

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### New Senior Territorians Calling the Territory Home

COTA NT recently issued the 40,000th Seniors Card to a new Territorian who after visiting the Territory for more than 17 years, decided to make the Northern Territory her home. Sue Allen and her husband, who also have family in the Territory, will now be permanent residents in the Top End. Sue says she loved the NT from day one. They love the weather in Darwin and that the people are so welcoming, inclusive and open.

Since taking over the management and delivery of NT Seniors Card in February 2018, COTA NT has issued over 2,859 Seniors Cards, and of these nearly 280 recipients have been living in the Territory for a year or less. Of these 280, the largest number is in the 60-64 age group, followed by the 65-69 and 70-74 age groups, with 26 card recipients aged 75. While some have obviously re-located for their retirement, over 101 people are still working. 172 people are calling Darwin home, with 62 moving to other main centres and 30 to Darwin's rural areas.

“With all the doom and gloom regarding population statistics, this is some good news,” said Sue Shearer, COTA NT's CEO. “The numbers of new seniors arriving is a positive sign for the future of the Territory and I am sure we will see more seniors realising that the Territory is the best place to live.”

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- Photo caption: The Territory extends a warm welcome to Sue Allen, holder of the 40 000th NT Seniors Card.
- Photo file also attached separately.
- All members of the NT Seniors Card program are entitled to discounts and special offers from participating businesses. Eligible members are aged over 60 and are permanent residents of the Northern Territory.
- For more information on the Seniors Card program, visit the website [www.ntsensorscard.org.au](http://www.ntsensorscard.org.au)

