



# OFFICE OF SENIOR VICTORIANS

# THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY REGISTER INITIATIVE

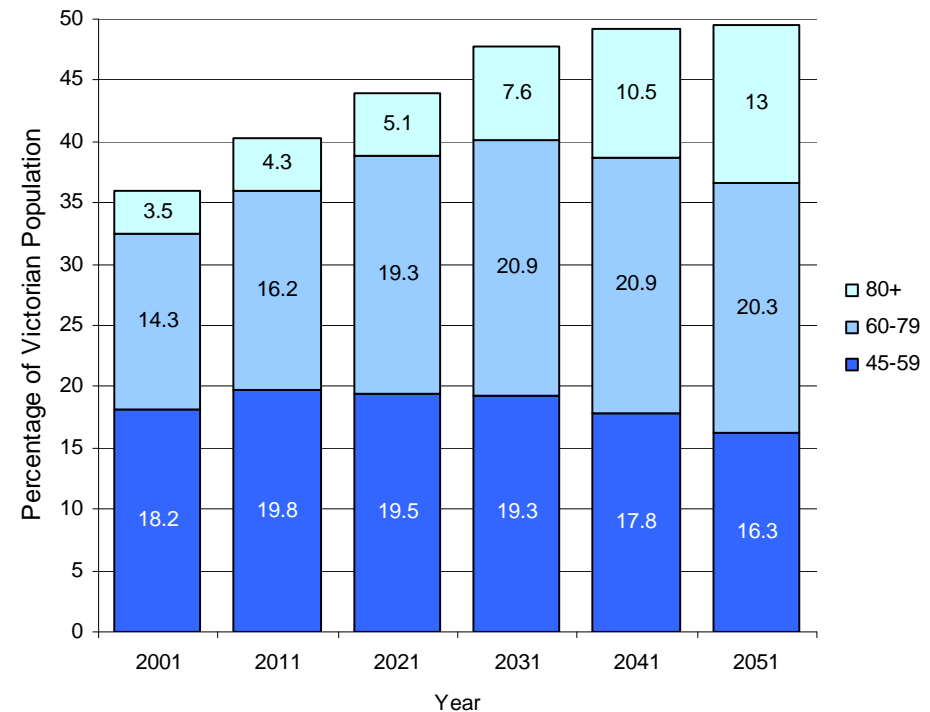


# Life Course: Dimensions of Ageing

## 3 Cohorts of Seniors:

1. Baby Boomers (45 – 60 years)
2. People in their 3<sup>rd</sup> Age (the ‘young’ old: 60 – 79 years )
3. People in their 4<sup>th</sup> Age (the ‘older old’: 80 years and older)

Percentage of Victorian Population Aged 45 and over





# Office of Senior Victorians

## **Responsible for implementing:**

- Community Register (CR) Initiative
- The Elder Abuse Prevention Strategy
- Health & Physical Activity 'Go for your life'
- Policy framework" Building an age-friendly Victoria"
- Seniors Festival
- Seniors Card & Seniors Directory
- Positive Ageing & Age Friendly Strategies



# Office of Senior Victorians

## Funding to:

- COTA - Seniors Information Victoria
- COTA - Seniors Rights Victoria
- Living Longer Living Stronger™
- Active Ageing Network – YMCA & COTA
- Universities of the Third Age
- Primary Care Partnerships
- Ethnic Community Council Victoria
- Positive Ageing in Local Communities MAV/COTA



# Community Register Initiative

\$1m announced by Lisa Neville, Minister for Senior Victorians on 6 April 2009

- Aims to:
  - establish 25 new Community Registers (CR) by December 2009 (up to \$30k)
  - enhance 15 existing CRs to include people with a disability (up to \$10k)



# Community Register Implementation

## Partnership with:

- Victoria Police
- Existing community registers
- Department of Human Services Disability Branch
- Department of Health Aged Care Branch
- Department of Planning and Community Development Branches
- Local Government
- CR Management Group & Advisory Group



# Community Registers

- Established to provide reassurance and well being checks
- More than 20 existing registers in Victoria
- Most located in police stations
- Managed & run by volunteers
- New CRs will include people with disabilities



# Current and future activities

## Existing Registers:

- Provide isolated &/or older people with a regular phone call to check on their well-being at agreed times
- Participation is voluntary and at no cost
- CR data base includes:
  - basic health information
  - next of kin/contact person details
  - GP & pharmacist contact details
- Some provide referral information, newsletters, social activities/networking opportunities.



## Current and future activities

- Guidelines have been developed in partnership with stakeholders & CR management & advisory groups
- Funding round open, closing date 28 Sept
- Funding applications go via the Vic Police Service Area Manager
- Demonstrate linkages with council, local orgs
- Demonstrate capacity to attract and train volunteers



# Community Register Initiative

- CRs will be used to disseminate information about catastrophic events, heatwaves, floods, bushfires
- New registers will not require volunteers to visit people listed on the data base
- To be established by December 2009
  - 25 new registers
  - 15 enhanced registers