



**9.1** **ACCEPTANCE OF THE OLDER PERSONS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT MAY TO DECEMBER 2017.**

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**1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To present to Council the Older Persons Consultative Committee Annual Report May to December 2017. Refer to *Attachment 1 Older Persons Consultative Committee Annual Report May to December 2017*.

**2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The City of Port Phillip OPCC is a formal reference committee to Council and acts as its peak advisory and advocacy body consulting on issues affecting the wellbeing of older people (55+) within the municipality.
- 2.2 Historically the OPCC have presented to Council their Annual Report outlining the breadth of work they have completed and highlighting their key achievements.
- 2.3 The OPCC Annual Report May to December 2017 is for a seven-month period only. This was due to an extension of tenure of the previous OPCC membership to March 2017, to accommodate the November 2016 Council election. The current OPCC membership were appointed at Ordinary Meeting of Council on the 5 April 2017.

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

- 3.1 Receives the Older Persons Consultative Committee Annual Report May to December 2017.
- 3.2 Thanks and acknowledges the Committee for their work and achievements.

**4. KEY POINTS/ISSUES**

- 4.1 The OPCC was established in 2000 as a component of Council's response to the International Year of the Older Person. The OPCC were appointed in a voluntary capacity as an advisory body on issues affecting older residents in Port Phillip.
- 4.2 The OPCC is a key consultative Committee of the City of Phillip. Its community members are appointed on a voluntary capacity and provide advice and advocate to Council about; wellbeing issues, policies, plans and services impacting on older people.



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- 4.3 OPCC members attend monthly committee meetings and volunteer their time on subcommittees that support Council to deliver events such as the Port Phillip Seniors Festival and the OPCC annual forum. Members also represent older persons in consultations and reference committees within Council and in the community.
- 4.4 To accommodate the Council elections, on 22 November 2016 Council approved extensions for a number of Committees until March 2017 whose term had expired or were nearing completion. This included the OPCC.
- 4.5 At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on the 5 April 2017 seven existing members and seven new members were appointed to the OPCC. The updated Terms of Reference were also adopted. At the Ordinary Council Meeting on the 19 July 2017 amendments to the Terms of Reference were endorsed to include an additional objective to ensure that the OPCC represents and advocates on behalf of our older diverse communities. Refer to *Attachment 2. Older Persons Consultative Committee Terms of Reference*.
- 4.6 In line with the OPCC Terms of Reference, Council Plan and World Health Organisation Age Friendly Cities Framework the OPCC developed a workplan for the period July to December 2017. The workplan outlined advice to Council on policy and planning issues, advocacy relating to older people and promotion of positive ageing in Port Phillip. Refer to Attachment 3 Older Persons Consultative Committee Objectives and Plan July to December 2017.
- 4.7 The OPCC Annual Report presents the OPCC achievements from May to December 2017. Some of these achievements include:
- 4.7.1 Representation on the City of Port Phillip Fishermans Bend Community Forum.
  - 4.7.2 Hosting the OPCC Annual Forum 'Knowing and Protecting Your Rights', to recognise 'World Elder Abuse Awareness Day'. Four sessions were held across the city with two English sessions, and for the first-time sessions in both Greek and Russian
  - 4.7.3 Hosting the Seniors Festival Sub Committee for the City of Port Phillip Seniors Festival 9 to 22 October 2017.
  - 4.7.4 Providing Feedback and advice on a range of issues outlined in section 5

## 5. CONSULTATION AND STAKEHOLDERS

- 5.1 The Annual Report outlines the OPCC's contribution and advice provided to external parties as well as to the Council on issues impacting older people. Some of these included:
- 5.1.1 Advocated for Port Phillip to sign the Age Friendly Victoria Declaration.
  - 5.1.2 Provided feedback on the Commonwealth Aged Care Reforms.
  - 5.1.3 Participated in a consultation on the Port Phillip Integrated Transport Strategy.
  - 5.1.4 Initiated the development of a Footpath Repair and Maintenance guidelines.



5.1.5 Participated in the South Melbourne Community Consultation Project.

5.1.6 Supported Council's initiatives relating to the Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey.

## **6. LEGAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Nil

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPACT**

7.1 The Annual Report is internally produced.

7.2 Council provided a contribution of \$5450 for OPCC running costs including administration, printing, volunteer reimbursements, events and refreshments. A savings of \$2,200 was budgeted in 2014/15 and has remained for all proceeding budgets.

## **8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

8.1 Environmental sustainability has been a key objective in the OPCC 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 Objectives and Plan.

8.2 Issues relating to climate change have been included in the OPCC monthly meeting Agendas.

8.3 There is an online distribution of the report as well as being accessible on the Council website. The report is available in hardcopy by request only.

## **9. COMMUNITY IMPACT**

9.1 The OPCC provides advice to Council as well as facilitating community networks to build on local strengths, keeping people informed and connected.

9.2 The OPCC's contribution has ensured that older persons have a more culturally enriched, participatory and inclusive lived experience. They have been responsible for advocating for Council to develop the Linking Neighbours Program and Community Register, a dedicated Seniors Festival, and advocated for the establishment of a University of the Third Age (U3A) in Port Phillip. They provide advice to the Diversity and Inclusion Department on policy and strategy developments and the Commonwealth reforms.

9.3 The OPCC are representative of a range of local groups and services including U3A Port Phillip, Port Phillip Lions Club, COTA Victoria, Port Phillip Multifaith Network, Port Phillip Sustainability Community Action Network, Linking Neighbours, Elwood Crochet Club and CaSPA Care.

9.4 The OPCC Annual Report addresses the following Port Phillip Social Justice Charter principles as follows:

- Participation in decision-making and Council processes
- Access: Equity of Access to information, facilities and services



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- Respect: Valuing diversity
- Enjoying the City: being connected

9.5 The OPCC annual report addresses the following City of Port Phillip Health and Wellbeing Implementation Strategies priority health topics:

- Service access – universal and targeted access to information and services, including maternal and child health and youth services, aged and disability services.
- Social inclusion and diversity including mental health resilience.

### 10. ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICY

10.1 The report aligns with Strategic Direction 1 in the Council Plan 2017-27, as outlined below:

1. We embrace difference, and people belong.

- 1.1 A safe and active community with strong social connections.
- 1.4 Community diversity is valued and celebrated.

10.2 The OPCC Annual Report reflects the committee being active, informed and made up of community members who are from diverse backgrounds.

10.3 The OPCC advocate for the inclusion of older persons in all aspects of community life and are committed to environmental sustainability and its impact on older persons.

10.4 Council will continue to consult with the OPCC on Council priorities and key strategic sites.

### 11. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

11.1 TIMELINE

No implementation is required.

11.2 COMMUNICATION

The outcome of the Council meeting will be communicated at the OPCC meeting on the 7 May 2018 and will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

### 12. OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST

12.1 No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in the matter.

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#### ATTACHMENTS

1. Older Persons Consultative Committee Annual Report May to December 2017
2. Older Persons Consultative Committee Terms of Reference
3. Older Persons Consultative Committee Objectives and Plan July to December 2017