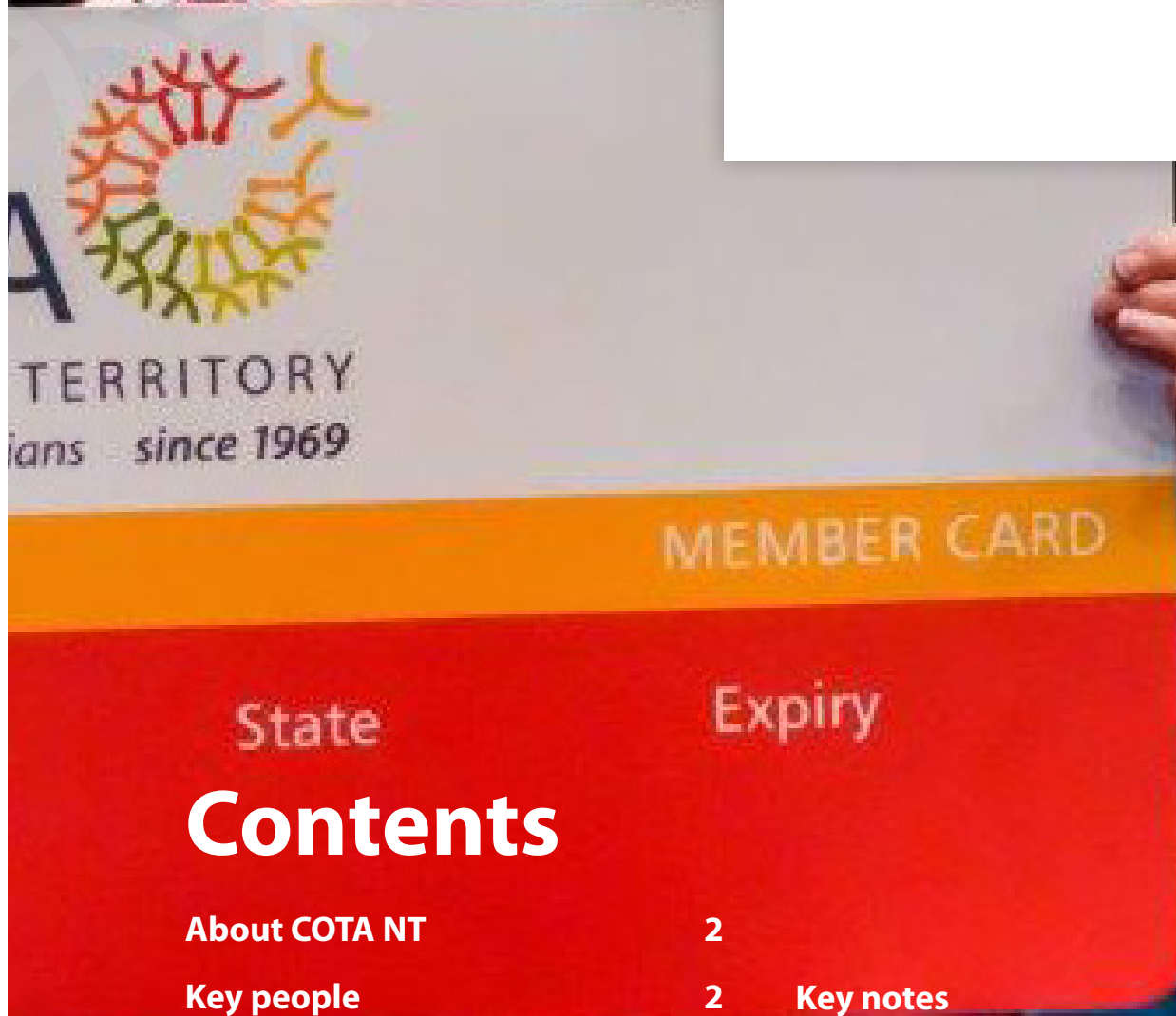




Membership Information

2023 – 2024



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About COTA NT



COTA NT is the peak body representing the interests and rights of people aged 50+ in the Northern Territory. For over 50 years, we have led government, corporate and community thinking about aspects of ageing.

COTA NT is a not-for-profit community organisation, an incorporated Public Benevolent Institution (PBI) with Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status (as Council on the Ageing (Northern Territory) Inc.). COTA NT is also registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission 86316991800. ABN 86 316 991 800.

We fund our activities with the support of governments, members and stakeholders.

Our vision

A just, equitable, age-friendly and humane community in which people are enabled to contribute and grow to their fullest capacity, and have access, with dignity, to appropriate care and support.

Our purpose

To empower older people, those who work with them, government and the community into achieving well-being and social justice for older people.

Our values

Respect, inclusivity, integrity, professionalism.

Key people



Patron

His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie PSM, Administrator of the Northern Territory



Chair

Janette Jewell
Elected Chair October 2023
Also Chair of COTA Coomalie



CEO

Sue Shearer
COTA NT's Chief Executive Officer since February 2017.



Membership

Ken Glover
Membership services for COTA NT and Seniors Card

Welcome

Welcome to COTA NT.

As a member of COTA NT, you are part of a united voice speaking out for seniors across the NT. No matter what our differences may be, COTA Membership brings us together...

To shape a just, equitable, age-friendly and humane community in which people are enabled to contribute and grow to their fullest capacity, and have access with dignity to appropriate care and support.

As one of our Members, we ask that you

- Raise concerns and issues with us
- Share your voice and opinion in surveys and forums
- Enjoy our programs
- Come to your AGM and vote
- Actively participate in the organisation.

COTA is about connections, and we value all opportunities to talk and listen to you.

We know much of our communications with you is digital, but please know we work hard to find the money to supply news and information by post wherever possible. Many of our publications are available to Members in print on request, so please just ask if

you wish something to be sent to you.

As a Member, your opinion will be requested via surveys and consultations. This helps us to improve our lobbying on your behalf at both Territory and federal levels. Do have your say whenever possible.

As a Member, other benefits include:

- Priority access to activities and events
- Discounted health and fitness classes
- Access to our Home Maintenance Service (if you live in serviced areas)
- 10% off room hire at head office
- Invitations to participate in surveys, consultations and focus groups
- Access to Members only events, competitions and giveaways
- Voting rights at our AGM
- Easy access to COTA Holidays and COTA Australia Insurance
- ONE COTA national magazine, mailed to your door (until July 2024).

Thank you for your support of our work. On behalf of our Patron, Board, Chair and Staff, welcome.



Sue Shearer

Chief Executive Officer, COTA NT



Key publications

All COTA's publications and news are available to Members via the COTA website, www.cotant.org.au. Home Maintenance Service request forms, the latest COTA NT News for Members, surveys, event invitations and Members' events photos are accessible via the Members only section of the website, www.cotant.org.au/members.

When you join COTA NT, you will be provided with login details including a password (which you can later change).



Outlines COTA Australia National Policy around aged care, retirement income, health, older workers, housing, age discrimination, older women, elder abuse, digital inclusion, social inclusion and voluntary assisted dying law.

COTA NT supports federal policy but focuses on Territory issues. Our most recent election submission called for investment in liveable communities, skills and jobs, accessible information, planning for change, safety and reduced cost of living.



Outlines future objectives around governance, status, promotion, community, financial independence, organisation and people.



Summarises the organisation's output across all programs and projects for the last financial year (reporting period).



Quarterly newsletter for Members only, delivered by email and post. Covers lobbying news, events, competitions, photos and more.



Print and digital newspaper-style publication delivered across the NT. Features content curated and presented specifically for senior readers.

Key notes

Membership dates and renewals

COTA NT membership runs from 1 July to 30 June annually.

Reminders to renew your membership are sent from Accounts in the May of each financial year. Payments can be made online, over the phone or in-person by EFTPOS, or by cash in-person. We appreciate you paying your Membership fee when due, as it greatly assists us in preparing our budgets for the year ahead.



COTA NT
NORTHERN TERRITORY
Consumer Organisation

Home Maintenance Service

For your property repairs and maintenance needs

Jobs of all sizes · High quality maintenance
Good old-fashioned customer service
True value for money · Long established NT tradies
with reputations for honesty and reliability



COTA NT's Home Maintenance Service can help with indoor & outdoor needs
Air conditioning (homes and vehicles)
Air conditioning installation & ceiling fan cleaning
Electrical · Irrigation · Plumbing · Odd jobs & more

call 08 8941 1004

COTA NT members have access to our Home Maintenance Service. Members must reside in an area serviced by the program. COTA NT Home Maintenance Service may appoint an external Contractor / Specialist Trade as/where appropriate.

Home Maintenance Service*

This very popular Members only service is run by COTA NT volunteers and supported by COTA staff and funds.

Members wishing to access this service pay a supplementary Membership fee of \$10 (to assist with volunteers' out of pocket expenses).

Where possible the volunteer team will assist with small maintenance jobs, or they will put you in touch with reputable, reliable and trusted trades.

Costs are met by the Member and priced per job. To request a service, use the form on the Members website or call us. * Available in serviced areas only

Events and activities

COTA NT events run for most of the year (mid-December to mid-January is the exception) and are listed on the [COTA NT events calendar](#). This shows activities in Darwin, Coomalie, Berry Springs and Alice Springs (or close by) hosted by COTA NT staff and/or volunteers including social meetings and outings, musical, fitness, dance and information opportunities.

COTA NT hosts activities and events with *priority or heavily discounted access* for Members including wellbeing classes, fishing trips, International Women's Day, Harmony Day, Seniors Month, Grandparents Day and Christmas functions.

Membership services



Ken Glover is our dedicated Membership Officer and he is in the office Mondays to Thursdays, between 9am and 3pm. You can reach him by:

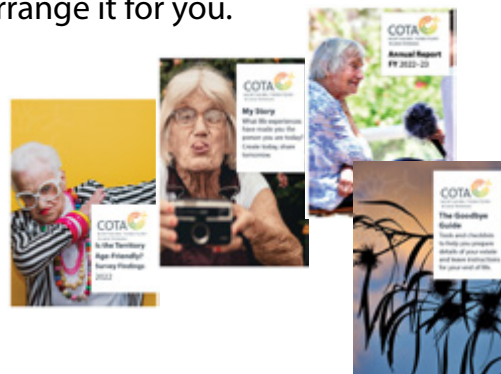
Phone 08 8941 1004 or Email membership@cotant.org.au

Ken can help you with:

- Booking into Members Only events
- Checking your membership status
- Updating your details
- Renewing your membership
- Paying for your membership and the Home Maintenance Service supplement
- Replacing your membership card
- Referring a friend
- Requesting a Home Maintenance Service
- Accessing the Members Only website.

Ken can also answer your questions about our activities, events, programs and publications. He will also check to see if you have your membership of NT Seniors Card (available when you turn 60).

If you want a copy of a COTA NT publication, talk to Ken and he can arrange it for you.



COTA Members **Belong. Are heard. Are informed.**

Join COTA NT today!
visit www.cotant.org.au or call
08 8941 1004 for more info

COTA For senior Territorians

Join the COTA movement for change

Staying in touch

There are numerous ways to stay in touch with COTA NT and find out what we are doing. And remember, we always welcome your enquiries.

In person

DARWIN Call in at our head office at **Spillett House, 65 Smith Street, Darwin**. It is open between 9am and 3pm every day except public holidays (and end of year close). Our friendly Reception team will be happy to help you.

ALICE SPRINGS You can also visit our Alice Springs office, situated in the **50+ Community Centre, 11 Wills Terrace, Alice Springs**. COTA NT staff are there from 8.30am to 1pm, Mondays to Fridays (or available on the phone).

By phone

DARWIN

- Head office + **61 8 8941 1004**

ALICE SPRINGS

- Fran Kilgariff (Central Australian Representative) **0438 635 354**
- Debbie Pepper (Aged Care Navigator) **0423 828 558**

By email

- **CEO** ceo@cotant.org.au
- **Membership Services** membership@cotant.org.au

Via the website

For after hours contact, you can contact us using the form on our website, www.cotant.org.au/contact-us/

By post

You can post any correspondence to: **COTA NT, GPO Box 852, Darwin NT 0801.**

Letters to the Editor

Send your Letters to seniorsvoice@cotant.org.au. These are included (at our discretion) in the Seniors Voice Letters Page.

Via social media

We manage a number of social media including Facebook pages for regions and projects and Instagram including:

- [COTA NT](#) (main page)
- [COTA Alice Springs](#)
- [Seniors Voice](#) (advocacy)
- [COTA Berry Springs](#)
- [Seniors Card](#) (news of savings/ discounts)
- [Grandparents Day](#)
- [PICAC](#)
- [COTA Instagram](#)

We highly recommend following the COTA NT main page as a minimum.



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