BACKGROUND

Shire of Manjimup has adopted the ethos of developing as an age and disability friendly community, both in recognition of the ageing and disability demographic and the knowledge that an age-friendly community will meet the needs of all ages.

OBJECTIVE

The specific objectives of MHCC are:

- Support older people and people living with a disability to remain in their own home for as long as practical.
- Support family or other primary caregivers in their role.
- The agency operates in an effective, efficient and accountable manner.

AREA OF APPLICATION

The target groups of MHCC are people who are 65 years or over (50 years and over for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people) and people under the age of 65 who have permanent and significant disability and their carers. To be eligible they must be assessed by the Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) or the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) as requiring supports and services to continue to live independently, pursue their goals and to participate in their community.

POLICY MEASURES

Manjimup Home and Community Care (MHCC) is a non-profit community agency the funding of which is auspice by the Manjimup Shire. The agency provides supports and services to older people and their carers through the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) and Support at Home (SAH). In addition, MHCC is a registered disability provider and provides supports and services to people with disabilities through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Support is provided in the Manjimup and Bridgetown shires. MHCC is one of several providers ensuring the ageing and disability demographic can age in place and remain within the shire community and surrounding towns.

MHCC provides a range of services and programs and is proactive in identifying future needs of the community in terms of services and facilities and planning for a sustainable future. To enable growth and capacity to meet changing demands MHCC and the Shire of Manjimup partner to undertake stakeholder consultations, data collection, participant surveys, needs assessments and studies.

The Shire of Manjimup and MHCC acknowledge and support the right of people:

- to make choices in their own lives whilst respecting those that they affect.
- to dignity, respect, privacy and confidentiality.

- to be valued as individuals.
- to access services on a non-discriminatory basis.
- to access accountable and responsive services.

Through awareness and continuous quality improvement this policy considers the whole of community needs to ensure the changing needs of the population are continuously met.

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