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To whom it may concern

Re: WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities

Please accept this application for the City of Unley to join the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

The City of Unley is a small Municipal Council located in South Australia, Australia. In South Australia, the population is ageing at a faster rate than the rest of mainland Australia. Over the next twenty years the number of people over the age 65 will almost double and the ratio of those over the age of 65 to those between the ages of 15-64 will increase from 1:4 to 1:2. For City of Unley, this will mean a significant increase in the 'baby boomer' generation reaching 65 years after 2011, combined with the over 85 years age group experiencing the fastest growth.

The City of Unley is committed to:

1. The establishment of mechanisms to involve older people throughout the Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Cycle;
2. Development of a baseline assessment of age-friendliness of the city/community;
3. Development of a 3-year city-wide action plan based on the findings of this assessment;
4. Identification of indicators to monitor progress against this plan.

Our commitment to these four steps is evident in the work we have undertaken over the last 12 months. The City of Unley has developed an Age-Friendly Environments and Communities Action Plan based on an assessment developed by the South Australian Government from the WHO Age Friendly Cities Checklist. During the assessment phase it became clear that the City of Unley is already working on many initiatives in different departments that relate to the Age-Friendly Environments and Communities principles. Each action in the plan is also included within a departmental plan and is being monitored by a responsible officer as well a workforce group that meets quarterly.

We look forward in anticipation to become a part of this very important network.

Regards,

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