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Council adopts Ageing Well Strategy

Council's *Ageing Well Strategy 2018-2022* has been adopted at the June Council Meeting, following months of working closely with the community.

The strategy sets Council's priorities for working with senior residents over the next four years and incorporates actions which address eight inter-connected themes including outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation, housing, social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic participation and employment, communication and information, and community and health services.

This extensive consultation process undertaken to develop the strategy has ensured it is as responsive as possible to the needs of older residents. Local ambassadors were engaged to drive the engagement phase, which included a series of focus groups, community surveys and interviews with service providers to set the direction and determine what should be included.

The draft strategy was on public display during the month of May and council staff then met with the Ageing Well Ambassadors to review the feedback received and finalise the document for presentation to council.

Federation Council Mayor Pat Bourke said the strategy would ensure Council was well-placed in both the short and long term, with a strong foundation to create a framework that ensures our senior residents are informed, connected and supported to age well in the Council area.

“The Ageing Well Strategy outlines what our senior resident’s wants and needs are over the next four years and identifies the ways in which Council can work with the community and other project partners to help achieve them,” said Mayor Bourke.

“Developing an Ageing Well Strategy provides Council the opportunity to review policies and best practice, assess our current environment, consult with community and service providers and to clearly identify what is needed to support our community to live healthy, active and happy lives as they age. Council would like to sincerely thank the members of the community who took the time to share their ideas throughout the process. Your input into these important documents is much appreciated and will help make Federation Council a great place for our senior residents for years to come.”

Council would like to acknowledge and thank the following Ageing Well Ambassadors who have played an important role in developing the strategy: Liz Seeliger, Jan Doyle, Stanley Bromley, Ida Mensforth, Wendy Evers, Judith Barber, Jenny Enever, Mike Gardiner, Jenny Hearn, Yvonne Perrin, Jeanette Smith and Councillor Gail Law.

Federation Council’s Ageing Well Strategy is available for download from www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au or for more information contact Council on 02 6033 8999.

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