

## MEDIA RELEASE

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# COTA NT welcomes new patron Her Honour the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran AM, Administrator of the Northern Territory

Her Honour the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran AM, Administrator of the Northern Territory has been welcomed as patron of the peak body for Northern Territory seniors, Council on the Ageing Northern Territory (COTA NT).

Ms O'Halloran has worked for decades in the non-profit sector working with vulnerable Territorians and has been Chief Executive of the Somerville Community Services charity for the past 20 years. She is also a past president of National Disability Services, Australia's peak body for non-government disability service organisations.

With regard to her appointment, Her Honour stated, "I would like to make a commitment, reaching out to as many seniors as I can with the help and support of COTA NT." She is looking forward to opening Seniors EXPO, engaging with seniors through activities at Government House and connecting with those who live in regional areas.

Sue Shearer, CEO of Council on the Ageing NT said, "We are delighted that Her Honour has agreed to be our patron. Her experience, empathy and interest in not-for-profit, community and advocacy sectors will assist in raising our organisation's profile and having another champion of seniors on board is a tremendous support of our work."

Her Honour has been invited to open COTA NT's major fundraising and profile-raising event, SENIORS EXPO on Friday 1 June. This event gives almost 1000 attendees including stakeholders from government, business, service providers and community groups the opportunity to network, socialise and celebrate seniors' contribution to Territory life.

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Pictured left: Sue Shearer CEO of COTA NT with Her Honour the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran AM, Administrator of the Northern Territory at Government House



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