*Victorian Councils: Supporting Communities Around End of Life* *Project*

### Potential roles for local government around end of life could include:

* Inclusion of end of life in council plans/documents – to help provide a community vision where people, families, carers and or friends experiencing end of life continue to be included as part of community life.
* Information dissemination – a conduit of information for residents, community organisations and service providers to raise awareness and responses around end of life.
* Linking and networking – facilitate links within and between community groups and residents to encourage community responses to support people, families and communities around end of life.
* Leading by example through development of supportive and relevant HR policies and actions across council

### Potential initial actions for councils could include:

* Inclusion of end of life discussions at staff/departmental meetings
* Presentations on end of life to managers/councillors
* Appling an end of life lens to council policies, plans and strategies
* Promoting information around end of life at council events, festivals, internal opportunities within council and to community via social media
* Inclusion of end of life information/presentations/conversations at Seniors Clubs and in Seniors newsletters
* Holding an end of life conversation event (for example Dying to Know Day, Before I Die Board) in a local community
* Supporting community development initiatives responding to end of life in the municipality (information dissemination, venue support, administration assistance)
* Map/ establish a data base on end of life activities, and actions taking place in the local community.

As the project progresses and through the project’s two demonstration projects, further support and resources will become available to support councils undertaking this work.

