**Local Democracy Group purpose statement**
Advisory committees and working groups contribute to achieving community expectations as set out in the Inner West Community Strategic Plan - Our Inner West 2036:

Strategic Direction 5, Outcome 5.3 - people are well informed and actively engaged in local decision making and problem solving

The key purpose of all advisory committees and working groups is to support Council to review and implement the Community Strategic Plan through Council’s four-year Delivery Program and annual Operational Plan.

Advisory committees and working groups provide a purposeful forum to deliberate and problem solve.

**Seniors Working Group purpose statement**

Council supports the needs and desires of seniors by identifying service gaps, reducing duplication and supporting positive ageing and place-based approaches in service planning.

The purpose of the Seniors Working Group is to:

* provide input into the development and implementation of programs, projects, services and initiatives that ensure equity of access for seniors and that are part of Council’s Ageing Strategy and Action Plan
* advocate on behalf of seniors and ensure the voices of seniors are heard in Council’s decision making
* advise, share relevant information on a changing demographic and support innovative opportunities to ensure the wellbeing of seniors
* work with Council’s Healthy Ageing team to support the delivery of initiatives for seniors such as Seniors Festival, Dementia Awareness and other activities.

**Selection criteria**

1. Contribute knowledge and understanding of the needs and issues affecting seniors demonstrating links in the community
2. Representing the views of seniors in the community using listening and other communication skills
3. Be able to attend and participate in meetings regularly
4. Be able, from time to time, to attend and participate in senior focused events and activities
5. Be able to work with other members in the group upholding Council values
6. Other relevant experience

**Application questions**

1. Describe your knowledge and understanding of the needs and issues affecting seniors
2. Describe what skills, experience and/or knowledge you would bring to the Seniors' Working Group?
3. What contribution would you like to make to the Seniors' Working Group?
4. Describe any other experience that is relevant to the purpose of the Seniors' Working Group.