

Panel: The Future

- Identifying strategic issues around people who wander, including prevention strategies, and developing a framework for addressing these issues, and for informing the follow up strategic meeting.
- Consider commercial options.
- Consider prevention issues.

Some Statistics (Statistics NZ)

- New Zealand's population projected to eclipse 5 million by mid 2020s
- The population aged 65+ will increase from 550,000 in 2009 to 1,000,000 in the late 2020s
- One in five New Zealanders will be aged 65+ by 2031 (1 in 8 in 2009)
- The largest growth will be between 2011 and 2037 as baby boomers move into the 65+ age group
- Baby boomers will be more resistant to moving into residential care facilities – you want independence
- Most people who wander do so from private homes
- Auckland will include over 40% of the population by 2031