

From the Desk of the CEO

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NT BUDGET 2018/19

The NT Government has released their Budget for 2018/19. It was pleasing that there haven't been any cuts to the NGO and social service sector, who provide much needed services to Territorians. However, the government's debt will increase with the promises made. I know that we have all called for underground power to be done, however, we must understand with this major infrastructure spend, this obviously also contributes to our debt.

COTA NT does agree with the spend to attract new workers to the Territory (for example, through 'Our Life Out Here' campaign and recent nursing recruitment drives). Hopefully they will stay and start a family, which in turn will see their interstate families re-locate here, which in turn means that we will see three new generations of Territorians. This obviously increases our population base, which attract more GST revenue. The NT Government must not forget to attract and retain our seniors' population though, but they need all their ducks in a row, especially in relation to aged care. What would be the point of attracting new seniors and retirees if then they have to leave because there is a five-year waiting list for a nursing home?

FEDERAL BUDGET

Still on budgets – COTA NT, along with our interstate counterparts will be part of a phone hook-up for the release of the Federal Budget next Tuesday – hopefully there will be good news for seniors in the Federal Budget.

ACCESSIBLE POINT TO POINT TRANSPORT SERVICES WORKING GROUP

COTA NT is also a member of the Accessible Point to Point Transport Services Working Group. We had our first meeting in April and discussion centred on mobility issues for seniors and the wait times for wheelchair appropriate transport.

NATIONAL AGED CARE DISCRIMINATION COMMISSIONER

COTA NT is also working with Beth Walker from the Office of the Public Guardian regarding a forum with Kay Patterson. Ms Patterson is the National Aged Care Discrimination Commissioner and are locking in dates in August as we speak.

The National Aged Care Discrimination Commissioner will be attending our EXPO on Friday 1 June.

NT CONCESSIONS

We are still working closely with the NT Concessions unit from Territory Families regarding the two new schemes that come into effect on the 1st July. Work is progressing well on the new website plus the information sheets. There is still a lot of confusion out there and COTA NT will be having an information session at our premises – so keep a look out in your e-mails for the time and date. I believe that Alice Springs will be having one shortly.

MOTHER'S DAY MOVIE FUNDRAISER: BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S

On the home front – COTA NT is delighted to announce that Paspaley Pearls have been very generous in donating a stunning pearl pendant for our raffle for our fundraiser at the deckchair cinema. "Breakfast at Tiffany's will be screened on the 13th May which is Mother's Day, so give yourself a chance to win this beautiful pearl pendant by purchasing a \$5.00 ticket – or three for \$10.00. Tickets only available on the night of the screening.

If you haven't yet purchased your movie tickets, go online now and buy them. They are available only through the Deckchair Cinema box office. Online at <http://www.deckchaircinema.com/films/sunday-fundraiser-breakfast-tiffanys/> or visit them during Box Office hours (nightly from 6pm)

SENIORS EXPO 2018 – Friday 1 June, 10am – 2pm

Our annual Seniors Expo is also creeping up on us. We have over 65 exhibitors, which is a record and the Palmerston Recreation Centre will be buzzing on the 1st June from 10am to 2pm – so don't miss out!

Information about exhibitors, performers and activities plus information on how to get there, parking and location maps etc is now online at, <http://www.cotant.org.au/territory-seniors-calendar/seniors-expo-2018/>

Posters are available from this page to download and print in A5, A4 and A3 flyers. Your help in spreading the word is needed (and appreciated).

NT SENIORS CARD WEBSITE

We have just published the NT Seniors Card website – it is at www.ntsniors.org.au, so go online and have a sneak peek before we launch publication. We have been delighted with the response from local businesses throughout the Territory and we are confident that the new look directory will also be a hit with seniors.

Take care
Sue Shearer – CEO – COTA NT

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Sunday 13 May (Mother's Day), doors open from 6pm

Enjoy a movie classic under the stars at the Deckchair Cinema

- starring Audrey Hepburn as Holly Golightly
- Music by Henry Mancini (including 'Moon River')
- New York style food available (including vegetarian option)

Plus your chance to WIN a stunning Paspaley Pearl pendant!

Tickets available only at the Deckchair Cinema on the night
Each raffle ticket \$5 or 3 for \$10. Winner will be announced before the movie starts. The pendant retails for \$1480

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This flyer is on the next page. If you can please give a copy to your friends – We would love a full house on the night!



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