

# Ageing Well Policy

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<b>Responsible Department</b>	Community Connections
<b>Related Policies</b>	Children & Vulnerable Persons Safety
<b>Related Procedures</b>	Nil
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## 1. Purpose

To outline Council's commitment to promote ageing well 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 2024:

- Supporting Our Community (Goal 1)

## 4. Principles

- Older people are valued members of the community with strengths, skills and talents
- Providing older people with opportunities to maintain and improve their health, participation, lifelong learning and security, to enhance their quality of life as they age.
- Providing older people with the opportunity to make informed choices about their lives, based on current research and evidence based practices.

## 5. Definitions

**Older people:** people aged 60 years and over (as defined 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, and that promotes ageing well. Council will support opportunities related to health, participation, lifelong learning and security with a focus on:

- planning and policies that support positive ageing
- housing
- the physical (built) environment
- wellbeing services
- participation, including encouraging and advocating for older people to undertake education, volunteering and employment
- addressing discrimination (behaviour and practices) impacting older people including ageism.

### **6.2 Direct Service Provision**

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

- Community Transport
- Library Services
- CHSP (Campbelltown Home Support Program), underpinned by the Community Common Care Standards and the CHSP Service Principles
- Trades and Services Register
- Provision of information regarding programs/activities/services suitable for older people living in Campbelltown through a range of mechanisms both online and in print form
- 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 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 Addressing ageism**

Council is a member of the EveryAGE Counts Coalition, an advocacy campaign to tackle ageism in older Australians, and commits to the following pledge:

'At Campbelltown Council we stand for a world without ageism where all people of all ages are valued and respected and their contributions are acknowledged. We commit to speak out and take action to ensure older people can participate on equal terms with others in all aspects of life.'

Council is committed to tackling ageism, addressing stereotyping, discrimination and mistreatment based solely upon age, through raising awareness, training opportunities and promotion.

## **7. Review & Evaluation**

Within six months of each new Council term Council will review this policy. Following this initial review this policy will be reviewed annually by staff with minor administrative adjustments being approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

## **8. Availability of the Policy**

Copies of this Policy will be available at Council's principal office during ordinary business hours and at Council's website [www.campbelltown.sa.gov.au](http://www.campbelltown.sa.gov.au).