

VIRTUAL VILLAGE NETWORK

A community based support concept for everyday living.

Please read the information on reverse of this questionnaire before answering.

- (1) Do you think a 'Virtual Village' is a good idea? YES NO
- (2) Would you like to participate in a residential program which provides services designed to assist you in many of your daily needs and activities? YES NO
- (3) Would you like this program to help with daily needs in or around the home, enhance your social life, provide a focal point for information, help access community services and health care packages, living assistance, meals on wheels or other government supported services? YES NO
- (4) In your opinion, would this concept work better for:-
- (a) a resident in a dedicated, "live in" environment , OR YES NO
- (b) an outside resident with access to all services and facilities YES NO
- (5) Would you pay a regular contribution to sustain such a service? YES NO
- (6) How much do you believe is a reasonable contribution for such a service? \$.....
- (7) It is believed that such a service would provide assistance in at least the following areas. Which of these do you see as being desirable /useful?
- (a) access to information YES NO
- (b) product sourcing YES NO
- (c) transport YES NO
- (d) shopping YES NO
- (e) putting out and returning rubbish bins YES NO
- (f) gardening YES NO
- (g) housework YES NO
- (h) maintenance, handyman (not including landlord obligations) YES NO
- (i) organisation/co ordination of social events, entertainment, excursions YES NO
- (j) adopt a grandparent/buddy system/pastoral care YES NO
- (8) What additional services would you be willing to PAY FOR "as required" eg computer classes, bridge lessons, washing and ironing?.....
- (9) Do you have skills or knowledge to contribute to the scheme, perhaps on a barter or offset basis? YES NO
- (10) What additional services would you like to see included?.....
- (11) Would you prefer a scheme which allowed you to elect options as required? YES NO

SURVEY

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Please read this article before completing the survey as an understanding of the concept is essential to producing meaningful survey results.

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As well as assisting with physical and practical aspects of daily life, the program may also include educational, social and entertainment opportunities designed to develop a sense of community spirit.

There may be others who are not resident at the new residential developments but who wish to access the services and facilities offered by the program. The survey invites your responses with a view to extending the scheme to the wider community.

While you may not wish to participate in the program personally, you may complete the survey on the basis that you think it is a good idea and the opportunity should be available to others.

If you have any questions, please ring Cliff Carey on 62823777.

NOTE: For those who have contributed to previous COTA surveys, the information and statistics derived has been invaluable in lobbying both territory and federal governments on a number of crucial issues. These include the "Fair Go for Pensioners" campaign and COTA policy initiatives on health, housing, aged care and transport.

For demographic purposes only, please circle where appropriate:

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| Age | 60-65 | Location | Gungahlin | Woden/Weston | Relationship Status |
| | 66-70 | | Belconnen | Tuggeranong | Single Partnership Married |
| | 71-75 | | Inner north | Inner south | |
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(1) **DO YOU THINK THIS IS A GOOD IDEA?** YES NO

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