



Annual Report

2012/2013

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OUR VISION

An inclusive society which values, supports and respects older people.

OUR MISSION

Promoting, improving and protecting the needs, rights and interests of older Tasmanians with a focus on the vulnerable and disadvantaged.

CORE BUSINESS

1. To represent members as a peak body
2. To maximise co-operation locally and nationally between service providers and consumer bodies representing the interests of older people
3. To raise community awareness of issues of concern to older people
4. To promote policies, practices and services that advance well-being and justice for older people

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES 2011–2014

1. Consult with disadvantaged older people
2. Increase funding to COTA through sponsorship as well as additional project funded by government
3. Increase COTA's policy influence
4. Increase awareness and understanding of COTA across Tasmania
5. Use our consultation model to gain additional funding
6. Practice contemporary governance
7. Develop partnerships with other organisations

FUNDING SOURCES

COTA TAS gratefully acknowledges the support of the following organisations:



THE DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

(Core Funding; Seniors Week and Inclusive Ageing)

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – COMMUNITY SUPPORT LEVY

(You're Worth It: Protecting Yourself from Financial Abuse Peer Education)

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT

The Conversations with our Community project and COTA Tasmania's operations are supported by funding from the Australian Government under the Commonwealth HACC program

DEPARTMENT OF BROADBAND, COMMUNICATIONS & THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

(Internet Safety Peer Education: The Cybersecurity Training package for Older Australians is one of a number of initiatives by the Australian Government to support Australians in safely and securely realising the full potential of the digital economy [www.dbcde.gov.au])



BEYONDBLUE

(Beyond Maturity Blues Peer Education)



NATIONAL PRESCRIBING SERVICE LTD

(Medicines and You Peer Education)



Tasmania
Fire Service

TASMANIAN FIRE SERVICE

(Wake Up! Peer Education)

OUR PEOPLE

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Deb Lewis

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Inclusive Ageing Research Officer & CWC Project Officer:
Soula Houndalas

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Peer Education Coordinator:
Jane Bowman

Communications & Events:
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PEER EDUCATORS

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Ian Fletcher
Lizanne Goodwin
David Henty
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Gweneth Norris
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Susan Walter

COTA CHAMPIONS

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS

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Jennifer Johnston
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AUDITOR

Rendell Ridge
Max Peck & Associates



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is my pleasure to present the annual report of the COTA Tasmania Board for the 2012-2013 year.



The Board has had a very successful year, providing leadership and vision for the organisation; setting the aims, strategies and policies and especially monitoring our achievements. We welcomed four new members to the Board this year and their skills, knowledge and expertise have strengthened the organisation greatly.

As a Board of Governance we have responsibility to develop and oversee policies and practices that keep the organisation true to its mission, manage the finances of the organisation, and operate in the public interest. In our case, our branding tells us that we are working in the interest of older Tasmanians.

In October 2012 the Board reviewed and updated the strategic plan for 2011-2014. This document, in conjunction with the Business Plan, directed the operations of COTA Tas during the year. In October 2013 the strategic plan will be updated for the 2014-2017 period.

All COTA's have signed the COTA Australia Business Agreement and Federation Agreement. The purpose of these agreements is to assist and enable COTA A and all member COTA's to more effectively achieve the objects of COTA Australia.

Thanks to all members of the Board for giving their time to the organisation over the past 12 months, not only at Board meetings; but as members of a number of committees, including Risk Management, Marketing and Communication, Policy and Procedures and the Executive Committee. The Board continues to review its internal policies to make sure the policy principles reflect the good governance of the organisation.

Special thanks to all staff members and volunteers who have been so ably led by our CEO Sue Leitch. Everyone has worked in a very professional manner to deliver the programs sponsored by COTA Tas. They have included Peer Education projects on the topics of Elder Financial Abuse, Beyond Maturity Blues, Medicines and You, Internet Safety and the Wake Up Home Fire Safety together with Conversations with our Community, Seniors Week and the Inclusive Ageing project.

The organisation of the Seniors Week program has again



heightened the profile of COTA throughout the State, with the opening of the 2012 week held in Launceston. The diverse program allowed for a wide choice of activities suitable for all older members of the community.

During the coming year we will be working to grow the organisation state wide.

To achieve this we will need to increase our membership including individuals and organisations thus ensuring that the voice of older people is heard on a wide range of issues, including health promotion, ageism and age discrimination, aged care reform, seniors housing, transport and mature age employment to name just a few; giving particular priority to situations in which people who are vulnerable or experience disadvantage.

COTA A has played a key role in the implementation of the “Living Longer Living Better” reforms and it was very encouraging to see the related Bills passed in June 2013. This reform recognises the need for older Australians to be able to access quality care when it is needed.

It is suggested that members refer to the COTA A and COTA Tas websites as well as the “OneCOTA” magazine, to keep well informed about all issues relating to the wellbeing of older Australians.

COTA Tasmania (Council on the Ageing [Tas] Inc) will continue to champion the rights and interests of older Tasmanians by promoting an inclusive community which values, supports and recognises the contributions of older people.

MARGARET BIRD
President 2013

TREASURER'S REPORT

COTA Tasmania ended the 2012/13 financial year in a strong financial position. Total Equity stood at \$155,195; an increase over the previous financial year. Income from grant funding grew in the 2012/13 financial year and total income for the year stood at \$698,464.

In line with growth in the number of projects undertaken by COTA Tas, salary and other employee costs have increased accordingly. Additional consultancy costs largely reflect specialist input to the preparation of a demographic profile of older Tasmanians and also an external review of the Conversations with our Community project that will inform the future development of this project.



Relocation expenses were incurred in late 2012 when COTA relocated to accessible office spaces at the front of the Westella building. Costs and disruption to activities were kept to a minimum by relocating to alternative premises at the same address.

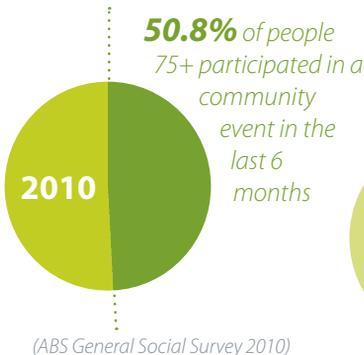
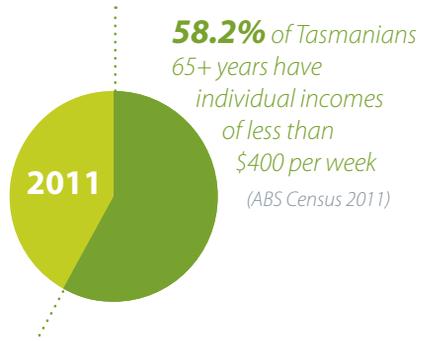
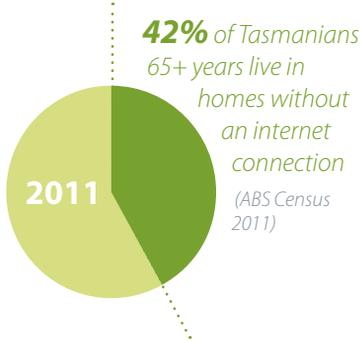
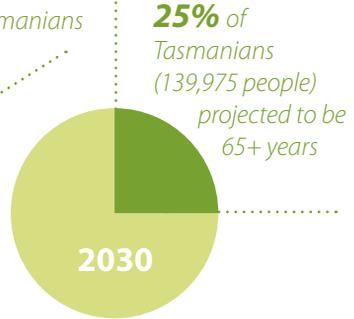
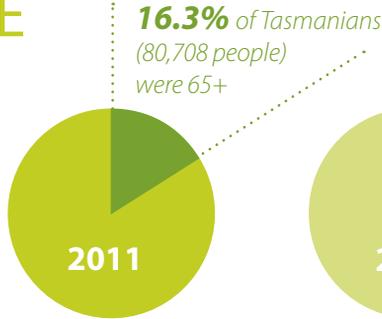
Advertising, promotion and website costs have reduced in the 2012/13 year as maintenance of the COTA website, redeveloped in the previous year, has been managed in house.

Reporting obligations have been met with respect to the acquittal of funds as required. Unspent grant income relates to projects that extend beyond the end of the financial year and these funds will be fully expended as these projects draw to conclusion.

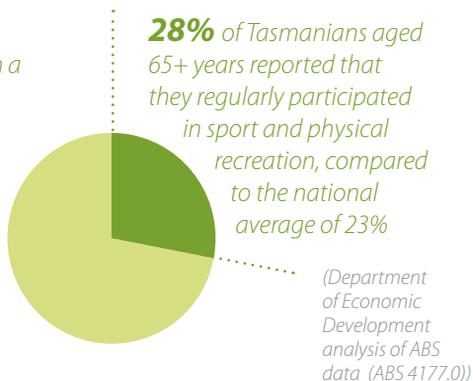


STATS AT A GLANCE

(ABS Census of Population and Housing 2011 & Demographic Change Advisory Council Tasmanian Population Projections 2008)



(ABS General Social Survey 2010)



FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



The reporting year of 2012-13 was a year of great opportunity and challenge for COTA Tasmania. We certainly had a busy year.

We reached a new record for Seniors Week for 2012. In its second year under the wing of COTA, we launched the celebrations in Launceston with Noelene Brown in the beautiful museum building at Royal Park. We broke all records for number of events and also numbers of organisers. We were also keen to take heed of feedback from our evaluation and in preparation for Seniors Week 2013 we decided to aim for a clearer format and design, a daily planner and even more events for 2013.

The COTA team has also been busy on other fronts. I commenced as CEO mid July 2012. We welcomed four new team members.

In November at the AGM in 2012 we welcomed four new board members. As CEO I would like to

acknowledge the significant work that the COTA Board contributes to the vision of COTA Tasmania.

We began work on the Inclusive Ageing Strategy by gathering data to build a better picture of older Tasmanians in 2013.

It was also a year of new projects in Peer Education. We added three new topics to the Peer Education Suite: *You're Worth It: Financial Elder Abuse*; *Cybersecurity: Internet safety for Seniors* and *Project Wake Up: Fire Safety in Winter for Seniors*.

We sincerely hope that these new programs will be able to continue in the next financial year. We did have some operational challenges through the year including a positive move to new premises at the front of the Westella building in Elizabeth Street. This new site is far more accessible for older people.

We held new consultations on housing and ageing in place, and assisted a number of other organisations with consultations and focus groups with older people. Topics included access to Centrelink services, coordination of health care services and carers' issues.

We have contributed to policy through the following submissions:

- Voluntary Assisted Dying: A Proposal for Tasmania (proposed Tasmanian Private Members Bill)

- Tasmanian State Government Budget Submission 2013/14
- Response to the Hobart City Council Draft Housing Strategy 2012–2018
- Tasmanian Government Framework for Community Consultation (Tasmanian Government)
- Many Voices Discussion Paper on Multicultural Policy (Tasmanian Government)
- Inquiry into Cybersecurity for Senior Australians (Parliament of Australia Joint Select Committee)
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of older people (International Federation on Ageing)
- Preventative Health Care Inquiry (Tasmanian Legislative Council Select Committee)
- Inquiry into Integrated Transport Options (Tasmanian Legislative Council Select Committee)
- Literacy and life long learning
- Carers' issues
- Information needs of older people
- Positive Ageing
- Volunteering
- Social Inclusion
- Cost of Living
- Not for Profit sector issues
- Good governance
- Elder abuse
- Poverty
- Mental health
- Aged Care
- Dementia
- Healthy ageing

This year we have also embraced the digital world of social media. You can now find COTA Tasmania on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

We hope to explore new ways in the social media sphere to spread the COTA positive aging message in the coming year.

The breadth of coverage on policy and advocacy issues covers the following broad topics

- Housing
- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse older people
- End of life issues
- Quality of life issues

I would like to say a big thanks to the dedicated team at COTA including the paid staff and our wonderful group of volunteers that support us in so many ways. This allows COTA to kick much higher goals.

SUE LEITCH
Chief Executive Officer

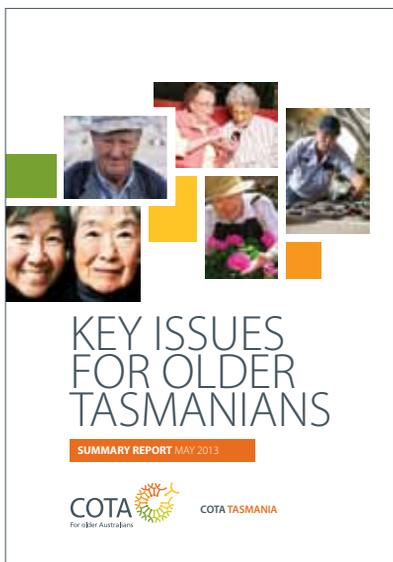
POLICY COUNCIL REPORT

The Tasmanian Policy Council (TPC) met four times over the reporting period and welcomed two new members Georgina Palmer (Local Government Association of Tasmania) in August 2012 and Suzanne Feike (Migrant Resource Centre) in February 2013

The major achievements of the Policy Council have been the finalisation of Transport Position Paper *Addressing Transport Issues for Older People*, contribution to COTA's submission to the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Paper*, and preliminary work on housing issues for older Tasmanians.

The Policy Council also has continued to address the follow issues:

- Transport for older Tasmanians including disability access with the Antidiscrimination Commissioner, access to disability Taxis across Tasmania
- Input to the COTA Australia Policy on Healthy Ageing
- Input was provided to the Australian Law Reform Commission's discussion paper on barriers to mature age employment
- Feedback to the COTA publication *Key Issues for Older Tasmanians: Summary Report*
- Discussion around issues for Grandparents raising Grandchildren
- Input into COTA Tas Budget Priority Submission for 2013 State Budget



THE NATIONAL POLICY COUNCIL

During the 2012/13 year the COTA Tas Policy Council (TPC) has been represented at all National Policy Council (NPC) meetings where we have presented reports on the activities of the TPC. The NPC meetings have been chaired by the President of COTA Tasmania.

The COTA Australia Policy and Position Statements were updated in November 2012 with the five main policy principles being:

- Maximising the social, economic and political participation of older Australians
- Promoting positive views of ageing, rejecting ageism and challenging negative stereotypes
- Promoting sustainable, fair and responsible policies
- Focusing on protecting and redressing disadvantage
- Protecting and extending services and programs that used and valued by older Australians

The Policy Compendium is now published on the COTA A Website.

Examples of the Key Policy Areas of work being undertaken by COTA Australia and the NPC are:

- Aged Care Reform
- Mature Aged Employment
- Financial literacy for older people
- Working to address the significant discrimination of older people within the health system
- Consultation and submission on Superannuation Charter
- Energy/utilities cost issues for older people
- Long term homeless and the new aged homeless. The latter particularly comprising older women
- Election strategy planning
- Age Friendly Cities

Again this year the NPC Policy Officer has joined the TPC meetings by teleconference. This is of great assistance to the TPC members as they are all able to have input into National Policy discussions.

The National Policy Council will continue working to identify issues for policy focus nationally.

HIGHLIGHTS 2012/13

TASMANIA'S AGEING POPULATION

Ongoing demographic and social trends in Australia are changing the size and circumstances of the older population. Tasmania's ageing population is at once a challenge and an opportunity. The trend is not unique to this State, but we are a front runner in our experience of this trend in Australia.

According to the Census in 2011, Tasmania has the oldest population among the States and Territories, with almost 23% of the population aged 60 years or more; just over 16% of the population aged over 65+ years, and 4.3% of the population aged over 80 years. Nationally, 19.6% of the population was aged over 60 years, while 14% was aged 65+ years and 3.9% aged 80 years or more.

COTA worked closely with the Community Development team at the Department of Premier & Cabinet to commence the

implementation of strategies identified in the Inclusive Ageing: Tasmania 2012-2014 Strategy. Following the establishment of a working group the team embarked on the first project to collate evidence on Tasmania's ageing population. The resulting demographic profile *Facing the Future – Facts and Figures: A Baseline Data Set on Older Tasmanians* collates information from the Australian Bureau of Statistics and many state government departments and presents a comprehensive profile of Tasmania's ageing population. The profile presents a snapshot in time and will be available to support research and policy development.

In the 2013/14 financial year COTA Tasmania will undertake further work on the following projects to support the implementation of the Inclusive Ageing Strategy.

- Finding Out: accessing the right information at the right time
- Supporting Resourcefulness: living affordability
- Engaging in Different Ways: voluntary contributions

“Population ageing is a megatrend that is transforming economies and societies around the world. It is a cause for celebration and a major opportunity for all..... with the right measures in place to secure health care, regular income, social networks and legal protection as we age, there is a ‘longevity dividend’ to be reaped by current and future generations.”

*(Ageing in the 21st Century:
A Celebration and a Challenge;
United Nations Population Fund; 2012)*



HOUSING

Older Australians are overwhelmingly keen to maintain independence and “age in place” in their own homes wherever possible. This desire has implications for the provision of health services, transport, age-friendly design of housing and community infrastructure and support services. For those in our community who do not own their own home, ageing can present a new set of challenges in respect of security of tenure, cost of living and social inclusion. For the most vulnerable in our community, homelessness in later life is becoming more of a risk and a reality.

COTA has focussed on the issues for older Tasmanians in relation to housing over the last year through both the Tasmanian Policy Council and the work of the COTA Champions within the Conversations with our Community project. COTA Champions helped to develop a community survey entitled *Staying At Home*, with the aim of better understanding local experiences and expectations of older people in respect of housing now and into the future.

The consultation highlighted the importance of a home as an expression of self and family and many respondents expressed a strong sense of security and belonging that flows from staying in their home as they age.

The Tasmanian Policy Council commenced consideration of housing issues and will be working with COTA Australia and other parties as this complex project evolves.

POSITIVE AGEING

An inclusive community that promotes positive ageing is critically important to COTA Tasmania and the organisation has been involved in a range of activities to promote positive ageing over the last twelve months. Two of COTA's programs that directly contribute to the promotion of positive ageing in the community include Seniors Week and our Peer Education program.

Seniors Week 2012, held from 1-7 October, was yet another successful event with more than 270 events organised by 180 organisations or individuals. Activities ranged from sing-

along's to information sessions on contemporary issues; indoor and outdoor physical exercise activities and, at the extreme end, Laser Skirmish was held for the first time in Launceston. COTA sincerely appreciates the efforts of many professional and volunteer organisations that organised events as part of Seniors Week.

A patron survey was introduced for the first time in 2012 and it was encouraging to note that 65% of participants in Seniors Week events took part in activities that they had not previously engaged in. Distribution of the Seniors Week program underwent a significant change with a move from insertion in daily newspapers to a more targeted approach to delivery through Service Tasmania, Local Councils, community health centres, LINC's and libraries and a many other local outlets including community pharmacies and selected retailers.

A comprehensive evaluation of the event was undertaken with lessons learned to be carried forward to inform the event development for 2013.

COTA Tasmania's Peer Education program continues to be highly effective in raising awareness and delivering information to empower action and decision

making on a range of issues by seniors in the community. The program involves training volunteers as Peer Educators to give free talks to groups of older people in the community. A Peer Educator is someone who shares common characteristics (such as age) with their intended audience and as such is able to provide information from a similar perspective.

COTA Tasmania has been involved with peer education for ten years and in partnership with a range of organisations has delivered presentations on a variety of topics including falls prevention, nutrition, health and wellbeing, mental health, medication management and cyber security. In the 2012/13 financial year two new peer education projects were added to the existing suite:

You're Worth It (Elder financial abuse) and *Wake Up* (Home fire safety).

You're Worth It is an important Tasmanian program that links with other local initiatives such as the Tasmanian Government's elder abuse policy – *Protecting Older Tasmanians from Abuse* – and the Tasmanian Elder Abuse Helpline run by Advocacy Tasmania. Developed and delivered in conjunction with consultant Miriam Herzfeld, *You're Worth It* is an innovative program that has focussed on the prevention of financial elder abuse through raising awareness of the issue, providing referrals to trusted information sources and the Elder Abuse Helpline. COTA Tasmania hopes to secure ongoing funding to extend this valuable program into the next financial year.



ADVOCACY: A VOICE FOR OLDER TASMANIANS

COTA Tasmania has been active in formally contributing to a wide range of inquiries and discussions over the year and is involved in many committees and working groups addressing issues of importance to older Tasmanians:

Submissions for 2012/13 include:

- Voluntary Assisted Dying: A Proposal for Tasmania (proposed Tasmanian Private Members Bill)
- Tasmanian State Government Budget Submission 2013/14
- Response to the Hobart City Council Draft Housing Strategy 2012–2018
- Tasmanian Government Framework for Community Consultation (Tasmanian Government)
- Many Voices: Discussion Paper on Multicultural Policy (Tasmanian Government)
- Inquiry into Cybersecurity for Senior Australians (Parliament

of Australia Joint Select Committee

- United Nations Convention on the Rights of older people (International Federation on Ageing)
- Preventative Health Care Inquiry (Tasmanian Legislative Council Select Committee)
- Inquiry into Integrated Transport Options (Tasmanian Legislative Council Select Committee)

COTA Tasmania is actively engaged on the following committees:

- Statewide Elder Abuse Committee
- Older Persons Reference Group (Launceston)
- Seniors Alliance Tasmania (SAT)
- Eating with Friends
- Social Determinants of Health Advocacy Network
- Advisory Liaison Group – Aged Care Accreditation Agency
- Tasmanian Suicide Prevention Stakeholder Committee (TSPSC)
- Electronic Advanced Care Project reference committee

- Executive Coordination Group (COTA Federation)
- TASCOS State Policy Council
- UTas/Monash NHMRC Ageing Policy Reference Group
- Non Emergency Patient and Community Transport Reference Committee
- COTA Federation Aged Friendly Communities Sub Committee
- Community Peaks Network

COTA VOLUNTEERS

The activities of COTA Tasmania are supported by a team of over sixty exceptional volunteers without whom we would not be able to undertake the range of activities and projects currently offered by COTA. Volunteers from around the state make up the COTA Tasmania Board and the Tasmanian Policy Council. In addition, COTA Champions and Peer Educators are also all volunteers. Every individual volunteer brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the organisation and their contribution is gratefully acknowledged.

Our sincere thanks go to both new and long-standing volunteers for their outstanding efforts.



MEMBERSHIP

COTA Member Services (CMS) continued to manage individual memberships on behalf of all State COTA's during the 2012/13 year. As at 30 June 2013 COTA Tasmania had 489 members.

COTA members enjoy a range of benefits through the *COTA Rewards and Savings Program* including insurance designed specifically for over 50s, two-for-one dining, savings on food shopping, electrical, fuel, retail shopping and leisure activities. Members also access a Wine Club and a Travel Club as well as COTA Home Maintenance Services, for small and large jobs around home.

As the voice of older Tasmanians, COTA Tasmania values member input to keep us informed of issues as they arise and will seek to grow our membership base in the coming year.

COTA Tasmania continues to directly manage organisational membership, enabling us to fulfil our role as a peak body. Our organisational members represent the special interests of a diverse range of older Tasmanians and range from local clubs and associations to statewide organisations.

COTA Tasmania consults directly with its organisational members who are in turn represented when the organisation is invited to sit on a wide range of forums, committees, advisory groups and research bodies, both Government and non-Government. These are the groups that have the power to bring about change.

As at 30 June 2013 COTA TAS had 35 organisational members.





PROJECT SUMMARY AND ACHIEVEMENTS

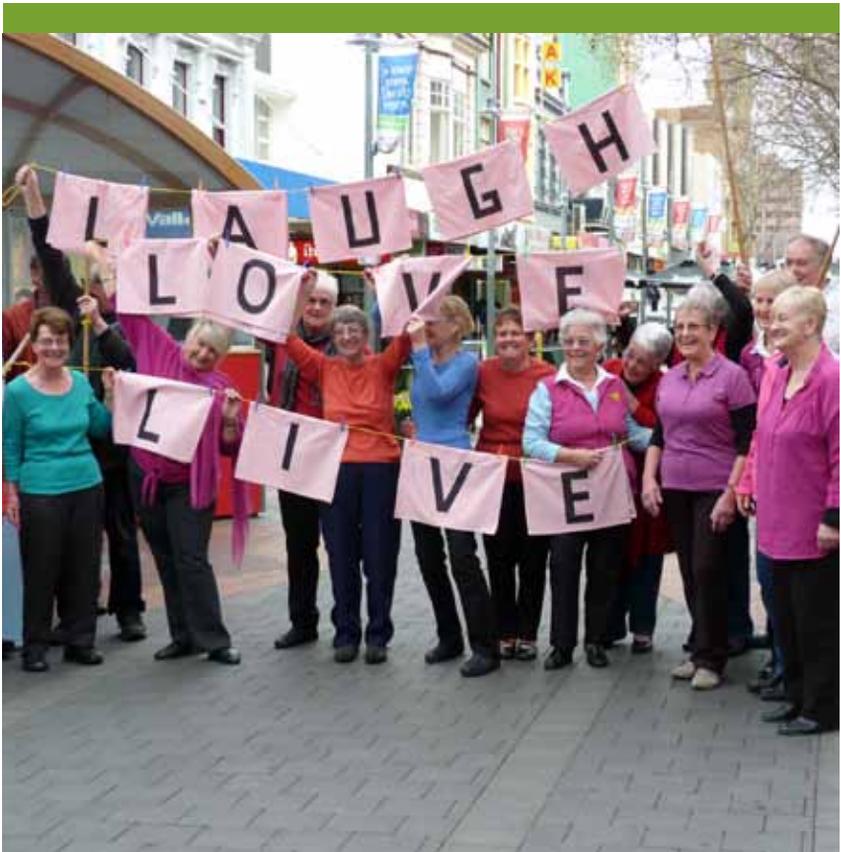
Project	Funding Partner	Major Outcomes for 2012/13
POLICY, CONSULTATION AND ADVOCACY	Department of Health and Ageing	Voluntary Assisted Dying: A Proposal for Tasmania (proposed Tasmanian Private Members Bill)
	Department of Premier & Cabinet	Tasmanian State Government Budget Submission 2013/14
		Response to the Hobart City Council Draft Housing Strategy 2012-2018
		Tasmanian Government Framework for Community Consultation (Tasmanian Government)
		Many Voices Discussion Paper on Multicultural Policy (Tasmanian Government)
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		Preventative Health Care Inquiry (Tasmanian Legislative Council Select Committee)
		Inquiry into Integrated Transport Options (Tasmanian Legislative Council Select Committee)

Project	Funding Partner	Major Outcomes for 2012/13
PEER EDUCATION – BEYOND MATURITY BLUES	Beyond Blue COTA SA	120 sessions conducted throughout Tasmania over the last three years including 40 conducted this year.
		8 Peer Educators delivering sessions
PEER EDUCATION – INTERNET SAFETY	Department of Broadband Communication and the Digital Economy	21 Peer Education sessions run throughout the state as part of this pilot project.
		Successful promotion of Cybersecurity Awareness Week with Stay Smart Online Ambassador, Nan Bosler
PEER EDUCATION – YOU'RE WORTH IT	Community Support Levy – Department of Health and Human Services	During the pilot phase, a total of 23 peer education presentations were conducted from September 2012 through February 2013.
		Eleven Peer Educators were involved with delivering these presentations to 435 community members.
PEER EDUCATION – WAKE UP – HOME FIRE SAFETY	Tasmanian Fire Service	12 sessions conducted throughout the state as a pilot program.
		Over 250 older Tasmanians participated exceeding the target of 144.
PEER EDUCATION – QUALITY USE OF MEDICINES	National Prescribing Service	After an association of some 9 years COTA delivered its last <i>Medicines and You</i> session in June 2013. This National Program provided information to over 130,000 older Australians.
INCLUSIVE AGEING – DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE	Department of Premier & Cabinet	Funding secured and project established
		Building Evidence project collated a baseline data set on Older Tasmanians as foundation for <i>Facing the Future – Facts and Figures</i> demographic profile.

Project	Funding Partner	Major Outcomes for 2012/13
SENIORS WEEK 2012	Department of Premier & Cabinet	<p>Total of Seniors Week events increased from 179 in 2011 to 270 in 2012</p> <p>The number of organisations participating in Seniors Week grew from 113 in 2011 to 180 in 2012</p> <p>65% of participants took part in events they had not previously engaged in</p> <p>Availability of online information about Seniors Week significantly enhanced through incorporation of the event program, event updates and a daily calendar on COTA Tasmania's website</p> <p>Introduction of a patron survey that attracted 400 responses (approx. 9% of estimated total patrons)</p> <p>Response rate to the organisational survey increased from 38% (2011) to 50%, increasing the reliability of data</p>
CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR COMMUNITY	Department of Health and Ageing	<p>Finalisation of a comprehensive and independent evaluation of the program</p> <p>Consultation and report entitled <i>Staying at home and Staying Connected</i> under development</p> <p>Assistance to Medicare Local regarding consultation on improving care co-ordinated around complex and chronic medical conditions</p>

COTA TAS INC

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2012–2013



STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD



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Financial Year Ending 30th June 2013

Statement by Members of the Board

In the opinion of the Board the consolidated balance sheet, profit and loss statement and the notes to the financial statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of the Council on the Ageing (Tasmania) Inc as at 30th June 2013 and its performance of the year ended on that date in accordance with Note 1 accounting policies.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds that the Council on the Ageing (Tasmania) Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

The statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:

President:

Margaret Bird

Treasurer:

David Benbow

Dated 27 day of September 2013

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2013

	2013	2012
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank, on Hand	16,391	19,099
GST Due from ATO	5,501	5,817
Petty Cash	100	100
Term Deposits: Commonwealth Bank of Australia	280,274	238,240
Receivables	6,863	24,054
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	309,129	287,310
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Computers at Cost	10,554	6,959
Deduct Provision Depreciation	-4,997	-3,899
Furniture, Fittings at Cost	306	306
Deduct Provision Depreciation	-186	-156
Office Equipment at Cost	3,448	3,448
Deduct Provision Depreciation	-2,818	-2,594
Motor Vehicles at Cost	31,569	36,659
Deduct Provision Depreciation	-3,018	-5,254
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TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	34,858	35,468
TOTAL ASSETS	343,987	322,779
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors		0
Payroll Liabilities	13,433	6,196
Provision Employee Entitlements	14,676	5,981
GST Due to ATO	8,535	5,717
Unexpended Project Funds	152,148	188,753
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TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	188,791	206,647
NET ASSETS	155,195	116,132
EQUITY		
Accumulated Funds Brought Forward	116,131	122,654
Current Year Surplus (– Deficit)	39,064	-6,522
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TOTAL EQUITY	155,195	116,132

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	2013	2012
INCOME		
Insurance Royalties	5,638	6,563
Administration Services	128,440	86,932
Grants Funds:		
BB Funding	22,460	8,835
COTA NSW Cybersecurity	11,860	10,132
DHHS	0	90,909
DPAC – General	337,638	196,932
HACC	149,293	117,914
NPS-QUM Funding	16,075	9,121
Tas Fire Service	9,900	0
Other Grants	0	23,719
Interest	9,534	12,833
Sundry Income	322	0
Membership	5,304	6,553
Sponsorship	2,000	17,000
	<u>698,464</u>	<u>587,445</u>
EXPENSES		
Advertising, Promotion	46,243	54,739
Audit, Accounting	2,350	4,633
Bank Fees	451	498
Board, Other Conference Expenses	6,043	4,166
Catering, Venue Hire	2,041	5,884
CEO Discretionary Budget	0	5,490
Cleaning	3,975	3,753
Consultancies	55,833	30,859
COTA National, Australia Levy	15,119	10,786

EXPENSES (CONTINUED)	2013	2012
Depreciation	3,115	6,196
Electricity	2,749	1,126
Employee Entitlements	21,872	9,028
Equipment	2,584	7,425
Individual membership	3,371	2,711
Insurance	7,287	6,126
Internet	766	785
IT Contract	3,335	1,732
Motor Vehicle	5,893	8,215
Office Supplies	5,711	5,059
Photocopier, Printing	5,430	5,644
Postage	11,746	3,961
Projects	128,440	62,264
Relocation expense	4,905	0
Rent	30,515	30,994
Salaries	264,068	188,555
Staff Benefits, Development, Recruitment	9,767	12,993
Subscriptions	3,349	1,437
Sundry Expenses	2,051	1,360
Superannuation	23,690	16,352
Telephone, Facsimile	4,879	4,670
Volunteer Expenses	12,559	7,359
Website	2,117	13,105
TOTAL EXPENSES	692,252	517,907
Net Operating Profit (- Loss) for year	6,213	69,538
Add Unspent Grant Previous Year	188,753	119,044
Deduct Unspent Grant Income to 2013	-152,148	-188,753
Deduct Loss on Disposal of Assets	-3,753	-6,352
Net Profit (- Loss) for year	39,064	-6,522

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2013

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A) BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial report preparation requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (TAS).

The Members of the Council have determined that the Council on the Ageing Incorporated is not a reporting entity.

The report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act (TAS) and the following applicable Accounting Standards

AASB 1031: Materiality

AASB 110: Events After the Balance Sheet Date

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting

Standards Board have been applied.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period, unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this report.

(B) CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting policies adopted are consistent with prior years.

(C) PRINCIPLE ACTIVITIES

The Principal continuing activity of the Council during the financial year has been to provide information and support for the Ageing in Tasmania.

(D) INCOME TAX

The company is exempt from income tax under the current provisions of the Income Tax Assessment Act and accordingly no expense has been charged or liability included in the accounts with respect to income tax.

(E) PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Plant and equipment are brought to account at cost.

The gain or loss on disposal of all fixed assets is determined as the difference between the carrying amount of the asset at the time of disposal and the proceeds from disposal, and is included in net profit of the company in the period of disposal.

The depreciable amounts of all fixed assets are depreciated over their useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Items of property plant and equipment other than freehold land are depreciated over their estimated useful lives using the straight line method of depreciation.

(F) EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS

Provision is made for employee entitlement benefits accumulated as a result of employees rendering services up to the reporting date.

The amount provided in the financial statements for the payment of employee leave entitlements are included as current liabilities to the extent of the amount expected to be paid out within twelve months.

Amounts not expected to be paid out within twelve months of balance date are treated as long term liabilities.

Contributions are made by the Association to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred. The Association has no legal obligation to cover any shortfall in the funds obligation to provide benefits to employees on retirement.

(G) REVENUE

Revenue from the provision of services is recognised upon the delivery of those services to customers.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST).

(H) INVESTMENTS

Investments are valued at cost, and interest is accrued on a daily basis.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

Max Peck and Associates ABN 40 322 767 816

Principal: Rendell W Ridge B.Com Registered Company Auditor #161503

Independent auditor's report to members of the Council on the Ageing (Tasmania) Inc

I have audited the special purpose financial report of the Council on the Ageing (Tasmania) Inc for the year ended 30 June 2013.

Management Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Management Committee is responsible for preparation and fair presentation of the special purpose financial report and information contained therein. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting amounts and other disclosures in the accounts, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Concepts and Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) (where applicable), and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Association's financial position and the results of its operations and cash flows.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Independence

To the best of my knowledge and belief, there has been no contravention of auditor independence and any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Limitation of Scope

It is not practicable to establish complete accounting control over all transactions processed by the Association from all of its activities. Verification therefore has been limited to the transactions recorded in the Association's financial records.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the special purpose financial report of the Council on the Ageing (Tasmania) Inc presents fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2013 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

MAX PECK & ASSOCIATES



Rendell W. RIDGE
28 August 2013

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