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Ms Lisa Warth
Department of Ageing and Life Course
World Health Organisation

Dear Ms Warth

WHO GLOBAL NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

At its meeting on 17 November 2015, Marrickville Council endorsed an application for membership of the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

The *Marrickville Ageing Strategy 2008-2011* articulated Council's commitment to an age-friendly Marrickville and prompted the development of the *Active and Connected* seniors program to improve the health and wellbeing of older residents.

The Active and Connected program was recognised in the **2013 Local Government Management Excellence Awards for Leadership Excellence in Age-friendly Communities**. The program has also had outstanding results for people at an individual and community level with improved social connectedness and health outcomes documented through evaluation surveys and in a video produced earlier this year. The video can be viewed at <http://www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au/en/community/community-services/older-people/activities-for-seniors/>.

We are in the process of reviewing the Ageing Strategy and it is felt that the close alignment of the previous Ageing Strategy's themes and the WHO's eight core features of an age-friendly community will provide a useful framework for the review. Membership will afford access to research and resources that will ultimately improve the age-friendliness of our community.

On behalf of all Councillors, I whole-heartedly support this application for membership.

For further enquiries please contact the Strategic Community Project Officer Ageing, Lyn Frankovich, on 61 2 9335 2155.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SISKANDAR', written over a horizontal line.

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