeting four times a year called the “Ageing Together Forum”. The forum will be a public meeting open to all individuals and organisations with an interest in being informed of progress on the Ageing Together Strategy, and in discussing matters or issues affecting older persons. We also plan to invite guest speakers to attend the forum meetings.

If you wish to be involved by attending a meeting of the forum, please contact Victor Pikari, Hutt City Council, Ph. 570 6666 [victor.pikari@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:victor.pikari@huttcity.govt.nz)

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