Demographics of ageing

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• Increasing survival
  – In 2012 more than 90% of our population were living past age 60
  – In the late 19th century less than 50% did

• Declining fertility
  – Average number of children per woman declined rapidly after 1971
  – Victoria has been below ‘replacement’ level fertility since the mid-1970s
  – Children now form a smaller % of our population than in the past

• Increasing numbers of older people …
Number and proportion of Victorians aged 60 years and over
1981 to 2016 (actual) and 2021 to 2051 (projected)

Sources: ABS Census, various years; Victoria in Future 2016
Need for assistance by age

Victoria 2006 and 2016

Source: ABS Census 2006, 2016
Proportion of population aged 75 years and over, Melbourne and Regional Victoria, 1981 to 2016

Source: SAR unpublished time-series database 1981-2001 based on enumerated census data; ABS census 2016 LGA time-series profile based on usual residence
Population structure – variation over space

Source: ABS Census 2011
Numbers aged 75 years and over 2016

Statistical Area Level 2 (SA2), place of usual residence

Source: ABS Census 2016
Areas with projected increase in 75+ year olds

Projected change in number of persons aged 75 years and over, VIF Statistical Area, 2016 to 2031

Change in no. aged 75+
- 2,500 to 10,800
- 1,000 to 2,499
- 500 to 999
- 0 to 499
- -500 to -1

Inset: Melbourne region

Source: DELWP Victoria in Future 2016
Policy considerations and challenges

- Demographics are dynamic - ageing in outer suburbia and peri urban, but renewal of young populations in central areas
- Do people move to the service or service move to people? Will inner urban demand for aged care increase in the future?
- Costs of provision and cost of purchase. What impacts of affordability?
- Low density / low population areas of the state? How to service?
- Populations are increasingly mobile. How flexible is our provision of aged services?

Persons aged 70+ living in non-private dwellings, SA2, 2016.  
Source: ABS Census 2016