

Expression of Interest

Invitation to be a member of Cardinia Shire's Social and Affordable Housing Partnership Group



Introduction

Housing Rights are Human Rights: Social and Affordable Housing Strategy and Action Plan 2018-2025 (Cardinia Shire Council) (the Strategy) was adopted by Council on the 18 February 2019. Appendix A provides an outline of the key milestones in the evolution of the Strategy.

A copy of the Strategy is available on Council's website:

https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/downloads/download/1310/social_and_affordable_housing_strategy_and_action_plan_2018_%E2%80%93_205

Vision of the Strategy

Cardinia Shire includes diverse, high quality, sustainable and affordable housing that is responsive to the needs of a growing and diverse community.

The Strategy:

- is underpinned by a human rights framework and local government obligations under the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006, reflecting that the provision of adequate housing is an essential human need
- is framed by and progresses several key Council strategies, in particular, Council's Liveability Plan 2017-29.
- aligns and builds on Council's Housing Strategy 2013-18 which establishes the local housing objectives and strategies in relation to the land use planning role of Council
- reflects recent changes to the Planning and Environment Act 1987 that places clearer emphasis on Councils to facilitate the provision of affordable housing as an objective of planning, and provide enhanced support and guidance for voluntary negotiations between Councils and landowners to secure affordable housing outcomes.

Overview

The Strategy outlines eight recommendations and 23 actions supporting Council's goal of increasing access to appropriate and affordable housing in Cardinia Shire.

One recommendation of the Strategy is to establish a Councillor chaired steering committee to inform implementation of the Strategy and support the development of social and affordable housing across Cardinia Shire.

Cardinia Shire Council is inviting people and organisations to form part of Cardinia Shire's Social and Affordable Housing Partnership Group (The 'SAH Partnership'). Please refer to Council's **SAH Partnership Terms of Reference 2019-20**.

The SAH Partnership will be an advisory steering group informing the delivery of actions outlined in the Strategy, and 'significant' decisions will be referred to Council as per statutory requirements

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The Invitation

Details

Organisation name:	Cardinia Shire Council
EOI title:	Invitation to be a member of Cardinia Shire's Social and Affordable Housing Partnership Group
Position Details:	Volunteer, unpaid advisory position

Organisation Contact

Position title:	Team Leader Social and Community Planning
Business Unit:	Community Strengthening
Contact details:	1300 787 624

Closing Time

Australian daylight savings time	11 June 2019 12pm (Midday)
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Registration Details (either Hardcopy or Internet lodgement)

Hardcopy Registration	
Registration Form	To request a registration form please contact Council's Social Policy and Projects Officer on 1300 787 624 or mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au
Mail	Send completed forms to: PO Box 7 Pakenham VIC 3810
In person	Deliver completed forms to: Council Civic Centre (Lodge with reception) Ground Floor, 20 Siding Avenue, Officer VIC
Hours of access to Council Civic Centre	Monday – Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm, excluding public holidays
Access restrictions (if any)	Access to the Council Civic Centre is limited to the hours detailed above
Information to be marked on package	Attn: Social and Community Planning. Expression of Interest - Invitation to be a member of the Social and Affordable Housing Partnership Group

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Internet Registration	
Online	By completing the online registration form at: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/affordablehousing
Access restrictions (if any)	Lodgement closes by 12pm on the closing date.

Indicative Timetable

Activity	Date
Submissions open	12pm Tuesday 21 st May 2019
End of period for questions or requests for information	4pm Thursday 6 th June 2019
Submissions close	12pm Tuesday 11 th June 2019
Candidates notified of outcome	July 2019
Estimated date for first Steering Group Meeting	August/September 2019

Please note this timetable provides invitees with an indication of the timing of the EOI process. The timetable is indicative only and is subject to change.

Eligibility for membership

The SAH Partnership will comprise of 13 members including appointed Councillor(s) and Council Staff, and representatives from the Community and the Private and Public sector (as outlined below).

All members will be required to adhere to the Terms of Reference 2019–20. All appointed members will be required to sign a 'Conflict of Interest' Form. Where Council does not receive sufficient expressions of interest, they reserve the right to invite specific people and/or organisations to form a complete Partnership Group.

Community

To represent three members

Community members can be appointed as individuals or as representatives of a community/volunteer group (with relevant authority)

Applications are welcome from;

- individuals who either live or work in Cardinia Shire or demonstrate strong and relevant links to the Cardinia Community
- persons with a lived-experience of homelessness or risk of homelessness
- the volunteer sector including groups or organisations with a specific interest and/or role in housing and/or homelessness support

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Public and Private Sector

To represent four members

Must have authorisation to act as representative of the organisation and delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of that organisation.

Applications are welcome from;

- community housing and support sector including housing associations, service providers, agencies and peak bodies
- development sector including local land owners, developers, builders, real estates and planning authorities

Council staff

To represent four members

- A separate internal EOI process will be conducted for Council staff.

Term

A review of the SAH Partnership will take place 6 months from the date of the first meeting. At, which point, Council may re-evaluate membership to ensure the SAH Partnership is inclusive of the wider Cardinia Shire community and all relevant sectors are represented appropriately. Thereafter, a review of the SAH Partnership will take place annually.

Evaluation Criteria

All submissions will be evaluated against:

- The Key Selection Criteria outlined below; and
- The overall proposition presented in the invitee's response.

In determining members of the SAH Partnership Council seeks to:

- be broadly representative of the Cardinia Shire community on issues relating to social and affordable housing
- utilise the expert knowledge of people and organisations experienced in the Social and Affordable Housing sector to guide the implementation of specific actions outlined in the Strategy
- include members with 'grass roots' understanding of housing issues and their concern to advocate for these issues and for households/groups affected.
- encourage participation from individuals and groups who commonly experience barriers to accessing services
- encourage representation from the private and philanthropic sector.
- engage the property and development sector on issues related to Social and Affordable Housing

Evaluation and Selection Process

- Invitees should complete the online survey or registration form and submit it by the due date as outlined in the Invitation Section of this EOI.
- Submissions will be evaluated against the Key Selection Criteria outlined below by a panel comprising of a Councillor and Council representatives.
- All candidates will be advised of the outcome.
- Where a candidate is successful but chooses not to accept the position, Council reserves the right to invite additional candidates to form the full Partnership

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Key Selection Criteria

Community

- Understanding of financial vulnerability and social housing concepts
- Lived experience of homelessness or risk of homelessness
- Ability to represent the needs of people experiencing homelessness or risk of homelessness
- Ability to represent views of the wider Cardinia Shire community
- Connections to the Cardinia Shire community
- Ability to attend bi-monthly meetings and contribute to discussions outside of meeting times

Public and Private Sector

- Demonstrated experience in social and affordable housing matters
- Proven knowledge of local housing priorities and issues related to accessing social and affordable housing
- Level of expertise in social and affordable housing concepts, legislation, processes and challenges
- Ability to represent views of sector more broadly
- Ability to attend bi-monthly meetings and contribute to discussions outside of meeting times



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Appendix A

Background

In August 2017 Council resolved to develop a Social & Affordable Housing Strategy, which was a key recommendation arising from a 2016 study commissioned by Council on the nature and extent of homelessness in the Shire.

Consultation

Comprehensive consultation and engagement was undertaken within Council and across the community during development of the Social and Affordable Housing Strategy.

Consultation / workshops / feedback sought from:

Stakeholders

- Councillors
- Council staff
- Housing Associations
- Local service providers
- Community members from consultative committees

Community groups

- Anglicare
- WAYSS
- Windermere
- Women's Property Initiative
- Local Councils
- Peninsula Legal Centre
- 4C's
- KRHS
- Monash Health

State Government Departments

- Department Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP)
- Department Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Exhibition

In September 2018, Council resolved to place the draft Social and Affordable Housing Strategy and Action Plan 2018-2025 on public exhibition for four weeks (22 October - 21 November 2018). Council received three responses to the draft Strategy.

Council Adoption

A report was presented to Council on the 18 February 2019 which addressed the submissions and provided the final Housing Rights are Human Rights: Social and Affordable Housing Strategy 2018-2025 (Cardinia Shire Council) for endorsement.