

1. Name *

May Hu

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5. Are you a carer/family member helping an older Victorian fill in this survey?

No.

6. Are you an older Victorian from a culturally diverse background? If yes, what is your age and cultural background?

Yes. 68 years old, from China.

7. What are some of the everyday challenges for you and your parents/grandparents?

Language barriers, difficulties in adapting to the food and lifestyles.

8. What makes you feel safe in your community?

Racism, anti-Chinese sentiment, and deteriorating relations between Australia and China make us feel unsafe in the community.

9. Do you have access to adequate healthcare?

Yes.

10. Do you know where to find support?

Not sure.

11. How can services be improved?

I hope to see Chinese nursing homes, with Chinese food, Chinese speaking environment and Chinese-speaking staff, where Chinese can exercise, dance, sing and play mahjong together. Because elderly can only remember their native language, with their ability to use English deteriorating. According to the latest Census, Australia has a large Chinese population, but lacks aged care homes, entertainment venues and facilities (such as cinemas, theatres, community centers, etc.) that cater to the needs of people from a Chinese cultural background.

12. Do you have access to, and know how to use a computer? What would help you do this?

Yes. I have some computer skills and hope to get more help.

13. What do you do to keep socially, physically and mentally active?

Exercise, singing, dancing, reading, traveling, etc.

14. What more could be done to help you live happily?

I hope there will be Chinese activity venues and Chinese U3A, just like what the Greek and Italian communities have.

15. Is there anything else you would like to add? *

No.