



Clarence... a brighter place

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To Whom It May Concern

GLOBAL NETWORK OF AGE FRIENDLY CITIES

As Mayor of the City of Clarence, I am very pleased to submit our application to join the World Health Organisation (WHO) Network of Age Friendly Cities. I am confident our Council meets the four stage criteria of having an ongoing commitment to a cycle of continually assessing and improving our age-friendliness: Planning, Implementation, Progress Evaluation, and Continual Improvement.

The Council has been actively collaborating with our older residents for a number of years, culminating in extensive community involvement and consultation in planning for our first Positive Ageing Plan (2007-2011). The 5 Year Plan identified and established mechanisms to involve older people in partnership with Council to help improve: infrastructure, social and community supports, transport, health, and safety.

As a result of this planning, in 2007 Council established an Advisory Committee made up of twelve older residents from across the City, and a number of key service organisations. The committee is a Special Committee of Council and as such is chaired by an Alderman representative and its role is to assist Council in implementing the actions in the Plan.

The Committee, Clarence Positive Ageing Advisory Committee (CPAAC) has generated a considerable amount of community ownership for the implementation and outcomes of the Plan. The members work hard to achieve this by organising themselves into active working groups under key themes of the Plan: Keeping Involved; A Lifestyle with Choices; and Staying Connected. These groups monitor progress on the actions of the Plan.

During 2012, the CPAAC took a lead role in the review of Council's Plan. They spent 6 months prior to internal and external community consultations working together to review and evaluate progress reports, and to help design the next phase of consultation for a new plan. The Plan ultimately was adopted by the full Council unanimously.

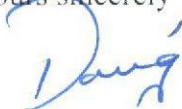
The second Positive Ageing Plan (2012-2016) shows that Council, together with its older residents, has achieved clear and continual improvements in planning for our ageing population, with demonstrated outcomes and successes. It also indicates the strength of our ongoing commitment to the criteria of the WHO Network and to each of the eight domains identified in the WHO Age-friendly Cities Guide.

Please find attached with our electronic application Council's:

- Positive Ageing Plan 2007-2011;
- Positive Ageing Plan 2012-2016; and
- Website link indicating resources and activities for older residents in the City.

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for participation in the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities. I look forward to hearing the outcome of our application.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug".

Alderman Doug Chipman
MAYOR