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Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities World Health Organisation gnafcc@who.int Avenue Appia 20 CH - 1211 GENEVA 27 **SWITZERLAND**

Banyule CITY COUNCIL

Dear Sir / Madam,

Application for Membership to the Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities

Banyule City Council is located in the Northern Metropolitan Region of Victoria, Australia. The Banyule municipality is home to over 124,475 people with 35% of the population being classified as older adults.

At the Council meeting on Monday 6 October 2014, Council adopted the motion to support an application to be a member of the Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and to establish the Banyule Age-friendly Advisory Committee.

The Banyule Age-friendly Advisory Committee will be involved in the development and ongoing monitoring of the Banyule Age-friendly City Plan. The Committee will involve residents, local services/ organisations and Council representatives. This is only one of the tools being used to engage with our community.

Banyule City Council has a commitment to a cycle of continually assessing and improving their agefriendliness. The WHO suggests a five year cycle involving planning, implementation, evaluation and continual improvement. We would suggest that Banyule's initial plan be three years to coincide with the Australian national reforms for older persons.

Banyule City Council looks forward to learning from and contributing to the Global Network of Agefriendly Cities.

Yours sincerely

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Mayor

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