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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Global Age-Friendly Communities Network**

The City of Fremantle is applying to become a member of the World Health Organization's Age-Friendly Communities Network.

The City has been working energetically towards becoming an age-friendly city since late September 2010, with the development of its Age Friendly City Plan (AFCP) 2011 – 2014 and continued with the 2014-2015 plans. The plan was adopted and was an action of the City Strategic Plan 2010-2015. AFCP was developed with extensive consultation with the senior's community using the World Health Organisation "Age Friendly Communities" eight domains approach.

The overall conclusion indicated that the City of Fremantle is a positive place for older people to live, the community generally feels safe and older people are respected.

From this information the AFCP plan was developed and included eight priority strategies:

1. Provide a range of lifelong learning activities that encourage older people to participate in community life.
2. Ensure that there is a provision of housing which is diverse and affordable to meet the current and future needs of the older people.
3. Assist people in Fremantle to age positively and actively by providing appropriate information and support to maximize health and wellbeing.
4. Create opportunities for older people to actively participate in the community through civic involvement and paid and voluntary work.
5. Provide accessible information on aged care services, health, finance, retirement, community groups and clubs in a variety of formats.



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6. Ensure that older people are able to move around their community easily through public and active transport.
7. Ensure that older people have the same opportunities as other people to access the City's buildings, facilities, parks, reserves, playgrounds and beaches.
8. Provide activities that promote positive images of older people of diverse cultures and increase community participation.

Since the development of the AFCP 2011-2014 the community development – positive ageing officer has been tasked to implement actions working towards becoming an age-friendly city. In 2014 a report was collated on the outcomes achieved and was presented to August 2014 council meeting. At the same time a new interim plan was developed to build on the outcomes of the previous three year plan. Given local government reform was being discussed it was premature to implement another community engagement process at this stage therefore a one year, 2014-2015 interim, plan was adopted.

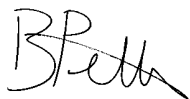
Currently the City is formulating a new strategic plan and when this is finalized it is recommended an engagement process be considered for a future AFCP.

Activities and services delivered by the City for the future are determined by what the community's needs and aspirations are. The City will continue to work with the community on the development and implementation of plans and strategies for the future. To ensure all plans and strategies within the City, deliver on key outcomes for the community, progress towards completing identified actions are regularly measured via customer service surveys.

The City looks forward to joining the Age-Friendly Communities Network to link with other cities and communities who share a common goal of being age-friendly. It is envisaged that through joining this network, staff will receive a shared understanding of the global impact of ageing and build connections with others to facilitate information sharing.

We look forward to your response to our request to join the Age Friendly Communities Network, as we value older people in our community and wish to give them the best opportunity to remain active and valuable to the continuing development of the City of Fremantle.

Best regards



**Dr Brad Pettitt**  
Mayor