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To Whom It May Concern

World Health Organisation Global Network for Age- Friendly Cities and Communities – East Gippsland Shire Council Application

On behalf of East Gippsland Shire Council, I am writing to offer our commitment in becoming a member of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities. At the 3 September 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting, Councillors voted unanimously to support the application.

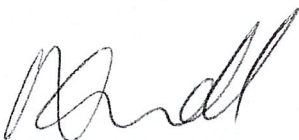
With one of the highest percentage populations of 60 + aged residents in Victoria, East Gippsland is in the forefront of the national concern for managing the challenges and opportunities of an ageing community.

In November 2016, East Gippsland Shire Council signed the Victorian Government and Municipal Association of *Victoria Age-Friendly Victoria Declaration*. The vision of the *Declaration* is for better state and local planning for the creation of age-friendly communities. Council is supporting its age-friendly *Declaration* through:

- Leading a state government funded project for developing East Gippsland as an age-friendly community through visionary planning and community engagement;
- Investing in infrastructure upgrades that support the economic and social benefits of East Gippsland towns adopting an age-friendly approach to growth; and
- The establishment of the *East Gippsland Age Friendly Communities Ambassador* program that supports, promotes and celebrates ageing as a positive outcome of our wellbeing and as a catalyst for intergenerational engagement and respect.

Council is embracing this opportunity to become a member of the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. We welcome the prospect to share information and form partnerships with other leading age-friendly cities and communities who also recognise the importance for planning for age-friendly cities and communities now and into the future.

Yours sincerely



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