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# Think Tank: On for young and old...collaborating for impact

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## **A partnership to create housing and aged care for the elderly homeless in Hobart**

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As at 30 June 2021 our population was 541,479

30 June 2021			
Age Group (Years)	Male	Female	All Persons
0 to 15	51,379	48,517	99,896
16 to 24	28,927	26,485	55,412
25 to 45	66,945	68,619	135,564
46 to 54	30,073	32,030	62,103
55+	90,287	98,217	188,504
<b>Total</b>	<b>267,611</b>	<b>273,868</b>	<b>541,479</b>

- Tasmania's population continues to grow, with positive population growth equivalent to the national rate (0.2%).
- Tasmania's increase was predominately natural (births) rather than interstate or overseas migration.
- Australia's population has aged in the past 50 years. The median age has increased from 27.5 years in 1971 to 38.2 years in 2021.
- Over one-third (34.8 per cent) of Tasmania's population are aged 55 years or older.
- Females outnumber males substantially in the older Tasmanian cohort.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics (Reference Period June 2021)



## One in five housing applicants are aged over 55 years

31 December 2021		
Bedroom Entitlement	55 to 63 years	64 years and over
1	207	285
2	116	154
3	39	30
4+	7	3
Sub Total	369	472
Total	841	

As at 31 December 2021, of the 4,388 active applicants on the Housing Register, 841 applicants (19.2 per cent) were aged 55 years and over.

Of the 841 elderly applicants, over half are aged 64 years and over.

Both the mean and median age of elderly applicants is 65 years.

Around three in every five elderly applicants are entitled to a one-bedroom dwelling, with the remaining applicants most likely in need of a home with two-bedrooms.

- In 2014 Wintringham was approached by Minister Jacqui Petrusma
- Would we come to Tasmania and deliver aged care services?
- In principle Yes – but there were two significant issues to resolve





- Commonwealth residential aged care services are usually funded by Accommodation Bonds paid by residents
- Wintringham clients are unable to pay a Bond
- Therefore all residential aged care homes must be funded by Government – would Tasmania be prepared to do this?

- Secondly, a stand alone aged care facility would be unviable
- Wintringham's model of care requires supported housing and outreach to augment our residential aged care



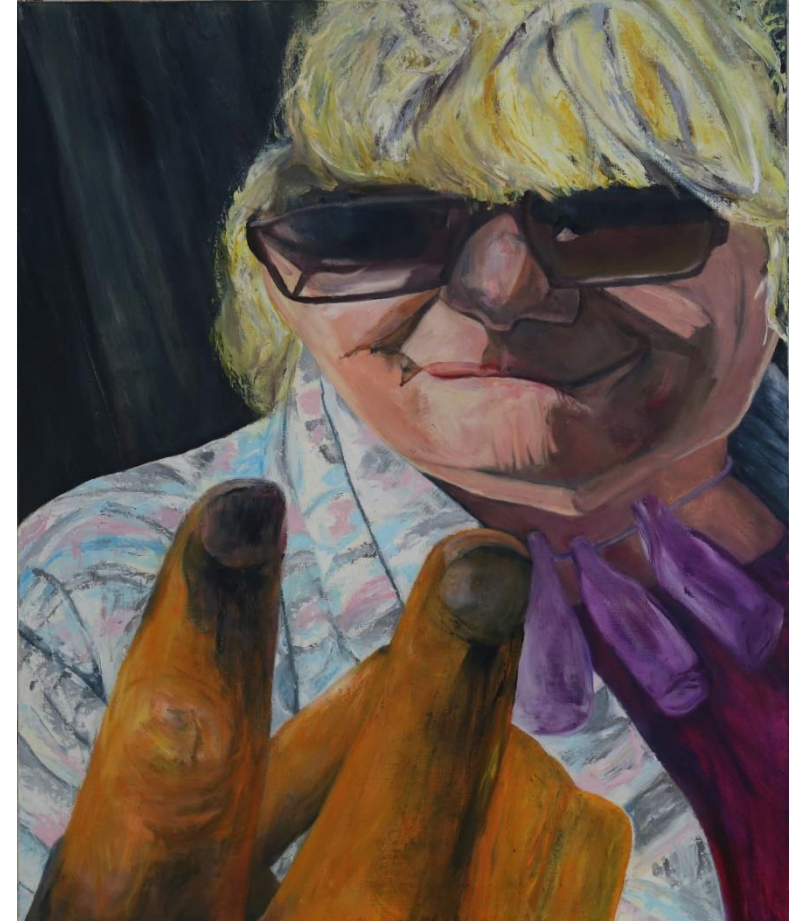


- Tasmania sought expressions of interest in 2015 from aged care providers – target homeless older people
- Two organisations responded – both were unsuccessful under ACAR
- In 2017 Wintringham were successful under ACAR with an alternate project site at Bellerive – 40 beds
- Despite some objections from neighbors this project is now nearing completion – August 2022



## RESULT:

- \$35m development providing:
- 40 Commonwealth registered aged care beds
- 172 housing units – new purpose built and renovated
- Housing outreach and support
- Projected further development plans





In partnership, we have achieved what would have been impossible if Wintringham or Tasmanian Government had acted alone.





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