

## DAREBIN WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Expression of Interest Form December 2016 – January 2017

#### **Information for Applicants**

##### ***Background***

The Darebin Women's Advisory Committee (DWAC) was established in 2009 as a platform to support women's public participation, civic engagement and social inclusion. DWAC is part of Council's commitment to "promote gender equity, prevent violence against women and support the right of women to engage and participate fully and equally in all aspects of community life" (Darebin Council Plan 2013-2017).

##### ***Purpose of the Committee***

The purpose of DWAC is to advise Council on issues and barriers to equality affecting women in the City of Darebin, notably by providing a gender lens on issues, policies, services or programs. DWAC will also promote and advocate for gender equity and women's full and equal participation within the wider context of the Darebin community and raise awareness of gender as a key social determinant that Council and community should take into account. In that respect DWAC's role revolves around four key themes: advice, advocacy, action and accountability.

##### ***Membership***

DWAC comprises women who live, work or study in the city of Darebin. Membership will comprise of at least:

- 1 nominated female Darebin Councillor
- 1 externally appointed Chair to convene meetings.
- 1 Council officer, and others as required (see TOR).
- Up to ten community members representing the diversity of Darebin women.
- At least two representatives from community-based organisation supporting women.

Apart from Councillor (s) and officers, the committee's membership should not exceed twelve.

##### ***Membership diversity***

The committee should reflect the full diversity of Darebin women in terms of age, ability, Indigenous status, cultural and linguistic background, sexuality, education and income levels employment status, carer role etc. This will be a key consideration in the selection and recruitment of members.

##### ***Terms of appointment***

Appointments to the Committee will be for a period of two years with the option to re-apply for a further two years (only once).

##### ***Meetings***

The DWAC will meet at Council's offices (Preston) a minimum of four (4) times a year, with the possibility to organise additional meetings as required.

Please refer to the ***Darebin Women's Advisory Committee Terms of Reference*** for more information.

**Expression of Interest Closing Date:** Sunday 29 January 2017

**Further Information:** Diversity Policy Officer, Darebin City Council, on 8470 8423 or email [diversity@darebin.vic.gov.au](mailto:diversity@darebin.vic.gov.au)

**Lodgement: by Sunday 29 January 2015**

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**For more information:**

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## **Expression of Interest Form**

I, the undersigned, would like to express my interest in being selected as a member of the *Darebin Women's Advisory Committee*.

### **Personal details**

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (BH) \_\_\_\_\_ (AH) \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current member of DWAC (2015-2016)? Yes  No

### **Please respond BRIEFLY to the following questions in your Expression of Interest**

1. Please outline briefly why you would like to be on the Darebin Women's Advisory Committee?

2. Do you live, study, work or have links with the Darebin community? Please explain.

**3.** What are the skills and attributes you would contribute to the Committee?

**4.** Are you able and available to commit to attending all Darebin Women's Advisory Committee meetings on a quarterly basis, and to be an active Committee member? Yes/ No

*-Thank you for expressing your interest in being a member of the DWAC-*