

# OLDER PERSONS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

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The Older Persons Consultative Committee (OPCC) has been appointed by Council to be its main advisory body on all issues affecting older residents living in the City of Port Phillip.

Encompassing a wide range of backgrounds and views, the OPCC is an accessible, independent group.

## **Nominations Called for Older Persons Consultative Committee**

**The Older Persons Consultative Committee** (formerly The Older Persons Reference Group) was established in 2000. New members are now sought for the group.

The consultative committee aims to increase the participation of older people (55 years+) in local government service delivery, planning and feedback.

The committee aims to be widely representative of the community and includes members from a range of diverse backgrounds.

### **The Council seeks members of the Community who:**

- Have lived experience as an older person 55 years and older.
- Willingness to share knowledge and skills, and commitment to participative and consultative processes.
- Interest in advocating on behalf of older persons within the community.
- Current or previous involvement in local community activities either as a participant, volunteer or professional.
- Understanding of and/or representative of our diverse community. This may include people from multicultural backgrounds, people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island background, people with disabilities, people who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or intersex.

### **Personal qualities**

- Team orientated, commitment and tolerance.

### **Nominating procedures:**

- Interested applicants are asked to submit a short one-page letter expressing their interest in joining the group and indicating how they satisfy some or all the criteria.
- People are encouraged to apply who may or may not have had previous involvement in community affairs.
- Letters may be written in the writer's own language.
- Applicants will be assessed against selection criteria and approved by Council with recommendation after interview with two Committee Office Bearers and The City of Port Phillip Coordinator of Grants and Community Building. The focus will be on the applicant's capacity to contribute to an effective and well-balanced consultative and advisory body.
- Please note that forwarding an Expression of Interest does not imply acceptance of the application and that applications are not open to employees of The City of Port Phillip.

## **Guidelines/Selection Criteria for Members**

### **Nominated members must be:**

- 55 years or older
- Reside in the Port Phillip
- Be represented of older residents either through civic participation/involvement in community/social/professional activities

### **We encourage following people to be represented:**

- from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background
- with disabilities
- who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, or Intersex
- from Multicultural backgrounds

### **Involvement**

#### Community activities

- participant
- volunteer
- employed

### **Willing to:**

- be an advocate on behalf of older people
- share life's knowledge, skills and experience
- have a clear understanding of cultural diversity and its enriching effect on the community

### **Personal Qualities**

- team orientated
- reliable and committed
- ability to contribute to the consultative group
- good communication skills

### **Representative of:**

- Ward
- Group
- Community activity
- Focus/interest

### **Letters of application should be forwarded to:**

The Chairperson  
Older Persons Consultative Committee  
C/- Laura Cattapan, Coordinator Grants and Community Building  
City of Port Phillip  
Private Bag 3, Post Office St Kilda,  
St Kilda Vic 3182

Or by email: [laura.cattapan@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:laura.cattapan@portphillip.vic.gov.au)