

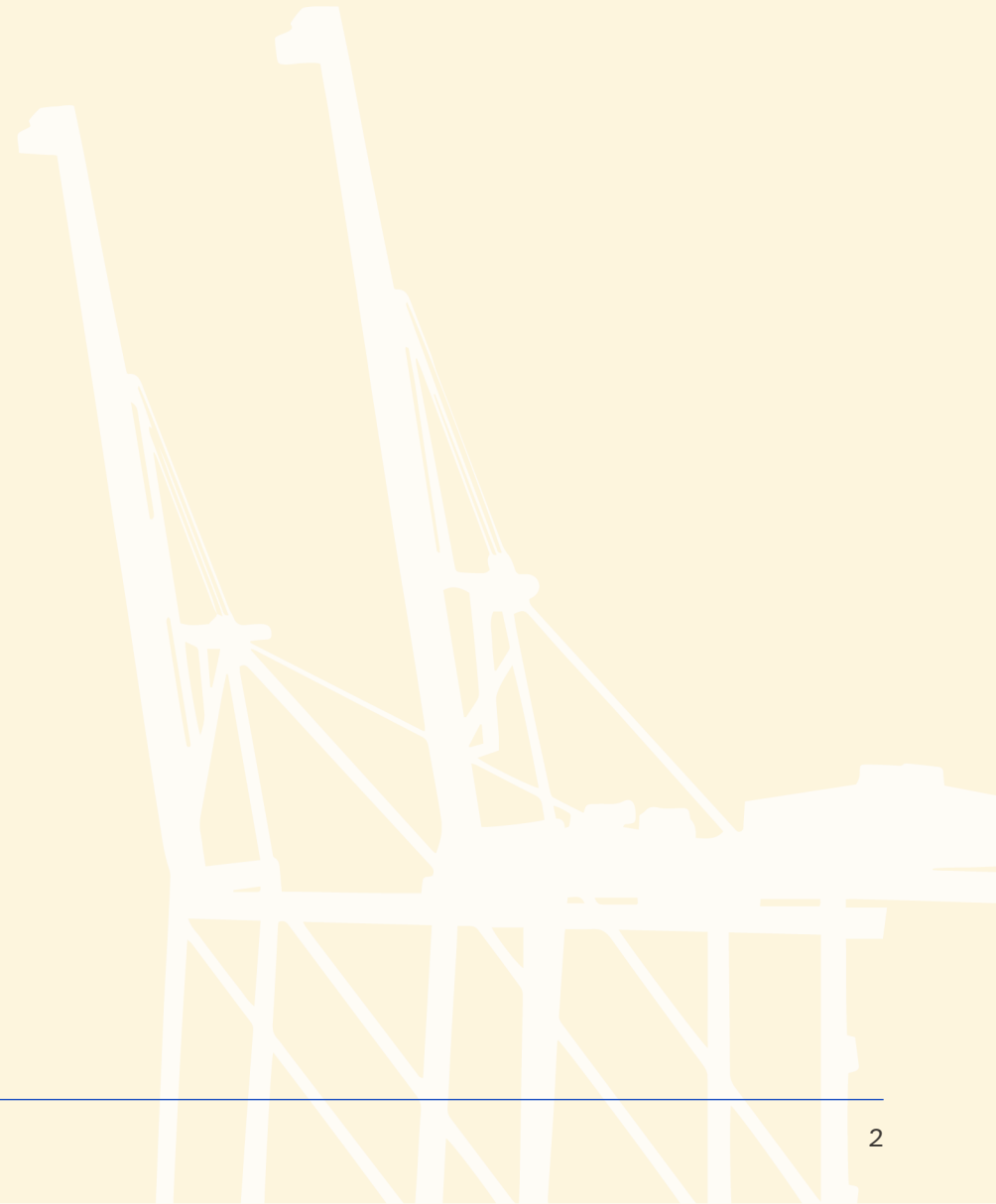


Age Friendly Fremantle: Engagement Snapshot

What we heard | Community Feedback Summary
City of Fremantle – 2025–2030 Age Friendly Plan

Acknowledgement

The City of Fremantle acknowledges the Whadjuk people as the Traditional Owners of the greater Fremantle/ Walyalup area and we recognise that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still important today.



Community Priorities – Top Themes

What matters most to older Fremantle residents?

Top priorities identified through engagement:

Priority	% Selected
Being physically active	78%
Feeling safe and connected	44%
Access to transport / driving	34%
Being mentally healthy	34%
Lifelong learning & skill use	22%

Other key themes: *social connection, information access, support services, housing, tech skills)*

Community Priorities – Key Insights

What does the data tell us?

- **Being physically active** was the most important priority for survey respondents when it came to ageing and wellbeing. It was selected by 78% of respondents.
- **Feeling safe and connected with the community** in Fremantle was the second most selected priority, chosen by 44% of respondents.
- **Being mentally healthy** and **access to transport/driving my own car** were both selected by 34% of respondents, ranking equal third as a priority when it comes to ageing.
- Ongoing interest in **learning, engagement, and digital inclusion**.

Transport, Parking & Access

Community Feedback: 14 mentions

- CAT bus cancellation impacted amenity access.
- Parking cost and availability are barriers to participation.
- Calls for better park-and-ride and public transport links.
- Safer streets: reduce speed, add crossings and walking/cycling paths.

Infrastructure & Amenity

Public Toilets, Seating & Urban Environment: (11 mentions)

- Toilets at Walyalup Koort and the Library are inaccessible and inadequate.
- More shaded seating, rest areas, and clear signage needed.
- Concerns about pavements, e-scooters, poor lighting, and aged infrastructure.

Social Connection & Belonging



Isolation & Community Infrastructure: (9 mentions)

- Demand for a dedicated Seniors or Community Centre.
- Need for informal gathering places (e.g., South Beach Café).
- Support for peer-led programs and buddy check-ins.
- Desire for safer, inclusive spaces to meet in Fremantle.

Respect & Inclusion

Cultural and Social Inclusion: (8 mentions)

- Call for stronger recognition of older residents' contributions.
- More intergenerational and integrated activities.
- Concerns around ageism in community planning.
- Emphasis on choice and independence in ageing.

Health, Safety & Support

Health Services & Safety: (7 mentions)

- Lack of access to GPs, podiatry, aged care, and emergency services.
- Community safety concerns: public drinking, unsafe areas.
- Indoor air quality and ventilation raised as a public health risk.

Cost of Living & Affordability

Living Well on a Pension: (6 mentions)

- Cost barriers: council rates, events, gyms, parking.
- Requests for discounts and low-cost options for seniors.
- Financial strain noted as a growing concern.

Positives & Community Appreciation

Positive Feedback: (5 mentions)

- Appreciation for:
 - Fre-OH! magazine
 - Free exercise/wellbeing classes
 - Fremantle Arts Centre & Meeting Place programs
- Acknowledgement of Fremantle's vibrant, inclusive character.

Opportunities for Improvement

Other Key Themes Identified:

- City Centre Revitalisation: Address derelict buildings, attract retail.
- Greening & Sustainability: More trees, gardening support, climate action.
- Program Enhancements: Outdoor fitness, tech workshops, cultural talks.

What's Next?

Where to from here:

- Full report available at My Say Freo.
- All contributors will receive updates via the City's Community Engagement newsletter.
- Community feedback will shape advocacy, strategy, and resource planning.
- Updates and actions will be published via the Positive Ageing – City of Fremantle page.

Thank you

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