

# Be part of OPCC

Are you interested in becoming one of up to 13 members of the

## OPCC?

From time to time applications for membership are sought from the community.

Applicants should be 55+ years old and widely representative of the community. They can be English speaking or have English as a second language. Membership from both mainstream and minority groups is encouraged. Applicants should also be team orientated and have both commitment and tolerance.

### Additional Criteria -

- People who may, or may not, have been actively involved with community activities either at a consumer, volunteer and/or professional level.
- People who will be strong advocates on behalf of older persons within the community.
- People who are willing to share their life's knowledge, skills and experience for the common good.
- People who have a clear understanding of cultural diversity and its enriching effect on the community

### For further information please contact:

**The Chairperson**  
Older Persons' Consultative Committee  
**Coordinator Ageing and Diversity,  
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## Older Persons' Consultative Committee



**The Older Persons' Consultative Committee (OPCC) has been appointed by the Council to be its main advisory body on all issues that affect the health and welfare of older residents in Port Phillip.**

- OPCC endorses the United Nations' Principles for Older Persons.
- Older people need to be further empowered in our community.
- Older people have the right to remain in their homes and neighbourhoods for as long as they wish.
- Older people with disabilities need a voice.
- Older people from non-English speaking backgrounds need to have a say.
- Older people should receive appropriate and sensitive service responses to their needs.
- Older people's sense of well being is shaped by their neighbourhoods, networks and the availability of a range of lifestyle options.

# What have we achieved?

Since inauguration in February 2000 the OPCC has:

- Formed a collaborative working relationship with Council and staff.
- Advised and informed Council on issues concerning older persons.
- Established links with other advisory groups to Council, Council on the Ageing (COTA) and other relevant local service organisations.
- Submitted proposals to Council regarding: participation of older residents in community events; overcoming social isolation; practical ways of promoting a more cohesive community and sense of belonging for older residents.
- Participated in City of Port Phillip reviews on various service deliveries.
- Initiated and facilitated positive ageing forums, events and entertainment.

# Who are we

The OPCC is a representative group of residents of the City of Port Phillip, (55 yrs+), some with disabilities, who are:

- **Passionate** about the role of older people in the community and able to advocate on their behalf.
- **Keen** to share skills and experiences for the common good.
- **Confident** that we can make a difference to the health and wellbeing of older people.

# We want to hear from you!

Encompassing a wide range of backgrounds and views, the OPCC is an accessible, independent group. Therefore, if you have any concerns or great ideas that would improve the lives of older people, we need to hear from you.

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