COTA
NORTHERN TERRITORY
for senior Territorians

ANNUAL REPORT
2025 – 2026

COTA NT (Council on the Ageing Northern Territory) is the leading not-for-profit peak body representing the rights, needs and interests of people over 50 in the Northern Territory. Established in 1969, it provides advocacy, information, policy advice and social connection for seniors.

COTA NT serves as a voice for seniors, speaking out around relevant issues such as aged care, human rights, safety and elder abuse. Its advocacy represents the lived experiences of real Territorians who engage with the organisation through membership, activities and events, surveys, consultations, forums and media.

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Board
Chair's Report

Janette Jewell
Chair, COTA NT

The 2025–2026 financial year has reinforced the importance of COTA NT's role as the independent voice for older Territorians. It has been an exceptional year that has exceeded all our expectations in the delivery of our programs.

Through advocacy, information and community engagement, we continued to champion the rights, dignity and participation of people aged over 50 across the Territory.

Our advocacy addressed significant issues affecting older people, including aged care reform, housing, health, financial security, elder abuse and voluntary assisted dying. At the same time, our programs continued to connect people with practical support, social activities and opportunities to remain active and involved in their communities.

The year saw strong community engagement through our Seniors Expos, regional outreach, Grandparents Day celebrations and World Elder Abuse Awareness forums. Improvements to the NT Seniors Card systems and our accessible communications also strengthened our capacity to serve older Territorians.

These achievements reflect the dedication of staff, volunteers, members and partners. Our 33 volunteers contributed more than 1,400 hours during the year, demonstrating the generosity and community spirit that support COTA.

As a Board, we remain committed to sound governance, strategic oversight and the long-term sustainability of the organisation.

I thank CEO Sue Shearer, our staff, fellow Board members,* volunteers and supporters for their contributions throughout the year.

I also acknowledge funding support, grants and cooperation from the Northern Territory Government.

Together, we will continue working towards a just, equitable and humane community where older Territorians can live with dignity, connection and appropriate care and support.

* Serving Board Members during 2025-2026, page 31

Operations
CEO Report

Sue Shearer
CEO, COTA NT

This year has been one of achievement, change and collaboration. I am particularly proud that COTA NT received NT Chamber of Commerce awards recognising customer service and community events. These awards celebrated what matters most to us: treating people with care, providing useful information and creating opportunities for older Territorians to connect and participate.

Our record-breaking Darwin Seniors Expo, inaugural Darwin Rural Seniors Expo, regional activities and community forums demonstrated the value of bringing people and services together. Meanwhile, our advocacy, Aged Care Navigators, NT Seniors Card and multicultural programs continued to provide practical support and amplify the voices of older Territorians.

The year also brought an unusual operational challenge: replacing two staff members, Lorna McLaughlin in Darwin and Janet Bradbury in Alice Springs. Managing recruitment, handovers and continuity of services required considerable effort from an already busy team. I thank Lorna and Janet for their contributions and acknowledge the colleagues who helped keep our work moving through this period of change.

It takes a village

More than anything, this year has reminded me that COTA NT's achievements are never the work of one person alone.

Our staff bring commitment and expertise; our Board provides guidance; and our volunteers generously contribute their time and skills. Funders, sponsors, businesses and community partners make our work possible, while our members and the older Territorians we serve help shape our priorities through their participation and feedback.

The NT Chamber of Commerce awards belong to this community of people who make COTA NT what it is. I am grateful to everyone who contributes, whether in a public-facing role or quietly behind the scenes.

*Serving Staff during 2025-2026, page 31

Advocacy

Amplifying Seniors' Voices

During the 2025–2026 financial year, COTA NT intensified its legislative lobbying, community inclusion efforts and regional outreach.

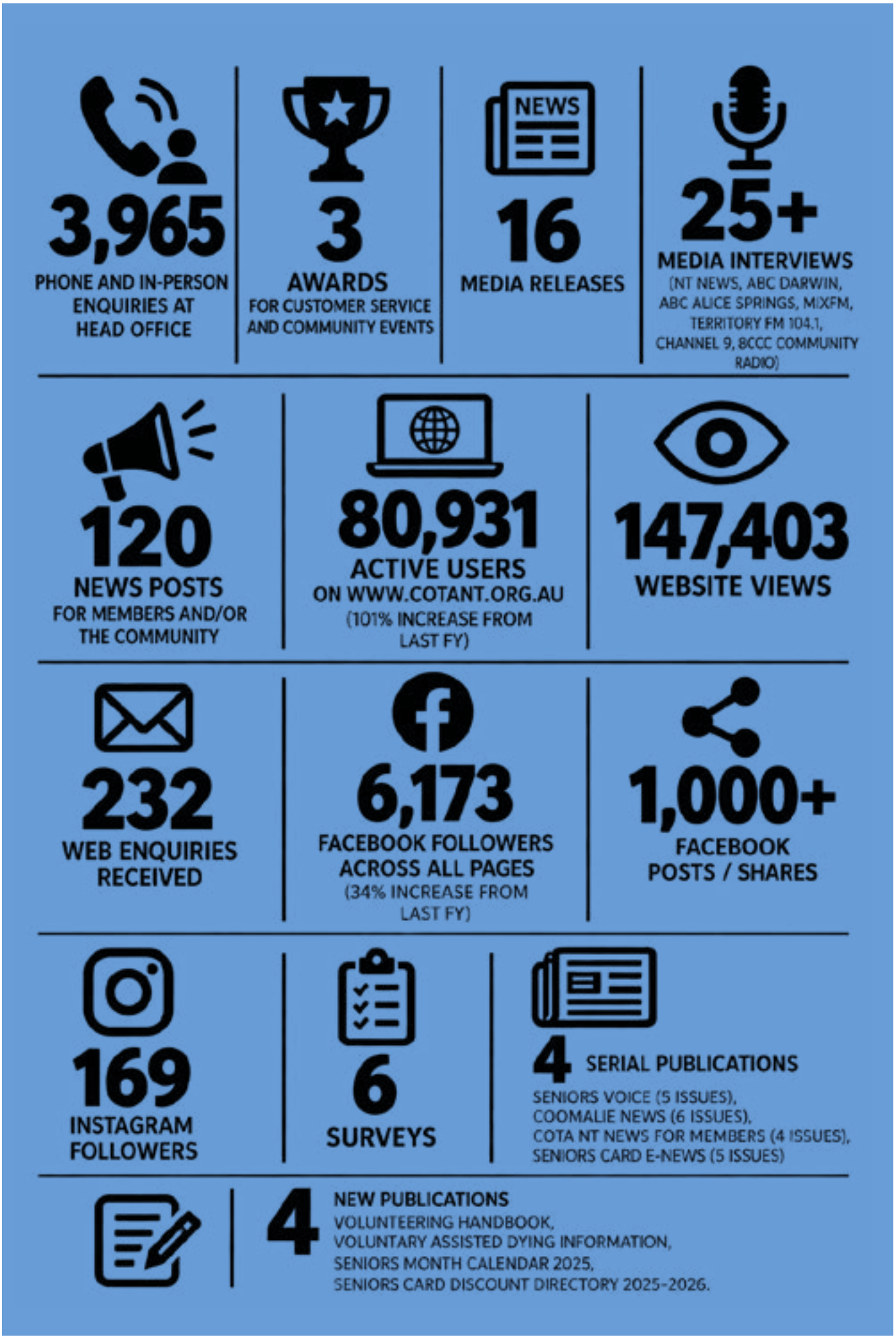
At the same time, COTA NT expanded its grassroots engagement, delivering a record-setting footprint of Seniors Expos. Regular community outreach and in-house activities focused on advance personal planning, aged care navigation, cost of living, health, wellbeing and membership.

The organisation's multi-layered approach to advocacy — getting seniors voices heard by policy makers, service providers and the broader community — included:

- Direct lobbying and submissions on issues like voluntary assisted dying legislation, housing, health and aged care;
- Collaboration with national and Territory organisations to influence legislative decisions including aged care reform, elder abuse legislation, voluntary assisted dying, housing and transport policy;
- Event engagement including active participation in aged care forums and anti-elder abuse discussions;
- Industry representation on 34 committees such as the Industry Skills Advisory Council (ISAC) to advocate for better workforce training like making dementia care a core competency for aged care workers;
- Monitoring Territory systems and calling out the Top End's hospital bed block crisis caused by shortages in residential aged care placements including specific care for people living with dementia;
- Using *Seniors Voice* to provide public-facing education on navigating aged care, tackling elder abuse, concessions, digital learning, financial well-being, safety (online, personal, community), health and wellness, events;
- Publishing media releases and open letters to lobby on issues such as aged care reform, housing, voluntary assisted dying, dementia care, elder abuse and co-design of aged care.

Read more about our advocacy, online www.cotant.org.au/cota-advocacy

Sue Shearer, CEO (far right) pictured with representatives from Older Personal Advocacy Network (OPAN) and COTA Australia at the Aged Care Reforms Explained forum held in Darwin, October 2025


3,965
PHONE AND IN-PERSON ENQUIRIES AT HEAD OFFICE
3
AWARDS
FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE AND COMMUNITY EVENTS
NEWS
16
MEDIA RELEASES
25+
MEDIA INTERVIEWS
(NT NEWS, ABC DARWIN, ABC ALICE SPRINGS, MIXFM, TERRITORY FM 104.1, CHANNEL 9, 8CCC COMMUNITY RADIO)
120
NEWS POSTS
FOR MEMBERS AND/OR THE COMMUNITY
80,931
ACTIVE USERS
ON WWW.COTANT.ORG.AU
(101% INCREASE FROM LAST FY)
147,403
WEBSITE VIEWS
232
WEB ENQUIRIES RECEIVED
6,173
FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS ACROSS ALL PAGES
(34% INCREASE FROM LAST FY)
1,000+
FACEBOOK POSTS / SHARES
169
INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS
6
SURVEYS
4
SERIAL PUBLICATIONS
SENIORS VOICE (5 ISSUES),
COOMALIE NEWS (6 ISSUES),
COTA NT NEWS FOR MEMBERS (4 ISSUES),
SENIORS CARD E-NEWS (5 ISSUES)
4
NEW PUBLICATIONS
VOLUNTEERING HANDBOOK,
VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING INFORMATION,
SENIORS MONTH CALENDAR 2025,
SENIORS CARD DISCOUNT DIRECTORY 2025-2026.

Connections

Members

COTA NT's financial membership has grown steadily during this reporting period. It continues to run on a paid term-based membership basis, with no fee increases for the eighth consecutive financial year. Individual membership costs $44 inc gst pa, joint membership $56 inc gst pa and Club and Associate membership started from $30+gst.

Key activities

- Membership services delivery continued in-person, over the phone and online.
- Additional benefits were introduced to the program including a free Will writing service and an extensive Members' only library of resources, guides and white papers.
- Other benefits were maintained including the home maintenance service, priority access to aged care access support, priority event invitations, discounts on health and wellness activities, members only events, direct email delivery of *Seniors Voice*, automatic entry to giveaways and voting rights.

"We rely on our Members to support our advocacy, use our services and keep us informed about the current and emerging needs of senior Territorians... together our voices are stronger, together we make change happen."

Communications

Bridging the Digital Divide

COTA NT utilised a mix of print, digital and face-to-face communication channels to advocate for, and to connect with seniors and stakeholders.

As a portion of the organisation's target audiences face digital exclusion, communications balanced high-tech solutions with traditional offline channels. All of COTA's communications and publications were designed with fonts, white space, colour wayfinding cues and used jargon-free language to enable accessibility for a diverse range of users with different language abilities, print disabilities, cognitive and sensory impairment.

Non-digital information channels were highly utilised including direct face-to-face contact across *all* programs and phone support.

A physical library of information was maintained and updated at Spillett House. The physical library was extended this year to include a book-borrowing shelf. An online library is publicly available via the COTA NT website, with white papers and organisational resources made available to Members in the Members website area.

Seniors Voice, our flagship quarterly publication, was published and distributed in print and digital formats. More than 32,000 printed copies were distributed to over 100 distributions across the Northern Territory, alongside a dedicated digital readership.

The *Seniors Card Directory* was produced in print and digital formats, with 8,000 print copies placed in key community locations and provided at events.

COTA NT partnered with nbn Local to provide digital literacy learning and support including scams awareness at community venues and events in Darwin, Palmerston, Coolalinga, Alice Springs and Katherine.

COTA websites used easy to read text, short pages and bright high-contrast colours. Navigation featured clean menus, prominent phone numbers, links and easy-to-find action buttons. Age-positive images of real, older Territorians were used wherever possible.

E-newsletters included Seniors Voice, targeted COTA NT News for Members and Coomalie News, plus specialised Seniors Card broadcasts.

Photo: Darwin Seniors Expo 2026

"...we consider robust and respectful debate as democracy in action.
We have had the debates, the conversations, the consultations.
It is high time we move on and write these laws."

Read more online
www.cotant.org.au/cota-advocacy/voluntary-assisted-dying-for-the-northern-territory

Sue Shearer, CEO in Media Release, *The campaign for voluntary assisted dying (VAD) laws in the NT gets a huge boost* released 3 September 2025

Health and Wellbeing

Voluntary Assisted Dying Choice

COTA NT led a highly visible, strategic campaign to secure Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) legislation in the Territory by leveraging public forums, global expertise and direct parliamentary lobbying.

September – October 2025: Andrew Denton Public Community Forums
COTA NT partnered with Go Gentle Australia to bring broadcaster and leading VAD advocate Andrew Denton to Darwin to jointly host two community information sessions. These focused on:

- Educating the public on working interstate VAD clinical frameworks
- Providing a safe platform for seniors to share lived experiences
- Giving attendees toolkits to lobby local Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs).

October 2025: Parliamentary Inquiry Monitoring & Policy Pushes
Following the tabling of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying in the Northern Territory Final Report in October 2025*, COTA NT launched policy representations. They called for legislation to mirror the expert panel's recommendations, advocating against delays or amendments.

April 2026: Global Framework
Briefings featuring Peter Warren elevated the debate to an international standard. COTA NT hosted *"An Audience with Peter Warren", the Executive Director of the World Federation of Right to Die Societies* bringing together community leaders, medical professionals and the public in Darwin to break down global best practices and ensure Territorians were informed about laws overseas.

June 2026: Parliamentary Mandate
COTA NT ramped up political pressure by issuing a definitive public call to action. The peak body demanded that all NT MLAs respect the voices of Territorians and vote "Yes" on the upcoming bill framing VAD access as an essential element of modern, compassionate healthcare and individual rights.

Media & Digital Toolkit
Throughout the 12-month period, COTA NT utilised its print and digital network—specifically the Seniors Voice publication—to demystify VAD. A dedicated, digital VAD Advocacy Kit was maintained on its website.

Aged Care

Aged Care Navigators

Aged Care Navigators based in Darwin and Alice Springs continued to provide support across the Territory for senior their families, friends and carers to understand and navigate the aged care system.

The need for the Aged Care Navigators service continues unabated with assistance provided to clients face-to-face, by phone, and in group meetings.

There is a continuing trend of seniors contacting COTA for information that may be only indirectly related to aged care. Often, because so much information is only available via the internet and COTA is viewed as a reliable and trustworthy in-person source.

Since the commencement of the new Support at Home on the 1st of November 2025 there has been much controversy surrounding the roll out. This resulted in Personal Care being moved to Clinical Care and the delay of the merger of Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) to Support at Home.

Pressure continues to be placed on the Commonwealth Government to "Get it Right" by organisations like

COTA. The ACN continued to monitor changes to keep their information up to date.

Programs that were supported by Aged Care Navigators included the Adult Safeguarding Working Group and the Advanced Personal Planning Project – Document Review.

Read more about the program online www.cotant.org.au/aged-care-navigators

Financial Security

Seniors Card

NT Seniors Card remained a substantial statewide service for older Territorians with strong membership, communication and community reach.

A major achievement this reporting period was the transition to Microsoft Dynamics Customer Relationship Management (CRM) which went live in January 2026. The new system has significantly greater capacity for data management, reporting and demographic analysis.

*key findings of the Members Survey 2025-2026 is on page 16

The main developments during 2025/26 were:

1. Growth in membership numbers
2. Growth in online membership applications and communications
3. Strengthening of Business Partner relationships
4. Expansion of community outreach
5. Launch of the new Microsoft Dynamics CRM
6. Improved data collection and reporting capability
7. Increased participation in Business Partner and Member surveys*
8. Continued production and distribution of the printed Discount Directory.

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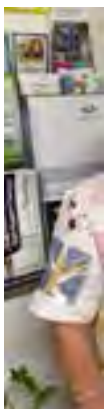

FY 2025—2026 IN PHOTOS

Read more about the program online ntseniorscard.org.au

"Everyone is always happy when they receive a discount!"

Seniors Card Member, Survey 2025-26

Photo: Seniors Card Advertising Image

NT SENIORS CARD
MEMBERS SURVEY 2025–2026

SENIORS CARD

634
NT Seniors Card members participated in the survey

72%
use their Seniors Card daily, weekly or monthly

81%
use the $55 motor vehicle registration discount

80%
said their shopping habits have changed at least a little due to cost-of-living increases

68%
identified better advertising of participating businesses as a priority for improvement

51%
food source of budget pressure

58%
fuel source of budget pressure

46%
most used category for Seniors Card use entertainment, sports clubs, restaurants and social clubs

57%
want more fuel and petrol product discounts

48%
want more food discounts

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Cultural Diversity

Partners in Culturally Appropriate Care

PICAC (Partners in Culturally Appropriate Care) NT delivered a strong program of cultural awareness and aged-care support across the Territory.

During the 2025–26 reported period, 11 cultural awareness and competency training sessions reached 130 participants across Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine and Alice Springs. The training covered cultural awareness, communication, interpreters, diversity and inclusion, and dementia care.

Over 740 free resources were distributed to aged-care providers, community organisations, training participants and older people from culturally diverse backgrounds. Other resources were updated including the Caring for CALD Seniors Toolkit and Client Contract Checklists.

PICAC participated in numerous events and activities with providers and stakeholders including a webinar and national grief symposium.

PICAC NT
Partners in Culturally Appropriate Care

توقيع عقد لتلقّي خدمات الرعاية المنزلية

Read more about the program online www.cotant.org.au/picac

يمكن لحزمة الرعاية المنزلية (Home Care Package) أن تضمن حصولك على الخدمات والدعم الذي تحتاجه.

قبل التوقيع على عقد مع مقدم الخدمة لتوفير خدمات الرعاية المنزلية، من الضروري أن تكون على دراية بحقوقك ومسؤولياتك.

يتعيّن عليك أن:

1. تفهم حقوقك[1].
2. تعلمَ أنه يجب احترام حقوقك من قبل مقدم الرعاية المنزلية الخاص بك.
3. تتحدث إلى مقدم الخدمة الخاص بك إذا كانت لديك أية مخاوف.
4. تعرف أن لديك مسؤوليات تجاه مقدم الرعاية المنزلية الذي تختاره.
5. تُظهر الاحترام والمراعاة.
6. تُوفّر مكانًا آمنًا لمقدمي الخدمات وموظفيهم لمساعدتك.
7. تكون منفتحًا على التغييرات التي تخص حزمة الرعاية المنزلية الخاصة بك إذا تغيّرت صحتك.
8. تدفع رسوم الرعاية المنزلية الخاصة بك على النحو المتفق عليه مع مقدم الخدمة الخاص بك.

[1] Home Care Packages Program Manual for Care Recipients, (دليل برنامج حزم الرعاية المنزلية لمتلقي الرعاية) الإصدار 1.4، كانون الثاني\يناير 2023

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Social Inclusion

Community Events

Read more about our Expos online www.cotant.org.au/seniors-expos

Throughout the 2025–26 financial year, COTA NT delivered a diverse program of events, activities and community engagement opportunities designed to support older Territorians to remain active, connected, informed and involved in their communities.

The program included major Seniors Expos, regional outreach, cultural and social gatherings, health and wellbeing activities, educational presentations, advocacy forums and regular recreational programs.

The year was marked by the inaugural Darwin Rural Seniors Expo, the rescheduling of the Katherine Seniors Expo due to flooding, substantial collaborative effort by staff, Board members and volunteers to deliver the record-breaking Darwin Seniors Expo and a "roadshow" of World Elder Abuse Awareness forums.

Community events

COTA NT delivered three major community Expo events during this reporting period, plus one new smaller Expo, four Grandparents Day events and three Seniors Month events. These larger scale community events are part of the organisation's commitment to older Territorians in regional and rural areas. They provide people with access to information, opportunity to engage with service providers and government, time to socialise and find ongoing activities local to them that enhance inclusion.

With the exception of the Darwin Rural Seniors Expo, these events were supported by grants from the Northern Territory's Major and Minor Community Benefits Grant, Seniors Month Grants and its ongoing service funding.

Alice Springs Seniors Expo

August 2025

The Alice Springs Seniors Expo brought older Territorians together to explore services, activities and resources supporting healthy, active and connected ageing.

Seniors Month

August 2025

COTA NT supported community participation through five additional Seniors Month events in Berry Springs, Alice Springs, Coomalie and Darwin. These included:

“I love being a Senior in the NT and now have more knowledge of my rights thanks to the information I gained at this expo”

Seniors Expo attendee (not pictured)

Photo: Darwin Seniors Expo, June 2026

Social Inclusion
Events and Activities

- Birthday Lunch (Berry Springs)
- Wilderness Wanderlust (Berry Springs)
- Timeless Treasures Trivia (Darwin),
- Garden Paths to Wellbeing (Alice Springs)
- Community Trivia Day (Coomalie).

Grandparents Day
October 2025

Movie mornings featuring specially priced tickets to see Kangaroo were held in Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine and Alice Springs. Attended by nearly 500 people.

Darwin Rural Seniors Expo
October 2025

The inaugural Darwin Rural Seniors Expo was an important milestone for COTA NT's rural engagement program. Held over two days at the newly opened Litchfield Community Library, the expo was well supported and very well received.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Forums
June 2026

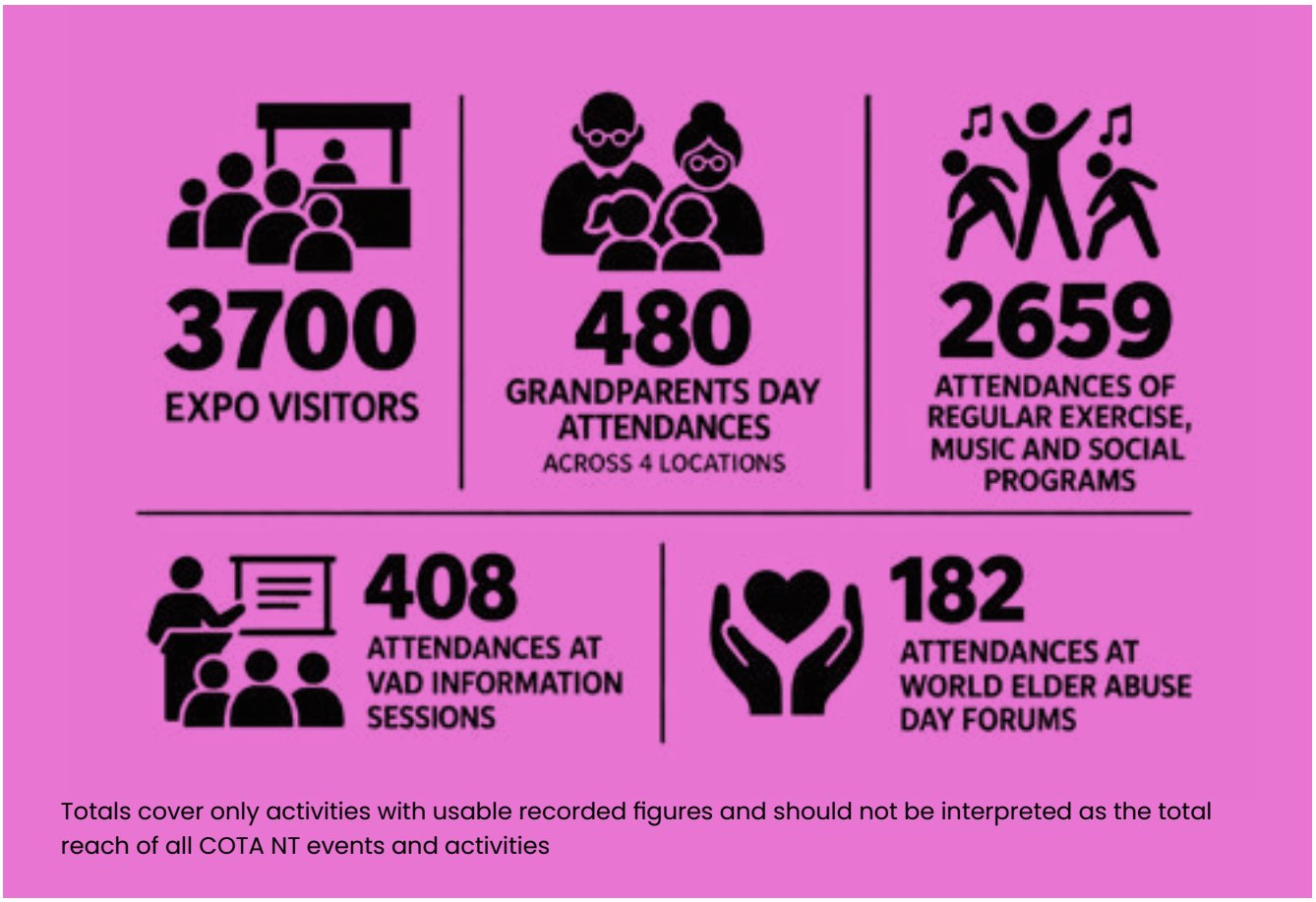
COTA collaborated with Darwin Community Legal Services to host a series of important conversations aimed at challenging attitudes, empowering older Territorians and strengthening community understanding of elder abuse. The events were held in Alice Springs, Darwin, Katherine and Tennant Creek and featured keynote speakers, Anne Burgess AM, Chair of the Council of Elders and Dr Kay Patterson AO, past Age Discrimination Commissioner.

Darwin Seniors Expo
June 2026

The Darwin Seniors Expo remained a major highlight of the COTA NT events calendar, attracting a record-breaking entry and demonstrating the continued importance of this free community event to older Territorians.

Other activities

COTA NT continued to use its smaller events, activities and presentations to help older Territorians access information, understand their rights and participate in important community conversations. These included aged care reform webinars, voluntary assisted dying education sessions, discussions around end-of-life choices, digital safety and education, awareness of elder abuse



Totals cover only activities with usable recorded figures and should not be interpreted as the total reach of all COTA NT events and activities

and rights of older people.

Member activities remained an important part of the program providing opportunities for recreation, socialising, getting out of home and trying something new. Seven fishing trips between July and June, enjoyed by 85 members (and guests). These trips were supported by COTA volunteers, Barramundi Fishing Adventures and a Department of Agriculture and Fisheries grant.

Volunteers and members were invited to several Christmas / End of Year celebrations in Darwin, Coomalie, Berry Springs and Alice Springs, which enabled members to connect socially and the hard work of volunteers to be recognised.

Regular activities were held throughout the year supporting physical health, social wellbeing, cultural inclusion and community participation. These included: Berry Springs fortnightly meetings, Coomalie monthly Morning Tea Talks Pilates, Strong and Functional Fitness, Musical Jam, Seated Aerobics, Our Common Threads Sewing Group, Tai Chi, Italian and Portuguese-Timorese social groups.

Pilates and Seated Aerobics were available online which provided people access to classes regardless of their location, although internet access was required. Seated Aerobics and Tai Chi recorded the highest number of attendances throughout the year.

Cultural Inclusion

Multicultural Social Support

The Multicultural Social Support Program (MSSP) run by PICAC NT helps seniors within Territory migrant and ethnic communities to stay in touch, keep connected with the wider community and engage with new people and activities that promote cultural and linguistic diversity in the Northern Territory.

Italian and Portuguese-Timorese-Chinese Seniors Groups were facilitated which provided regular opportunities for social connection and cultural inclusion.

Each group scheduled 37 activities during the year and weekly groups generally attracted 12–18 participants. Activities were held in safe, comfortable environments.
They included games, shared lunches, birthdays and outings. Strong attendance and new participants demonstrated the continuing value of the groups in supporting social connection, inclusion and wellbeing for culturally diverse older people.

In-language information to group members was regularly provided by COTA staff on a range of topics including aged care, support in the home, healthy ageing, dementia and memory support, advanced personal plans and end of life planning.

Nine volunteers contributed over 308 hours to support this program in transport and social support roles.

Read more about the program online www.cotant.org.au/what-we-do/mssp

Italian Seniors 2025-2026

Social Participation

Volunteering

Read more about our volunteer program online www.cotant.org.au/volunteers

COTA volunteers fulfilled governance, operational support and community engagement roles to support senior Territorians stay active, connected and informed.

These roles included event and activity support, driving multicultural seniors to activities, peer education, home maintenance, administration and distribution of communications.

33 volunteers have provided their time, expertise and skills to COTA — in excess of 1,400 hours. A conservative estimate of the value of these hours is over $63,140.*

We express our utmost appreciation to our volunteers:

- Claire Bell
- Norm Buchan
- Graeme Buckley
- Gill Cartledge
- Julie Du-Shane
- Sue Firth
- Tony Hampton
- Jan Jewell
- Felicity Manfreda
- Jack Laskazeski
- Dale Latter
- Denise Lawungkurr-Goodfellow
- Richard Luxton
- Lorna McLaughlin
- Max Mace
- Michael McDonald
- Allen McEwen
- Stephen Noble
- Sonia Richards
- Gail Ryan
- Phil Ryder
- Mick Sheridan
- Kerryn Steward
- Paul Steward
- Michael Stott
- Sandy Stuart
- Steve Thomas
- Mike Walker
- Robyn Wardle
- Janine Watt
- Alan Wharfe
- David Wilson
- John Whyte

* https://www.volunteering.com.au/resources-tools/cost-of-volunteering-calculator/

David Wilson, COTA Volunteer and Board Member

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- City of Darwin

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- nbn Local
- Netball NT
- Super Ageing

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- Marshall and Cherry Perron
- Barramundi Fishing Adventures
- Bendigo Bank
- Deckchair Cinema
- Event Cinemas

Club and Associate Members

Our Club and Associate Members demonstrated a commitment to, interest in and support of our work and helped the voice of senior Territorians grow even louder.

We thank and acknowledge:

- Ageing with Grace
- Arthritis & Osteoporosis NT
- Arafura Music Collective
- Australian Ears and Hearing Care
- Australian Independent Retirees
- ARRCS
- Carers NT
- Catholic Care NT
- Crest NT
- Danila Dilba Health Services
- Darwin Camera Club
- Darwin Community Legal Services
- Darwin Frocktails
- Darwin Table Tennis Association
- Deckchair Cinema
- Dementia Alliance
- Dementia Australia
- English and Scottish Country Dancing
- Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory Inc
- Healthy Living NT

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- Katherine Senior Citizens Inc
- Knit and Natter
- Let's Sing
- Melaleuca Australia
- Mental Health Association of Central Australia
- National Seniors Australia (Top End Darwin)
- Neighbourhood Watch NT
- NT Breast Cancer Voice
- Old Timers Traeger Museum
- Pickleball Alice Springs Association Inc
- Probus Club of Darwin
- Prosper — Darwin Support Group
- Relationships Australia
- Riding for the Disabled Top End
- RSPCA Darwin Branch
- Seniors Of Excellence
- St Vincent de Paul Society
- Team Health
- The Hospital Research Foundation Group Parkinson's
- U3A Darwin
- Victims of Crime NT
- Volunteering NT
- Wildcare Inc

Collaboration

- COTA Australia
- Go Gentle Australia
- Litchfield Community Library
- Northern Territory Voluntary Euthanasia Society
- Services Australia
- Tactile Arts
- Westside Community Garden
- World Federation of the Right to Die Societies

Sponsorship

- Dementia Alliance
- Our Common Threads
- Selfie with a Senior
- Sweltering Cities
- Textiles Travelling Suitcase

Our People

Board and Staff Members

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July to September 2025

Paul Steward
COTA Berry Springs Chair
September 2025 onwards

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Events & Activities
July to November 2025

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Aged Care Navigator (Alice Springs)
July to December 2025

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Aged Care Navigator (Darwin

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Reception & Administration

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Anna Goode
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