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Tēnā koe

**World Health Organisation Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities application**

Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland is home to New Zealand's largest population of older people, with a 2017 estimate of 163,161 senior citizens residing here – a number expected to double by 2043. Our older people are taonga (treasures), and deserve to live full, meaningful lives where they can participate and be valued for the contribution they make to our communities.

As the fastest growing age group in our city, this population are increasingly diverse. The challenges and barriers to participation across areas of their lives varies, and means that a multifaceted and well-designed approach is required to ensure older people can actively participate in their communities now and in the future.

To enable older people to live active and full lives in Tāmaki Makaurau, our city is committed to ensuring that infrastructure, activities and services are developed or adapted to respond to their diverse needs.

I am proud to support Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland's application to join the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities. Development of this application has been a significant piece of work – for the staff developing it, for those who provided feedback to it, and for all those who will benefit from it.

Ngā mihi



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