



NAPIER
CITY COUNCIL
Te Kaunihera o Ahuriri



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WHO Designated Network Admissions Officer
WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities

Tēnā koe/To whom it may concern

Napier Application – Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities

I am writing to you as the Mayor of Napier City Council in support of our application to become a member of the Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC).

Napier's [Positive Ageing Strategy](#)¹ was formally adopted by the Council in early 2020. This followed a period of extensive community engagement, an examination of relevant data and information, and input from many providers and agencies who work with older people in the city. We utilised a participatory approach to develop the Strategy, including identification of a locally specific vision and seven priority areas.

With Council's commitment, we are now well underway with developing an Action Plan to realise the Strategy's vision of 'Living Well, Ageing Well' across each of the priority areas.

Our approach to moving the Strategy forward is to place its operation under the collective ownership of the Positive Ageing Strategy Advisory Group. The Advisory Group was formed by Council in late 2021. It comprises 22 members, including community representatives (including two independent Co-Chairs), government agencies, and provider organisations. The Group is leading a coordinated response across many the stakeholders and sectors. The operation of the Advisory Group is supported by Council staff.

I have reviewed the requirements for becoming a member of the GNAFCC and have received endorsement from the Advisory Group to proceed with our application. We look forward to working together on our continued focus to foster an age-friendly city with a view to ensuring positive outcomes for all of our residents.

¹ <https://www.napier.govt.nz/napier/community-development/about-our-community/napiers-positive-ageing-strategy/>

I look forward to hearing the outcome of our application following review by the WHO Office.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kirsten Wise', enclosed in a light blue circular stamp.

Kirsten Wise
MAYOR OF NAPIER

Te Kahika o te Kaunihera o Ahuriri