

MEDIA RELEASE

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COTA NT announces new Alice Springs Coordinator

COTA NT has announced that it has a representative in Alice Springs for the first time. Ms Fran Kilgariff AM is now the Alice Springs Co-Ordinator for COTA NT and will be available at the Alice Springs 50 Plus Community Centre at 11 Wills Street on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Ms Kilgariff will be able to take queries from seniors who wish to apply for their NT Seniors Card which COTA NT organises and processes. She will also be contacting businesses in the Alice Springs region about their participation in the NT Seniors Card scheme. Businesses have an opportunity to sign up for a free listing in both printed and online directories and advertise their services and products to seniors. (Participating businesses typically offer a 10% discount on their normal rates to seniors).



Fran Kilgariff joins COTA NT as Alice Springs Coordinator

“COTA NT is absolutely delighted to now have a representative in Alice Springs and especially one of Ms Kilgariff’s calibre. Ms Kilgariff has already made a fantastic contribution to the Central Australian community,” said COTA NT’s CEO Sue Shearer, “And seniors in the Alice Springs will be well-represented and heard by her. It is extremely important that COTA NT reach out to seniors beyond its Darwin headquarters and this development has long been waited for. COTA now has strong representation in the Darwin region, Coomalie, Berry Springs and Alice Springs. This means more seniors’ voices will be heard and everyday concerns and issues of older Territorians can be raised by COTA NT with government and policy makers.”

Ms Kilgariff will also be helping COTA NT survey seniors in the Alice Springs region as part of a Territory-wide survey. This survey aims to find out as much as possible regarding seniors’ long-term needs, especially around staying in the Territory. It includes questions on health, housing, safety, economic security and other issues. This information will be used to lobby both local, state and federal governments on behalf of seniors. COTA NT envisages that survey results will be released by its national body, COTA Australia on the International Day of Older Persons on 1st October. With the NT election scheduled for 2019, it is really important that COTA NT collects relevant data on all issues affecting seniors Territorians.

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