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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Pilbara of 2035 is expected to be the place to live, work, visit and invest. The Karratha City of the North plan has been released and there is ongoing development of the Hedland Port City plan. Other major infrastructure decisions in the Pilbara relating to health and land have occurred.

With the Liberal National Government goal of 140,000 people in the Pilbara by 2035, closer examination is needed of our population profile and how this this will ultimately affect the economic base of the Pilbara and assist to build sustainable communities. Increased people choosing to retire in the Pilbara will bring social and economic benefits to the whole community.

The population profile of the Pilbara is not like that of the rest of Australia or the WA State. The Pilbara due to the history and dominance of mining has a large non-resident population, with the resident population largely consisting of young children aged 0 to 6 and 25 to 45 year olds. Over 50 year olds in the Pilbara make up 15.6% of the population while over 50 year olds make up 30% of the WA population as a whole.

One of the factors (amongst many others) why most non-Aboriginal people choose to retire elsewhere can be explained by the expense of living and lack of facilities and options for ageing people in the Pilbara. When benchmarked against other comparable locations such as Gladstone Regional Council and Hinchinbrook Local Government Area in North Queensland, the magnitude of our lack of options becomes apparent.

Currently there are existing projects to develop aged care services occurring in the Pilbara although these projects do not go far enough to tackle the current or future needs for aged care related services and facilities.

It is recommended that aged care related planning becomes a focus of all three levels of government who currently influence the service provision, amenity and growth in the Pilbara.

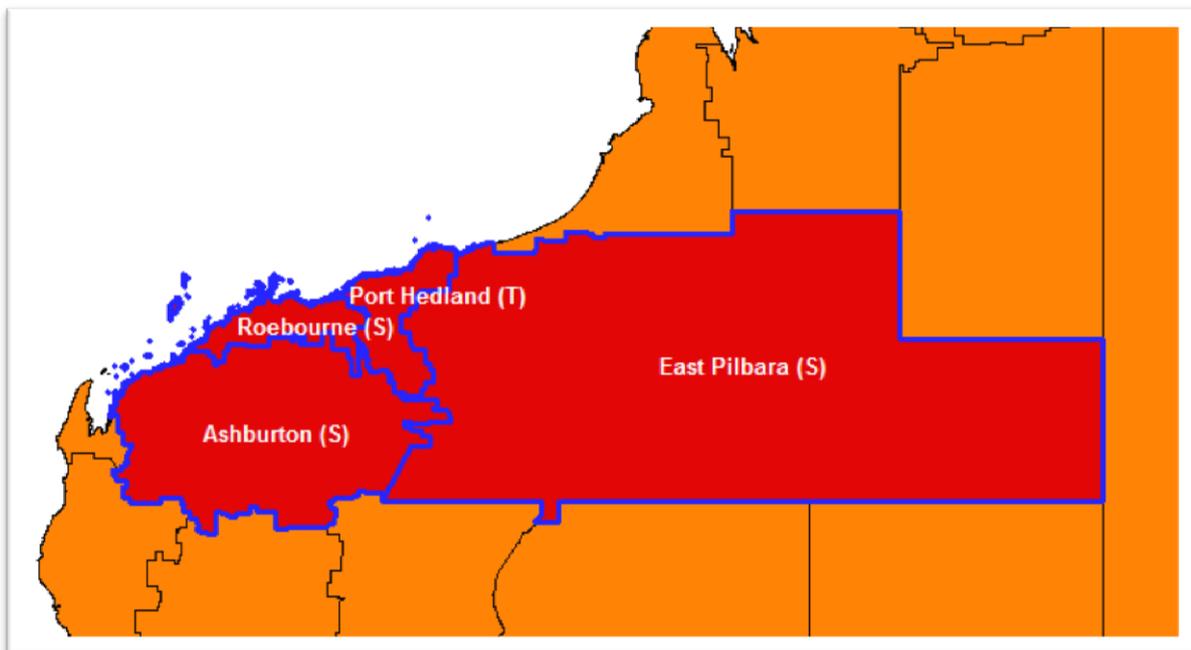


Figure 1: Pilbara Region with four geographical local government areas

1. BACKGROUND TO THE ANALYSIS

Why are we doing research on aged care in the Pilbara?

In 2003 the Pilbara Regional Council commissioned a report 'The Pilbara Aged Care Plan' prepared by consultants Innovation Business Improvement Systems Pty Ltd. The report focused on viability issues and recommended that small hospitals like Tom Price, Newman and Onslow move to a model of aged care called 'Multi-Purpose Service' that would enable them to undertake flexible aged care within the hospital. The report also recommended the combining of the two residential aged care facilities in Hedland. This has since occurred in the new Hedland health campus and is called Kallara house. It is managed by the Western Australian Government Country Health with part funding from the Australian Government.

Since the 2003 report much has changed, in particular the Liberal National Government's Pilbara Cities vision with the goal (amongst others) to normalise the population profile in the Pilbara and close the gap in services and facilities between the Pilbara and metropolitan centres. The large majority of our older non-indigenous people move away in retirement to locations where the cost of living is lower and where there are increased facilities and services available to retirees. However as the Pilbara centres mature there are increasing members of intergenerational families resident in the region. Demographic changes, combined with high population growth mean Governments need to plan for increasing numbers of older people wishing to remain in the Pilbara.

The Aboriginal population of the Pilbara are a significant factor in the services for older people equation. Aboriginal people do not move away from the region to retire, unless forced to do so for medical reasons. Statistically Aboriginal people have shorter life expectancy and start to impact aged care services and infrastructure at substantially earlier ages than the non-Aboriginal population.

Planning for ageing services and facilities is multi-government and multi-agency. Service delivery is a mixture of government and non-government agencies.

This analysis is an exercise to highlight our current situation with the aim of looking forward to where we want to be in the future, in terms of services and facilities for older people.

Who are we doing it for?

This report is for people and agencies:

- undertaking planning for community infrastructure and aged care services in the Pilbara.
- to challenge the automatic assumption that people do not want to retire in the Pilbara and aged care services and residences are not needed.
- to identify services required for people who want to be able to stay near their children and grandchildren in the Pilbara but live independently when they age.
- Identify potential future strategies to move forward with providing more options for aged care in the Pilbara.

What does the report need to achieve?

This report needs to detail an accurate picture of current resources relating to older people in the Pilbara, along with benchmarking that can detail the facilities and services required to 2035. The report also endeavours to set some priorities to guide future allocation of government funding through the existing allocation of resources.

2. TYPES OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR AGE

2.1 Residential care

In Australia there are two main types of residential care – low level care and high level care. A residential care facility may offer both types of care or may specialise in one. Low level care facilities provide accommodation and personal care services such as meals, cleaning, laundry and occasional nursing care. High level care facilities offer the same services as low level care but are suitable for people with greater needs and usually involve 24 hour nursing care and access to health services such as physiotherapy.

The Australian Government provides funding to high and low care residential facilities based on a funding quota of about 88 funded residential places per population over the age of 70. To receive a funded place you must be assessed by a specialist service called an ACAT (Aged care Assessment Team) who will determine eligibility for a funded aged care place. The funding place is not 'means tested' although there has to be a funded place available in your area. In the Pilbara there is one ACAT assessor located in the Hedland Health Campus.

2.2 In home care

It is government policy and usually the wish of an older person to stay in their home for as long as possible. To assist this, the Australian government funds 'Community Aged care Packages' (CACP), services provided are in home support such as personal care, transport, meal preparation or gardening. To receive this funding you need to have an ACAT assessment and eligibility is not means tested, although again a funded placement needs to be available. The CACP also comes in different types with extra funding for people with dementia. The Australian Government funds CACPs on a level of approximately 25 places per 1000 people over the age of 70.

2.3 Home and Community Care (HACC)

Home and Community Care is jointly funded by the Australian and State Governments and supports older people and people with disabilities. Assistance includes nursing care, domestic assistance, meals and food, personal care and transport. A person does not need an ACAT assessment to access the HACC services.

2.4 Retirement Villages

Retirement villages can be classified into fully resident funded or subsidised accommodation. Resident funded may be operated by both private and not for profit organisations and operates on a rental basis or property buy in basis. The ongoing services and communal areas are user pays.

Subsidised retirement accommodation villages are usually owned and operated by not-for profit or local governments and have restricted access to the needy. Subsidised retirement villages are usually offered on a rental basis for people with lower incomes, the capital cost has been met by a government or non-government agency and minimal rent is charged to residents.

Additional support services in retirement villages are provided by in home care programs such as Home and Community Care or a Community Aged Care Package provider.

Entry into all retirement village is dependent upon meeting eligibility criteria i.e. to people who are 55 years and older and no longer work.

2.5 Aboriginal Elder Care

Aboriginal people in Western Australia have a shorter life expectancy than non-Aboriginal people. It is currently 14 years lower for Males and 12.5 years for females. When planning for aged care services the Australian government uses the age of 50 years for the Aboriginal population to allocate funding places.

There are a range of other considerations when providing aged care services to Aboriginal people, some of these include historical factors that now influence health and socioeconomic position. While each Aboriginal group has their own cultures and customs there are some commonalities. Non-Aboriginal aged care policies emphasise autonomy and independency however Aboriginal society is more collective with the place of the older members within the extended family being more important. In particular, often grandmothers take a larger role in raising grandchildren and elder Aboriginal people living alone are the exception rather than the rule. (Report on a scoping study into the needs of Indigenous Aged Care in South Australian May 2001)

Connection to family and country is of paramount importance to Aboriginal people so the health of the aged, as well as the community as a whole is thought to be greatly improved when care can be provided within the community.

2.6 Models of aged care

The aged care industry is highly regulated by the Australian government by allocating the number of funded places and controlling what fee is charge and by how much. Outside these fees and charges, the aged care providers have some limited discretion by charging for 'extra services' they provide or through the ability to charge a bond. The level of the bond may be set by the facility and can be anywhere from \$100,000 to \$600,000, the Australian average is \$188,000 (What Boomers Want: A Sustainable Model for Aged care April 2010).

Within the aged care regulatory framework, a service provider may operate an aged care campus that has a mixture of the care types and accommodation. For example, on an aged care site there could be an aged care facility that caters for high/low care needs, this is then complemented by a number of rental units for independent living and/or units for purchasing. Seniors living in the independent units may receive assistance through a CACP or HACC or a fee for service basis. This type of opportunity also offers a continuum of care that can transition an older person from retirement to high care. There are no examples of this type of care in the Pilbara.

3. EXISTING AGED CARE SERVICES IN THE PILBARA BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

3.1 Shire of Roebourne

Residential

SERVICE	TARGET GROUP	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	SERVICE DELIVERY ORGANISATION	FUNDING BODY	NOTES / WEBSITE	WAITLIST OR DEMAND
KARRATHA						
Karratha Seniors Village 11 independent living units	Retirement age	11 independent living units	Freemasons WA / Shire of Roebourne	Shire of Roebourne	Village Owned by Shire of Roebourne (6 units) and Freemasons (5 units) Village currently in negotiation to be relocated	Waitlist not kept due to imminent relocation
ROEBOURNE/WICKHAM /POINT SAMSON						
Yaandina Frail Aged Hostel Residential Care Funding Places x 9 beds	Aged as assessed by ACAT	Low Care residential Care	Yaandina Family Centre inc	Department for Health and Ageing	Currently has approval to expand to 20 beds.	Full
Respite Care - Samson Beach stay (21 Bruce Way)	respite for carers	2 bedroom for respite care older people / people with disabilities	Pilbara and Kimberley Care	Disability Services	This service is also used extensively by people with a disability.	Difficult to access due to frequently booked out

In Home Services

SERVICE	TARGET GROUP	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	SERVICE DELIVERY ORGANISATION	FUNDING BODY	NOTES / WEBSITE	WAITLIST OR DEMAND
KARRATHA						
Community Aged Care Funding Packages 4 places	see TERMS	See TERMS	Southern Cross Community Care	Department for Health and Ageing	http://www.scrossw.a.org.au/	Currently no unused funding
Home and Community Care	see TERMS	23 Clients	Southern Cross Community Care	Australian and State Government	Southern Cross care is currently discussing land possibilities with SOR for future HACC day centre	23 Clients
ROEBOURNE/WICKHAM /POINT SAMSON						
Community Aged care Funding Packages x 6 places	see TERMS	See TERMS	Pilbara and Kimberley Care / Southern Cross Care	Department for Health and Ageing	http://www.scrossw.a.org.au/	full
Home and Community Care	see TERMS	See TERMS	Yaandina Family Centre inc	Australian and State Government	www.yaandina.org.au	unknown

3.2 Shire of Ashburton

Residential

SERVICE	TARGET GROUP	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	SERVICE DELIVERY ORGANISATION	FUNDING BODY	NOTES / WEBSITE	WAITLIST OR DEMAND
ONSLOW						
9 x House	Seniors and people with disabilities	9 community houses (4 occupied by seniors 5 by disabled people)	Shire of Ashburton	Shire of Ashburton	www.ashburton.wa.gov.au	9 seniors on waiting list (55 years and over)
TOM PRICE/ PARABURDOO						
Planning stage - 6 to 10 units in Tom Price for Elders	Elders of Gumula	Community houses	Gumula Aboriginal organisation	Gumula Aboriginal Org with land donated by Rio tinto	www.gumula.com.au	unknown

In Home Services

SERVICE	TARGET GROUP	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	SERVICE DELIVERY ORGANISATION	FUNDING BODY	NOTES / WEBSITE	WAITLIST OR DEMAND
ONSLOW						
Community Aged care Funding Packages x 5	see Terms	5 clients	WA Health Department	Department for Health and Ageing	http://www.health.wa.gov.au/services/detail.cfm?Unit_ID=52	full
Home and Community Care	See Terms	14 clients	WA Health Department	Australian and State Government	http://www.health.wa.gov.au/services/detail.cfm?Unit_ID=52	14 clients all over age of 65 (5 Community Aged care packages) 7 Indigenous people
TOM PRICE/ PARABURDOO						
Community Aged care Packages x 4	see Terms	See Terms	Southern Cross Care			full
Home and Community Care	see Terms	23 Clients	Southern Cross Care	Australian and State Government	http://www.scross.wa.org.au/	23 Clients

3.3 Town of Port Hedland

Residential

SERVICE	TARGET GROUP	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	SERVICE DELIVERY ORGANISATION	FUNDING BODY	NOTES /WEBSITE	WAITLIST OR DEMAND
PORT HEDLAND						
Kallara House attached to new Hedland health campus 56 residential packages	Residential aged care mix of high, low and respite care	56 beds built as part of Port Hedland Health Campus. 3 beds allocated to respite care in the Pilbara	WA Country Health	Department of Health and Ageing	Very high needs clients with challenging behaviours are sent to Broom or Perth	Full, no official waitlist. People often omitted from hospital
Retirement Village x 22 units (Steven Street Hedland)	Retirement age Independent living	22 single room Units	Port Hedland Retirement Village Inc	Units owned by Town of Port Hedland	http://www.porthedland.wa.gov.au/services_facilities/aged_disability_services/	2 people on waitlist
Retirement Village x 10 units (Gregor St Port Hedland)	Retirement age Independent living, assets under \$150,000 for single (\$250,000 for partners)	Units 10 x 2 bedroom units	Freemasons WA		http://www.freemasonswa.com.au/living_units_port_hedland.html	5 people on waitlist

In Home Services

SERVICE	TARGET GROUP	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	SERVICE DELIVERY ORGANISATION	FUNDING BODY	NOTES /WEBSITE	WAITLIST OR DEMAND
PORT HEDLAND						
Community Aged care Funding Packages x 10	See TERMS	provided to 10 clients in Hedland	Southern Cross Care	Department of Health and Ageing	http://www.scrosswa.org.au/	Currently no unused funding
Home and Community Care	See TERMS	49 Clients	Southern Cross Care	Australian and State Government	http://www.scrosswa.org.au/index.php/scc/community_care/	49 Clients
Pilbara Mobile Respite service	Pilbara Wide service	Respite is provided to those who care for a person who is elderly, has a mental illness, has dementia or other challenging behaviour	Frontier Services	Department of Health and Ageing	www.frontierservices.org	New service unknown demand
YANDEYARRA						
Home and Community Care	See TERMS	See TERMS	East Pilbara Independence Support	Australian and State Government	No website available	Newly contracted to EPIS

3.4 Shire of East Pilbara

Residential

SERVICE	TARGET GROUP	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	SERVICE DELIVERY ORGANISATION	FUNDING BODY	NOTES / WEBSITE	WAITLIST OR DEMAND
NEWMAN						
Nyabalee house Respite Care	Age and Disability clients	Respite home up to 4 clients	East Pilbara Independence Support Inc	Department for Health and Ageing for ongoing funding. Houses owned by BHP Billiton	No website available	
JIGALONG						
Pensioner Units x 5	Pensioners	5 x 2 bedroom units	Jigalong Community Council	Jigalong Community Council	Newly Constructed	Not yet operational
MABLE BAR						
Piri Smith Units x 6	over 55s, don't own a home	6 single room independent living units	Shire of East Pilbara with recommendations from the Piri Smith retirement Unit Committee	Shire of East Pilbara	www.eastpilbara.wa.gov.au	50% occupancy

In Home Services

SERVICE	TARGET GROUP	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	SERVICE DELIVERY ORGANISATION	FUNDING BODY	NOTES / WEBSITE	WAITLIST OR DEMAND
NEWMAN						
Community Aged care Funding Packages x 8	see TERMS	see TERMS	East Pilbara Independence Support Inc (under brokerage from Dept for Health WA)	Health and Ageing	No website available	7 Vacancies available across western dessert
Home and Community Care	see TERMS	see TERMS	East Pilbara Independence Support	Australian and State Government	No website available	7 Vacancies available across western dessert
JIGALONG						
Community Aged care Funding Packages x 6	see TERMS	see TERMS	East Pilbara Independence Support Inc (under brokerage from Dept for Health WA)	Health and Ageing	No website available	7 Vacancies available across western dessert
Home and Community Care (Lot 7 Jigalong Community)	see TERMS	see TERMS	East Pilbara Independence Support	Australian and State Government	No website available	
MABLE BAR						
Home and Community Care	see TERMS	see TERMS	East Pilbara Independence Support	Australian and State Government	No website available	

NULLAGINE						
Community Aged care Funding Packages x 2	see TERMS	see TERMS	East Pilbara Independence Support Inc (under brokerage from Dept for Health WA)	Health and Ageing	No website available	7 Vacancies available across western dessert
Home and Community Care	see TERMS	see TERMS	East Pilbara Independence Support	Australian and State Government	Australian and State Government	
WESTERN DESERT (Punmu, Kunawariji, Pungurr)						
Community Aged care Funding Packages x 8	see TERMS	see TERMS	Coordinated from Hedland and Sub contracted to each Community)	Health and Ageing	Health and Ageing	7 Vacancies available across western dessert
Home and Community Care	see TERMS	see TERMS	Coordinated from Hedland and Sub contracted to each Community)	Australian and State Government	Australian and State Government	Number of clients unknown

Summary of Pilbara Wide Commonwealth aged care funding and the local service providers

SERVICE PROVIDER	RESIDENTIAL PACKAGES	COMMUNITY PACKAGES (INCLUDING EACH AND DEACH)	TOTAL
Health Department	56	29	85
Yaandina Family Centre	9	0	9
Pilbara And Kimberley Care (Southern Cross Care)	0	21	21
Southern Cross Care	0	19	19
Total	65	69	134

Community aged care packages can come in two additional forms called Extended Aged care Packages (EACH) and Dementia Extended Aged care Packages (DEACH) they are designed to provided additional supports to keep the aged person in their home.

4. CURRENT KNOWN INITIATIVES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PILBARA

There are a number of initiatives occurring in the Pilbara to develop services to older people that may or may not come to completion. These include:

4.1 The current plan to redevelop the Onslow hospital.

In the 2003 Pilbara aged care plan it was recommended that the hospital become a Multi-Purpose Service that includes some aged care services. Current plans are underway to redevelop the hospital and will provide the opportunity to re-examine this option.

The current Service Plan: Onslow Health Service 4 May 2010 discusses the need for aged care beds and includes aged care in a proposed model of care.

4.2 Yaandina frail age extensions

Yaandina has been planning to expand from 9 to 20 places for a number of years and has obtained part funding.

4.3 Newman

The high level Newman Service Planning Report final version November 2010 does not refer to any plans to incorporate aged care into the hospital into the future. A Multi-Purpose Service funding model has not been considered.

4.4 Karratha

The movement of the Karratha retirement village has raised community awareness relating to aged care, the opportunities include:

- new land for a Home and Community Care Centre
- new site and a new retirement village.
- the Service Plan for the Karratha health campus (final endorsed 30 September 2010) page 61 and page 95 indicate aged care patents are to be sent to Port Hedland. There is no aged care facility as part of the Karratha health campus plan.

4.5 Tom Price

Gumala Aboriginal Corporation is currently building 6 to 10 aged care units in Tom Price. Land has been acquired.

4.6 South Hedland

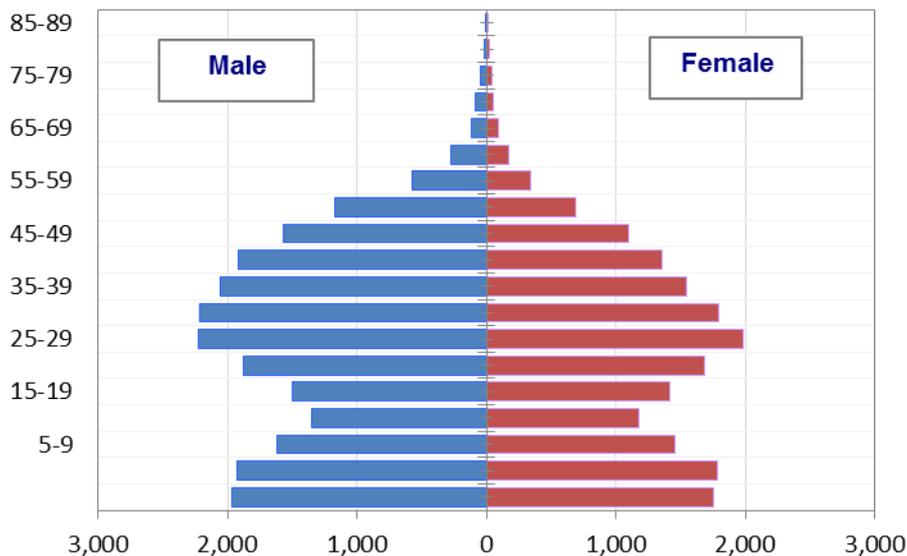
In South Hedland the Innawonga Bunjima and Niapaili (IBN) in in the process of securing land tenure in South Hedland to build approximately 8 old peoples accommodation for their members.

5. DEMAND ANALYSIS

5.1 Pilbara Population

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics the Estimate Residential Population for the Pilbara in 2010 was 48,610 people. In April 2010 a Pilbara population estimation and forecast exercise was commissioned by the Pilbara Industry Community Council (PICC), this exercise by Heuris Partners Ltd forecast the estimated residential population in 2020 of 62,509 people.

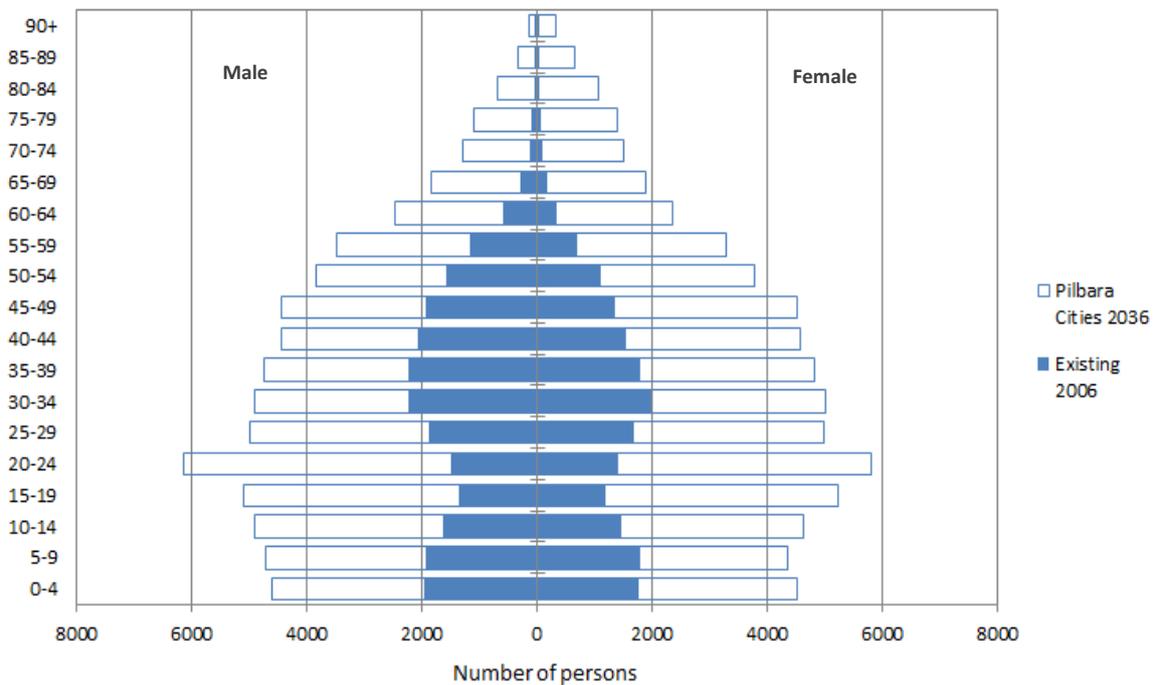
The 2006 census details the Pilbara population profile is detailed in the diagram below. This population profile is distinctive by the fact that only 15.6% of the population is over the age of 50. In contrast 30% of the population is over the age of 50 for the whole of Western Australia. (Diagram courtesy of Department of Planning Pilbara)



5.2 Pilbara population into the future

It is a goal of the Pilbara Cities to attain a population of 50,000 in Karratha and Hedland plus a population of 15,000 in Newman. The Pilbara Planning and Infrastructure Framework (draft Feb 2011) on page 10 states that “broadening and deepening of the region’s age gender profile will greatly assist the Pilbara towns to become more resilient settlements, this change will have significant implications for housing and community health facilities as the proportion of elderly residence increase.”

If this was to occur, what this may look like in 2036 is modelled below by the Department of Planning for a population of 120,000 in the Pilbara. The model is based on the Townsville Queensland population profile.



Population in the Pilbara

Age	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-90	90+
2006 ABS	2670	1865	916	449	207	143	88	37	21
2036 Estimate	7620	6770	4805	3713	2790	2520	1746	984	463

As can be seen from the above table the Pilbara will need to start planning for the needs of older people if it is to achieve the aspirational growth targets.

5.3 Shire of Roebourne

The ABS estimated for 2010 Estimated Residential Population to be 19,143 people. The Shire of Roebourne has also commissioned detailed population projections up to 2031 including a population profile. (This is provided by Informed Decisions) <http://forecast2.id.com.au/Default.aspx?id=381&pg=5000>

Age	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+
2006 ABS	1089	751	371	164	76	43	25	21
2031 Estimate	2443	1780	1190	784	516	300	165	125

The total number of older people (Age 50+) in the Shire will increase from 2,540 in 2006 to 7,303 or 20% of the population into 2031

5.4 Shire of Ashburton

The 2010 Estimated Residential Population by the ABS of the Shire was 6,730 people. The 2020 residential population as estimated by Heuris Partners Ltd in the report *Planning for Resources Growth in the Pilbara: revised employment and population projections to 2020* is approximately 7,114.

No other data population forecast modelling is available.

5.5 Town of Port Hedland

The 2010 Estimated Residential Population by the ABS of the Town was 14,624 people. The 2020 residential population as estimated by Heuris Partners Ltd in the report *Planning for Resources Growth in the Pilbara: revised employment and population projections to 2020* is approximately 19,870 people.

No other data population forecast modelling is available.

5.6 Shire of East Pilbara

The 2010 Estimated Residential Population by the ABS of the Shire was 8,113 people. The 2020 residential population as estimated by Heuris Partners Ltd in the report *Planning for Resources Growth in the Pilbara: revised employment and population projections to 2020* is approximately 8,286 people.

No other data population forecast modelling is available.

5.7 Aboriginal People in the Pilbara

Aboriginal people in the Pilbara make up between 14% and 30% of the population (ABS census 2006) which is higher than state average of 3%.

The majority of Aboriginal people in the Pilbara live in the major towns but significant numbers live in the communities of Jigalong, Kiwirrkurra, Parngurr, Warralong, Punmu Yandeyarra and Kunawarritji.

Aboriginal people in the Pilbara have a higher burden of disease than the general population, reflected in admission rates to hospitals:

- 12 x greater for renal dialysis
- 8 x greater for diabetes
- 6.64 x greater for respiratory infections.
- (Rural Health West – Pilbara region – the Population and Health Status.)

Aboriginal people in Western Australia have a shorter life expectancy than non-Aboriginal people. It is currently 14 years lower for Males and 12.5 years for females. When planning for aged care services the Australian government uses the age of 50 years for the Aboriginal population to allocate funding places.

In the Pilbara, of the current funded 65 residential places available (Kallara House and Yaandina Frail Aged) 90% of the people living in the residential facilities are Aboriginal people.

6. BENCHMARK EXERCISE

Gladstone Regional Council (Queensland)

The Gladstone Regional Council area was chosen as a benchmark due to the estimated residential population of 51,158 in 2010 (ABS) and being located between Townsville and Brisbane on the Queensland coast. This mapping provides an insight into a possible future Pilbara City and what service and assets may be needed for older people; the current population of Gladstone Regional Council is also approximately the current population of the Pilbara statistical division.

The population of older people of Gladstone is detailed below. 25.8% of Gladstone's population is estimated to be over 50. NB total ERP in 2006 was 50,752 <http://profile.id.com.au/Default.aspx?id=347>

Age	50 to 59	60 to 69	70 to 84	85+	Total
Population (census 2006)	6,525	3,819	2,367	379	13,090

Retirement facilities

NAME	ADDRESS	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
Domain Parklands	1906 Dawson Hwy	70 high care beds
Blue Care Aged Care Facilities	41 Glen Eden drive	52 high Care (including 13 secure dementia)
Blue care Hibiscus gardens Aged care	2 Sigg St	45 Low care
Domain Auckland Place	18 Wicks St Gladstone	10 High Care (all Secure Dementia beds) 77 Low care (including 20 Secure dementia)
Bindaree Lodge Hostel	1 Beacon Avenue	40 Low care (including 20 secure dementia beds)

Retirement villages /residences

NAME	ADDRESS	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
Blue Care Cooina Retirement living	2 Sigg St	20 rental units
Gladstone Heritage Retirement Village		28 Villas for Seniors to Rent
Settlers South Gladstone	28 Martin Street	56 dwellings mixture of 1 bed or 2 bed
Gladstone Villages		52 x 1 bedroom
Eureka Care Community	Gladstone	Private / independent seniors / rental
Sunny Clove Gladstone	28 Martin Street	Private / independent seniors / rental
Village Life Gladstone	8 Wicks street	Private / independent seniors / rental

In home care funded by the Australian Government Department for Health and Ageing in Gladstone

Community Aged care Packages (CACP)	75
Extended EACP	10
EACPD	8

Source: www.agedcareguide.com.au

Hinchinbrook Local Government Area (North Queensland)

Hinchinbrook is located between Cairns and Townsville. The 2010 estimate residential population is 12,271. In 2006 38.5% of the population was over the age of 50 years. Resources available in Hinchinbrook may offer a guide as to what future services need to be available in Newman and what should currently be available in towns like Karratha and Hedland. Hinchinbrook LGA total population in 2006 was 12,239

Age	50 to 59	60 to 69	70 to 84	85+	Total
Population (census 2006)	1,651	1,415	1,075	572	4,713

Retirement facilities

NAME	ADDRESS	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
Blue Care blue Haven Lodge Aged care facility	58 Cassady Street Ingham	10 high Care, 40 low Care
Canossa Home for the Ages	9 Stone river Road, Trebonne	44 High Care 40 Low care (including 8 Secure dementia)
The Palms Aged Care Facility	59 Sir Arthur Fadden Pds Ingham	35 High Care (including 25 Secure Dementia Care) 15 low care

Retirement villages /residences

NAME	ADDRESS	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
Hinchinbrook Community Support	Forrest Beach	20 units available for 55 plus (low income)

In home care funded by the Australian Government Department for Health and Ageing in Gladstone

Community Aged care Packages (CACP)	65
Extended EACP	0
EACPD	1

Source: www.agedcareguide.com.au

Department for Health And Ageing Benchmarks

As stated previously, it is the Australian Government Department for Health and Ageing (DOHA) which primarily fund aged care services. National funding ratios are established to guide funding and are currently:

- 88 Residential Aged Care Packages per 1000 people over the age of 70
- 25 Community Aged Care Packages at per 1000 people over the age of 70

For Aboriginal people

- 88 Residential Aged Care Packages per 1000 people over the age of 50
- 25 Community Aged Care Packages at per 1000 people over the age of 50

Using Census 2006 data, which is now 5 years out of date. DOHA planning benchmarks indicate that there should be approximately 110 residential age care places in the Pilbara and 31 Community Aged Care packages.

	Residential age care packages	Community Aged Care Packages (CACP)
2011 Pilbara Actual	65	69
2006 benchmarks	110	31
2036 projections*	923	262

Based on 2006 data the Pilbara in 2011 does not have sufficient residential aged care places (under allocated by 45) and is over allocated in community aged care places by 38.

*Assuming an Aboriginal population over the age of 50 in 2036 is 3092, Assuming a non-Aboriginal population over the age of 70 in 2036 is 7398 Assuming funding ratios are not changed (they are likely to be increased due to ageing population trends)

7. WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE?

Comparison of accommodation places available for seniors between Pilbara, Gladstone and Hinchinbrook

Care Type	Town of Port Hedland	Shire of Roebourne	Shire of East Pilbara	Shire of Ashburton	Pilbara	Gladstone	Hinchinbrook
	Pop 14,624 (2010)	Pop 19,143 (2010)	Pop 8113 (2010)	Pop 6,730 (2010)	Pop 48,610 (2010)	Pop 51,158 (2010)	Pop 12 271 (2010)
State Government operated High care	56	0	0	0	56	0	0
State Government operated Low Care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NFP / Private operated High Care	0	0	0	0	0	109	64
NFP / Private operated High Care (secure dementia)	0	0	0	0	0	23	25
NFP / Private operated Low Care	0	9	0	0	9	122	87
NFP / Private operated Low Care (Secure dementia)	0	0	0	0	0	40	8
Local Govt provided beds in subsidised self-sustained units	22	6	6	4	38	0	0
NFP provided beds in subsidised self-sustained units	10	5	5	0	20	0	20
NFP / Private lifestyle village units	0	0	0	0	0	156	0
TOTAL	88	20	11	4	123	450	204

Comparison of in home aged care support between Pilbara, Gladstone and Hinchinbrook.

Care Type	Unallocated Pilbara	Town of Port Hedland	Shire of Roebourne	Shire of East Pilbara	Shire of Ashburton	Pilbara	Gladstone	Hinchinbrook
		Pop 14,624 (2010)	Pop 19,143 (2010)	Pop 8113 (2010)	Pop 6,730 (2010)	Pop 48,610 (2010)	Pop 51,158 2010	Pop 12 271 (2010)
Community Aged Care Packages (CACP)	0	7	10	24	9	50	75	65
Extended EACP	7	3	0	0	0	10	10	0
EACPD	9	0	0	0	0	9	8	1
Total	16	10	10	24	9	69	93	66

In comparing the Pilbara to other locations there are historical, environmental and economic factors explaining the differences. Examples of this for the Pilbara would be high cost of living, historical lack of public infrastructure and availability of land.

Given the data above it could be observed that:

- The Gladstone Local Council Regional council with an ERP of 51,000 has 3.5 times or 327 more aged care beds that exists in the Pilbara which has an ERP of 48,610.
- If Karratha aims to have a normal population profile of 50,000 people (equal to Gladstone) by 2035 than it will need to increase the current options of 11 beds (current retirement village) to a mixture of 450 bed options.
- If Port Hedland aims to have a normal population profile of 50,000 (equal to Gladstone) by 2035 than it will need to increase the current options of 88 beds to 450 bed options.
- If Newman aims to be a major town of 15,000 people with a normalised population profile it will need to increase current aged care options of 0 to 100 + beds.
- Hinchinbrook local government area has an ERP of 12,271 have 81 more aged care beds than the Pilbara who has a population of over 48,000.
- Department for Health and Ageing benchmarks indicate the Pilbara is underfunded in residential aged care places and overfunded in CACPs. Residential places attract greater funding than CACPs.
- Current identified aged care developments in the Pilbara will not increase aged care options to the required magnitude.

Aged care provision is important to realising the vision of making Pilbara the place to live, work, visit and invest. Aged care is a major service industry that can be linked to goals of economic diversification and small business development. Aged care increases demand for health services which delivers critical mass to more specialised local health service for the whole community.

Aged care options strengthen family cohesiveness and sense of belonging in the Pilbara and strikes at the heart of building sustainable and strong communities in the Pilbara.

With this perspective of aged care and an understanding of the magnitude of the change required needed into the future, then allocation of critical resources such as land and capital need to be made available through Federal, State and Local Governments in partnership with not for profit providers.

8. WHERE TO? STRATEGIES FOR THE FUTURE.

1. That the Pilbara Development Commission present the Aged care report to Local Government Councils requesting that aged care planning (primarily land allocation) is occurring in City and Town plans for aged care infrastructure.
2. That the Pilbara Development Commission in collaboration with Local Government, WA Health Department, Pilbara Cities and the Department for Health and Ageing support sustainable models of providing aged care in the Pilbara through funding applications and support with to acquire land.
3. WA Country Health is approached by the Pilbara Development Commission to consider:
 - Very high needs age care (including dementia care) is included in the Hedland health campus
 - the soon to be developed Karratha Health Campus includes a high care aged facility (similar to Hedland)
 - Onslow and Newman hospitals are considered for Multi-Purpose Facility funding and accreditation.

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GLOSSARY

TERMS	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT)	<p>ACATs help older people and their carers work out what kind of care will best meet their needs when they are no longer able to manage at home without assistance. ACATs provide information on suitable care options and can help arrange access or referral to appropriate residential or community care.</p> <p>An ACAT assessment and approval is required before people can access residential aged care, Community Aged Care Packages (CACPs) or Extended Aged Care at Home (EACH) Packages.</p>
Residential Care Funding Packages	<p>Accommodation related services, such as beds, mattresses, linen, bedside lockers and chairs; Social activities Residents receiving high level care must be provided with additional services to those listed above. These include the following items as appropriate to individual care needs: wheelchairs; sheepskins; water and air mattresses; continence aids; some basic medications and dressings; therapy services (such as speech therapy, podiatry, occupational, recreational and physiotherapy); oxygen and oxygen equipment; and registered nurses to assess, plan and managed care.</p> <p>Some residential aged care homes provide both low and high care so that residents do not have to move if their care needs change. It is important to ask a home what level of care it can provide. general laundry and cleaning services; maintenance of buildings and grounds the provision of staff continuously on call to provide emergency assistance with personal care, such as bathing, toileting, eating and dressings; assistance with mobility and communication meals, including special diets toiletry goods such as towels, washers, soap, and toilet paper; support for people with dementia;</p>
Community Aged care Funding Packages	<p>Community Aged Care Packages (CACPs) provide a lower level of community care to assist frail older Australians to remain living in their own homes. CACPs are very flexible and are designed to help with individual care needs. The types of services that may be provided as part of a package include: personal care; social support; transport to appointments; home help; meal preparation; and gardening.</p>
Extended Aged Care at Home Package (EACH)	<p>EACH packages are very flexible and are designed to help with individual care needs. Generally a person who requires high level care could be eligible for an EACH package, and the types of services that may be provided as part of an EACH include: registered nursing care; care by an allied health professional such as a physiotherapist, podiatrist or other type of allied health care; personal care; transport to appointments; social support; home help; and assistance with oxygen and/or enteral feeding.</p>
Extended Aged Care at Home Dementia Program (EACHD)	<p>Extended Aged Care at Home Dementia (EACHD) packages are individually planned and coordinated packages of care tailored to help older Australians who experience difficulties in their daily life because of behavioural and psychological symptoms associated with their dementia.</p>
Home and Community Care	<p>The Home and Community Care (HACC) Program is a joint Australian, State and Territory Government Initiative. The HACC Program provides services such as domestic assistance, personal care as well as professional allied health care and nursing services, in order to support older Australians, younger people with a disability and their carers to be more independent at home and in the community and to reduce the potential or inappropriate need for admission to residential care. Some of the services funded through the HACC Program include: nursing care; allied health care; meals and other food services; domestic assistance; personal care; home modification and maintenance; transport; respite care; counselling, support, information and advocacy; assessment. The Program provides a basic level of support to recipients.</p>

Multi-purpose Services (MPS)

Multi-purpose Services (MPS) are integrated health and aged care services that provide flexible and sustainable service options for small rural and remote communities.

The Australian Government provides aged care funding which is combined with state and territory government funding for health services and infrastructure to bring a flexible mix and range of aged care and health services together under one management structure. This provides small communities who are having difficulty supporting a range of independently run services the opportunity to develop a more coordinated and cost-effective approach to service delivery.

Palliative Care

A person receiving palliative care will have an active, progressive and far-advanced disease, with little or no prospect of cure. The aim of palliative care is to achieve the best possible quality of life for the individual patient, their carers and family.

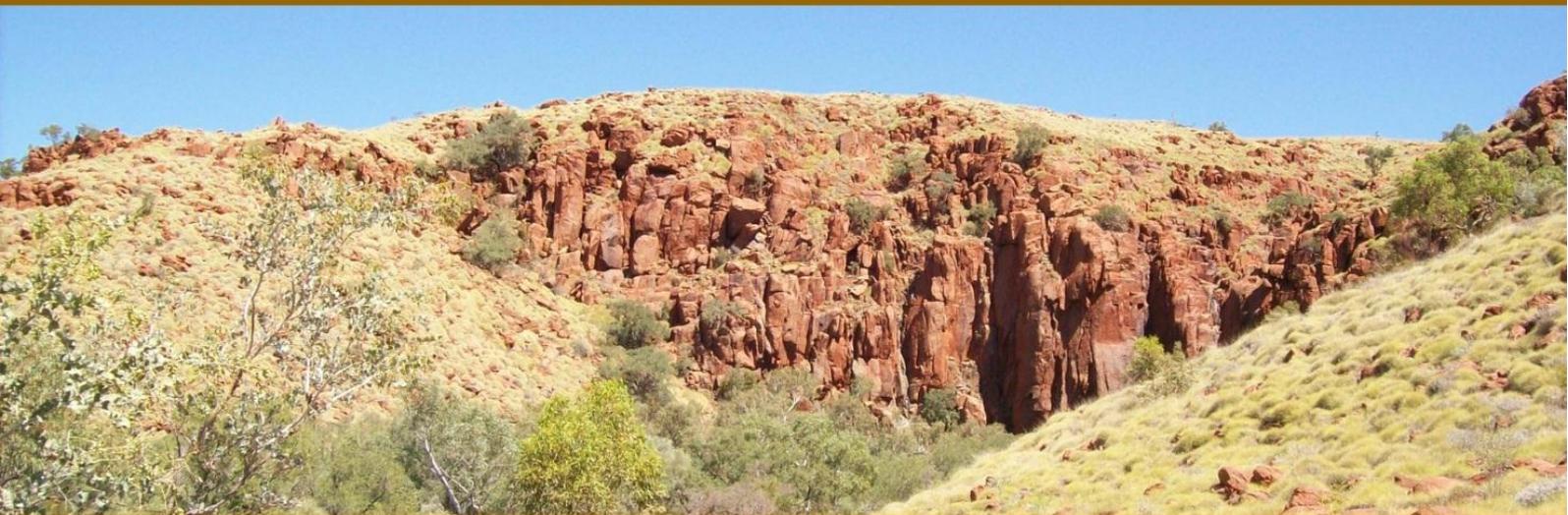
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