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**South Gippsland  
Shire Council**

*Come for the beauty, Stay for the lifestyle*

24 June 2019

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

***Application for Membership of  
WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities***

On 21 June 2019, the *Local Government (South Gippsland Shire Council) Act 2019* dismissed the South Gippsland Shire Council (Council) and that the persons holding office as Councillors of the Council ceased to hold office. I was appointed to be the Administrator for this Council from 22 June 2019.

On behalf of South Gippsland Shire Council, I write in support of Council's application for membership of the **WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities** Network.

South Gippsland Shire Council is actively involved in supporting an *Age-Friendly South Gippsland* and developed a plan for 2017-2021, which forms part of this application. This plan is "underpinned by the WHO age-friendly cities guide and community consultations."

Council's vision is to foster an age-friendly South Gippsland where older residents are independent, respected and active members of the community. A strong proportion of residents are 55 years and over and this population is growing. Council encourages our older residents to be healthy members of our community and there is a solid cohort of residents who volunteer or are involved in a diverse range of activities.

Council believes by joining this Network it will enable knowledge to be shared between like-minded organisations which will further benefit our community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Eisenbise".

**Julie Eisenbise**  
Administrator