



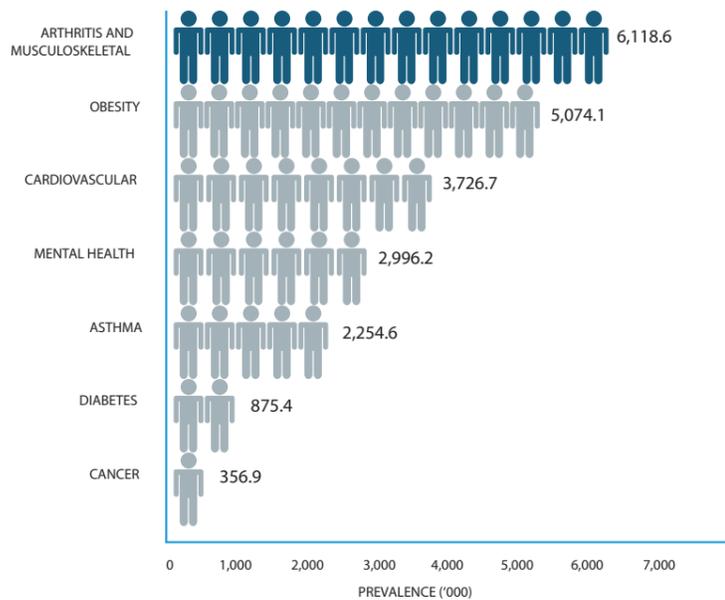
# A PROBLEM WORTH SOLVING

## THE RISING COST OF MUSCULOSKELETAL CONDITIONS IN AUSTRALIA

REPORT PRODUCED BY ARTHRITIS AND OSTEOPOROSIS VICTORIA  
BASED ON ANALYSIS BY DELOITTE ACCESS ECONOMICS

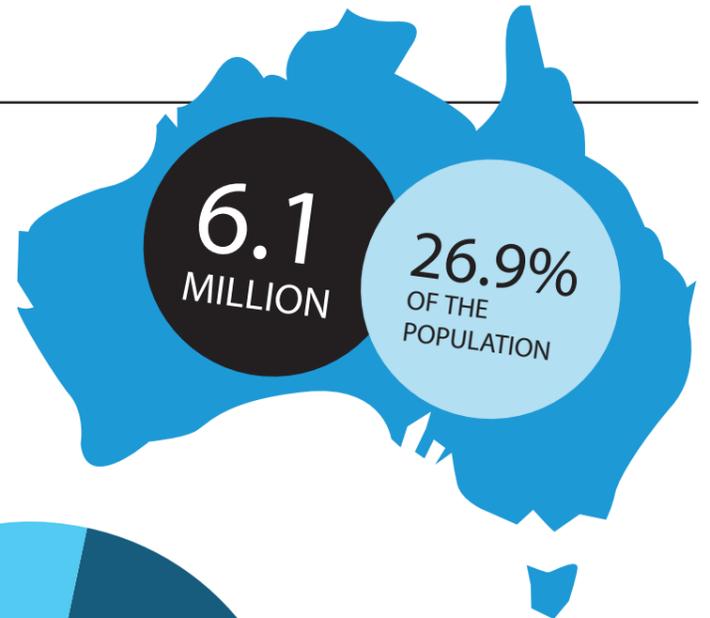
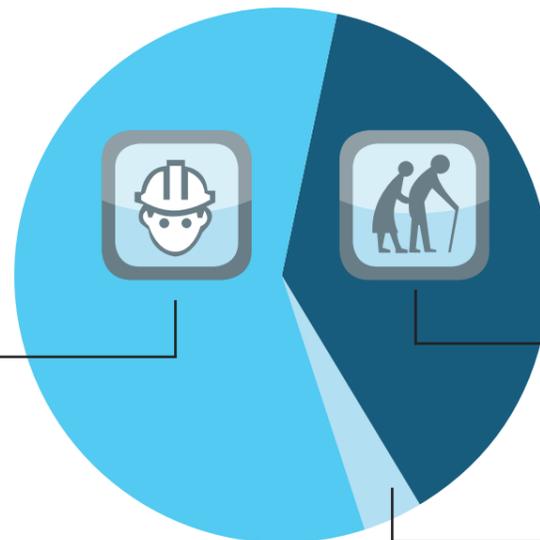
### MSK CONDITIONS AFFECT LOTS OF PEOPLE

MORE THAN ANY OTHER NATIONAL HEALTH PRIORITY AREA



NOT JUST OLDER PEOPLE

58.4%  
PRIME WORKING AGE (25-64)



### THE COST IS ENORMOUS

# \$55.1 BILLION



\$9.2 billion HEALTH COSTS



\$11.7 billion PRODUCTIVITY (\$7.4 billion)  
OTHER FINANCIAL COSTS (\$4.3 billion)



\$34.2 billion BURDEN OF DISEASE

THE PROBLEM IS GROWING RAPIDLY

# 43%

INCREASE TO 8.7 MILLION CASES BY 2032



SURGE IN OLDER PEOPLE AFFECTED



### ACTION IS NEEDED NOW

There is a social and economic imperative for government and industry to take action now. We must invest to manage the rising cost of musculoskeletal conditions - for the benefit of our community and as a substantial step towards addressing the sustainability of health system expenditure in Australia.