



Active Ageing Policy

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1. Purpose

To outline Council's commitment to promoting active ageing in the Community.

2. Power to Make the Policy

This Policy is made as provided for by Section 6(b) and (c) and Section 7(b), (c) and (h) of the Local Government Act 1999.

3. Strategic Plan Link

This Policy has the following links to Council's Strategic Plan 2010-2020

Quality Living (Goal 1) - A quality lifestyle that meets the changing needs of the community

4. Principles

- Older people are valued members of the community with strengths, skills and talents
- Older people need opportunities for health, participation, lifelong learning and security to enhance their quality of life as they age

5. Definitions

Older people: people aged 60 years and over (as referred to by the World Health Organisation)

6. Policy

6.1 Age-friendly environment and Community

Council is committed to becoming an age-friendly city which provides an inclusive and accessible environment that promotes active ageing by optimising opportunities for health, participation, lifelong learning and security with a focus in the areas of:

- planning to support positive ageing
- housing and services
- physical environment
- health and wellbeing
- participation

6.2 Direct Service Provision

Council is directly involved in the provision of the following services and infrastructure to support older residents:

- Community Transport
- Library Service
- Home and Community Care Program
- Functions and events
- Trades and Services Register
- Community forum
- Community venues and facilities for activities, events and programs

6.3 Indirect Service Provision

In addition to direct service provision Council provides indirect or in kind support to a number of community organisations which provide services for older residents.

6.4 Advocacy

Council has a role to advocate to other tiers of government and organisations to ensure the needs of older people in the Community are met.

6.5 Children and Vulnerable Persons' Safety

All employees, contractors and volunteers that are involved in the delivery of services to older people are required to undergo criminal history checks in accordance with Council's Children and Vulnerable Persons' Safety Policy and Guidelines.

6.6 Risk Management

When arranging events involving older people a scoring tool is used to assess risk and if necessary implement a risk treatment procedure.

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7. Review & Evaluation

This Policy will be reviewed annually. The Chief Executive Officer will report to Council on the outcome of the review and make recommendations for amendment, alteration or a substitution of a new Policy if considered necessary.

8. Availability of the Policy

This Policy will be available for inspection at Council's principal office during ordinary business hours and at Council's website www.campbelltown.sa.gov.au. Copies will also be provided to interested members of the community upon request, and upon payment of a fee in accordance with Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges.

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This Policy was endorsed by Council on 16 October 2007. Any future amendment or alteration to the Policy or a substitution of a new Policy, will be in accordance with Council's Public Consultation Policy.

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Council supports healthy active ageing through healthy eating and participation in both physical and intellectual activities.

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Meeting Places

Council provides meeting places for older people. Although these meeting places are for general community use senior citizens clubs are in each case significant users. Senior citizens clubs generally offer their members a range of activities including leisure, recreational, and educational activities and excursions.

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The Campbelltown Community Bus is a community transport service for the whole community with many of the passengers being older residents. This service provides Door to Door transport for shopping

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the Campbelltown Library

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Community facilities. Group hire opportunities are also available for older residents to enjoy day trips.

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Council provides library services for the whole community. In addition services are extended to a number of residents who for reasons of lack of transport or infirmity or a combination of both are unable to directly access the libraries themselves. These extension services includes

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a delivery service to house-bound residents and

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There are a number of eligibility criteria for accessing the Council's Home and Community Care Program. Clients who meet the eligibility criteria may access the following services under the program:

Home Maintenance

Social Support

Respite Care

Transport

Domestic Assistance

Home Modification

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These services are provided with a minimum of Council staff involvement whilst the use of agencies and contractors to deliver them is maximised.

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Council seeks to obtain maximum funding for these services from the Minister for Ageing with the balance of funds being provided by Council and affordable client contributions. All of the above services are aimed at helping older residents maintain their independence and ability to remain in their own homes with dignity and a sense of worth.

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Community Liaison

Council supports and facilitates the Campbelltown Community Forum. This Forum enables recipients and providers of services to exchange information and enables Council to keep abreast of community issues.

Seniors Forum

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Functions and Events

Throughout the year Council provides functions and events that recognise, celebrate and entertain older people in our community.

Trades and Services Register

Council maintains a register of local contractors who have been screened and undergone a criminal history check.

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