



Hi there!

Welcome the City of Melville's Housing Decisions Toolkit for Older People

This three-step toolkit is an Age-Friendly Melville initiative that will help you collect your thoughts on your housing situation.

After a little reading and some reflection you'll find it easier to make a decision. This publication is available in alternative formats on request.



Open up and we'll get started!



Step 1

Read Up!

This toolkit is designed for use with a booklet called *Your Home: A guide to housing options for people over 55*.

This free booklet has been produced by the Seniors Housing Advisory Centre. It's full of WA-friendly information on options including buying, building, retirement villages and aged care.

There are checklists, important phone numbers, tips and much more.

Call the **Seniors Housing Advisory Centre** on **1300 367 057** or email **seniors.housing@dmirs.wa.gov.au** and ask for a copy to be sent to you.



What Makes a Place Feel Like Home?

Your first task is to make a list of your housing **“must haves.”**

You may absolutely need to live close to certain loved ones. Or you may feel it’s vital to have space for your hobbies. Perhaps you might like a nice garden, but realise you’d still be happy without one.

Write them all down. Sort them into **“must haves”** and **“would like to haves”**





Step 3

Still Got That Pen?

Great! Let's start using the toolkit over the page.

- Grab your list of housing must haves, the Your Home booklet and any other info you might need.
- Make notes over the page in the house for each option you're looking at.
- When you're done, you'll have a good solid collection of your thoughts in front of you, all on one page.
- Does the maze of housing options seem less daunting now?
- Is there one option that stands out?
- Perhaps you see some gaps in your knowledge, and you'll do some more homework.

Wherever you are, we hope this
toolkit has helped you.

The City of Meville Housing Decisions Toolkit for Older People

Step 1: Read the Your Home: A guide to Housing Options for people over 55 booklet.

Step 2: Make a list of your housing “must haves.”

Step 3: Gather all your information and fill out as many of the homes as you need to.

Notes & Next Steps

Still not Sure?

Call the **Seniors Housing Advisory Centre** on **1300 376 057** and arrange a one-on-one meeting.



Build a granny flat

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Build a new home

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Rent another home

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Adapt my current home

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Buy, build or rent with others

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Move to a retirement village

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Move to aged care

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Get help to stay at home

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Sell my home and buy a smaller one

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