Queensland Seniors—a snapshot of Older Queenslanders

### Population

- **741,422** estimated usual residents aged 65 years and over in June 2017

- Number of older Queenslanders increased by almost 50% since 2007

- Projected to reach **1.7 million** older Queenslanders by 2047

### Housing and living arrangements

- **64.1%** owned outright
- **11.2%** with a mortgage
- **4.8%** residential aged care
- **4.3%** other private dwellings
- **2.9%** non-private dwellings

- **36,900** people lived alone in 2016:
  - **More than 1 in 5** older Queenslanders aged 65–74 years
  - **More than 1 in 3** aged 75 years and over

### Economic security

- More than **1 in 8** older Queenslanders were in the labour force in 2016, including **1 in 4** aged 65–69 years.

- Older female labour force participation in Queensland more than doubled from 2001 to 2016.

- In 2016–17, the average age of intended retirement was similar for men and women aged 45 years and over:
  - **65.5** years
  - **64.8** years

- In 2015–16, more than half of older Queenslanders rely on pensions and government payments as their main source of income, particularly those aged 75 years.

- The average age of intended retirement from the labour force for those aged 45 years and over increased by 2.2 years for males and 3.0 years for females between 2004–05 and 2016–17.

### Social characteristics

- Less than **2 in 5** of those aged 85 years and over held a driver licence in 2017.

- More than **1 in 5** older Queenslanders aged 65–79 years undertook voluntary work for an organisation or group.

- Nearly **1 in 5** older Queenslanders provided unpaid care to another older person or a person with a disability in 2015.

### Queensland Seniors by 2047

- **167,300** in 2016
- **501,400** in 2017
- **741,400** in 2047

### Life expectancy at age 65 years, 2016

- **84.5** years
- **87.3** years

### In 2016:

- **Almost 1 in 3** were born overseas

- **8.1%** spoke a language other than English

- **Sufficiently active**:
  - **2011**: 1
  - **Insufficiently active**:
    - **2016**: 12%
    - **2047**: 20%

- **80%**: male
- **75%**: female

### In 2016–17

- **3.0 years** for females between 2004–05 and 2016–17.