



## Statement of Support and Partner Endorsement

### Vision

The vision of the Victorian Government and the Municipal Association of Victoria in signing this Declaration is for better state and local planning for the creation of age-friendly communities. This is the focus of our shared activities on common goals and directions.

### Commitment

The Victorian Government and the Municipal Association of Victoria will build the age-friendly capacity of local communities by:

1. **promoting an age-friendly Victoria** through the role and achievements of local government in creating age-friendly communities and providing leadership to encourage local councils and stakeholders to develop the principles of the age-friendly cities and community directions
2. **supporting** state and local planning processes to create age-friendly communities and using the knowledge, information and tools available through the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-friendly Cities
3. **providing** local councils with leading advice, expertise, access to networks, policy information and other support to encourage local age-friendly initiatives
4. **empowering** seniors' involvement in local age-friendly initiatives by assisting councils to develop active engagement structures and models of localised seniors community input
5. **encouraging** seniors to get involved in areas they see as important such as local community transport, volunteering, community participation, diversity of housing options, seniors safety, technology access and lifelong learning
6. **addressing** the built environment, transport, housing, social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic participation and employment, communication, and community support and health services for age-friendly communities as listed in the 2008 World Health Organization's *Age-friendly Cities: A Guide*
7. **valuing** stakeholder engagement and working together to promote and strengthen partnerships with peak bodies, community organisations, businesses, retailers and council-run facilities.

The undersigned organisation:

- fully endorses and supports the vision of the Age-Friendly Victoria Declaration for better state and local government planning
- recognises the integral role of older people in achieving an age-friendly Victoria and commits to the ongoing involvement of older people
- endorses the importance of partnerships between government, the community and the business sectors in working together
- agrees to work in partnership with the Victorian Government and/or the Municipal Association of Victoria to achieve an age-friendly Victoria.

Signature .....

Name .....

Position .....

Organisation .....

Date .....

