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World Health Organisation  
Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities

Dear Sir / Madam

**Knox City Council application to join World Health Organisation Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities**

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your city



On behalf of Council, we would welcome the opportunity to join the WHO Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities and to commit to being an active partner within the network to further progress conversations and action around age-friendly cities.

Council is committed to enabling its older people in Knox to enjoy active, healthy and independent lives by encouraging positive approaches to active ageing and by removing barriers to participation. Council's Active Ageing and Disability Services Department coordinates and delivers quality, inclusive services and responses for older people, people with disabilities and carers to enhance independence and wellbeing as well as foster community connections.

It offers a wide range of direct services to older people in Knox including community transport, housing support and the provision of Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP), and home-based assessment services targeting Vulnerable people through the My Aged Care Regional Assessment Service (RAS). It also supports the *Active Ageing Advisory Committee*, which advises Council on issues affecting older people and provides strategic responses to an ageing population. As well as the *Bright Ideas Network* that brings together older Knox residents as well as community groups who support older people, to discuss matters which are important to seniors in the Knox community.

I see great value in joining the WHO Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities to have access to a global network of ageing and civil society experts; an extensive range of age friendly information and resources; and to share our knowledge, skills, experience and resources with other cities and communities.

As the Mayor and elected representative of the Knox Community I am committed to advancing the public and aging goals within the WHO's eight established domains, which is already embedded within Council's Key Life Stages Plan, where life stage specific, intergenerational, and common interventions, are mapped to relevant WHO Age Friendly Domains.

I am confident that our community, existing Council Advisory Committees and networks, individual sector networks and the broader departments in Council will create a plan of actions that responds to the needs of the community as we prepare for a rapidly growing aging population.

Yours sincerely

  
**Mayor, Cr. Jake Keogh**  
Knox City Council

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