



SENIORS CARD *News*

FOR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY

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From our COTA NT family to yours, have a very happy Christmas and safe, prosperous 2025.

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NT Seniors Card is closed from Friday 20 December and re-opens on Monday 6 January 2025.

Christmas message

At the end of a busy year, we are proud to tell you that there are nearly 500 Business Partners in the NT Seniors Card program offering Seniors Card holders up to 20% discounts on services and goods.

We heard from nearly 600 Seniors Card holders last year in our Members Survey and we know that you appreciate all the savings you can make. We also heard that one of the stumbling blocks in accessing discounts is simply forgetting to take your Seniors Card with you when you're out and about or shopping for services or products.

Remember to use your Seniors Card!

We'd love for you to make this your New Year's Resolution. Add a note to your fridge door or keep your card in your phone wallet. Whatever helps you to remember you have a Seniors Card. I keep mine alongside my driver's licence.

All of our Business Partners have signage saying that Seniors Card are welcomed, but we encourage you to ask

for a discount when you're shopping too. Our climate often means that signs weather badly and disappear from doors and shop counters.

Members Survey

You still have time to take part in **this year's survey** and you will be automatically entered into a draw for a \$100 Gift Voucher to spend how and where you want to. (The survey closes 15 December).

On behalf of all the COTA NT team, I wish you a safe and happy Christmas.

Sue Shearer



Sue Shearer, CEO, COTA NT





In memory

On the 50th Anniversary of Cyclone Tracy, we remember the profound impact of Cyclone Tracy and we honour the resilience of the people of Darwin.

Early on Christmas morning of 1974, Darwin was devastated when hit by Cyclone Tracy. As the eye of the cyclone passed over the city between midnight and 7 am, torrential rain fell and the winds were officially recorded at 217 km per hour prior to the Bureau of Meteorology anemometer being destroyed.

Cyclone Tracy had a profound impact on the Darwin community.

Over 70 per cent of Darwin's homes were destroyed or suffering severe damage, all public services including communications, power, water and sewerage were severed.



41,000 people were left homeless, 35,362 people (of the 47,000 total population of Darwin) were evacuated and tragically 66 lives were lost.

King Charles III sent Territorians a message marking the 50th anniversary of Cyclone Tracy.

"As you gather today to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Cyclone Tracy, I want you to know that you are all in my special thoughts at this time of remembrance and reflection. I well remember visiting Darwin shortly after that fateful storm and being greatly moved by the utterly determined resilience of its inhabitants.

"Across Australia and around the world we look back on that fateful Christmas Eve of 1974, a day which remains ingrained in our collective memory, not only for the devastation brought by Cyclone Tracy but for



Don't miss this moving reflection on Cyclone Tracy and its lasting impact. Watch The Salvation Army's video [here](#).



Visit the commemorations program led by City of Darwin, the Cyclone Tracy Commemoration Advisory Committee & community groups [here](#).

Cyclone Tracy Survivors Group was sponsored by COTA NT to produce over 2,500 cards that acknowledge survivors and offer access to discounts during December.



the extraordinary strength shown by Territorians in their fortitude and determination to rebuild. From the ruins of a catastrophic cyclone came a remarkable demonstration of renewal and perseverance through unwavering solidarity, serving as a powerful reminder of the Australian spirit.

"Throughout my visits to Darwin I have, with the greatest sense of admiration, witnessed its resurrection as the vibrant capital city of a proud and indefatigable region. On this poignant anniversary, my wife and I send our warmest wishes and hopes for a peaceful and prosperous future to you all."

- Charles R.



Shop at a store with a door – support local!

Shopping locally doesn't just keep your money in the community; it also gives you the chance to see, feel and trust the products you're buying. By choosing local, you're supporting independent businesses that often give back to local sports clubs, schools, and community groups, strengthening the community we all share.

In the Seniors Card program, there are bookstores, art galleries, clothing, jewellery, food outlets, fishing, sports and toy stores galore. Plus butchers, bakers and fishmongers. The only one missing here is a candlestick maker, but we think you'll find candles in the gift shops.

We pulled out some crackers here but check out the [Discount Directory](#) for 100s more!

Festive foods



Looking for the perfect ham or lamb this Christmas without going overboard?

Palmerston Quality Meats are taking orders for small, top-quality hams tailored because not everyone needs a 5kg leg! Place your order by 16 December at Palmerston Shopping Centre. They give NT Seniors card members a discount.

Palmerston Quality Meats

Christmas wouldn't be the same without prawns gracing the table.

Mr Barra has the fresh seafood you need to make up that scrumptious platter. Everything

from fresh oysters, scallops, smoked salmon, crab and calamari, plus a range of seafood sauces and condiments.

Mr Barra

Planning a classic roast for Christmas?

Look no further than **Jones Meat Mart** in Katherine for a wide range of fresh, top-quality products, including their famous Russian lamb and black and white Russian beef.

Discover Jones Meat Mart

Gifts, gifts and more gifts



Gifts for the fishos in your life...

Something for everyone at **Rod and Rifle World**. They stock top brands and a great range of clothing, fishing, and camping gear.



Rod and Rifle Tackle World Katherine

Still deciding what to wear this Christmas?

Stay comfortable and stylish in our climate with **WillowBlu's** lightweight, colourful clothing .

Discover unique jewellery, lingerie and giftware to complete your look or find the perfect present!

WillowBlu Boutique



Red Centre Christmas



Make your Christmas magical.

Elevate your Christmas table with feature pieces from **EXOTIQ Homewares**. They offer gifts, homewares, and incredibly realistic battery-operated candles.

EXOTIQ Homewares

Get crafty this Christmas



Give the gift of creativity.

At **That Art & Craft Place**, you can connect, create, and relax while exploring activities like beading, painting, and more—perfect for all ages and skill levels. Have a special request? Our talented instructor can help!

Senior card holders enjoy 10% off (most classes include materials). Wheelchair accessible with easy parking.

That Art & Craft Place

Stocking filler classics

Do what they do in Iceland and give a book this Christmas.

Discover the perfect gift at this gem of a store, specialising in local, Australian and unique books. A proud supporter of local writers, **Red Kangaroo Books** offers something for all ages.

Red Kangaroo Books



The Bookshop Darwin is a locally owned, independent bookstore in the Smith Street Mall in the heart of Darwin City. They do so much more than just sell books - gift vouchers, candles, board games and more gift ideas!

10% off full priced books for NT Seniors Card holders.

The Bookshop Darwin

People's choice



Want a friendly consumer experience this Christmas? From our Members' Survey results to date, the Business Partners and Services below are getting the most shout-outs.

Motor Vehicle Registry (MVR), Brumbies, Bus Services (NT), Woolworth Stores, Fuel Express Palmerston, Casuarina Club, Best & Less, Bunnings, McDonald, Event Cinemas, Blooms Chemist, Deckchair Cinema, Palmerston Golf and Country Club, Palmerston Quality Meat, Breezes Bar & Bistro, Cazalys, Donut King, Flynn's Tavern, Friendly Pool, Gloria Jeans, Mad Harrys', NT Bakery, Optical Superstore, Red Rooster, Alice Springs Pharmacy, Araluen Arts Centre, Cafe 21 Coffee Club, Coles, COTA NT, Greenhouse Cafe, Hair Obsession Nightcliff, Hibiscus Pharmacy, Jacksons Art Shop, Just Cuts, Katherine Club, Mitre 10, Muffin Break, Savvas Shoes, Specsavers, The Rugby Shop, Toyworld Palmerston, Alley Katz, Arafura Catering, Darwin Entertainment Centre, Darwin Water Front, Diamond Barbers, Gove Hardware, Jape Furniture, Palmerston Shoe Shop, Nightcliff 5 Stars Supermarket, Nightcliff Pool, Old Mates Bakery.

The best news? Almost all of these businesses offer a Seniors Card discount!



Members' survey



Complete the Seniors Card Members survey and go in the draw to win a \$100 Gift Voucher!

enter here

This link opens a Google survey form. You will need an email to complete the survey (does not need to be a gmail).

Creamy garlic prawns

by Mr Barra

- 750 g prawns (raw)
- 1 large garlic clove
- 1 cup liquid chicken stock
- 2 tablespoons white wine
- 115g unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon plain flour
- ½ cup cream
- ½ teaspoon mustard powder
- 1 tablespoon of fresh parsley (chopped)



Here's how...

1. Heat butter and crushed garlic in a saucepan.
2. Add the flour and stir until combined. Remove from heat.
3. Gradually add chicken stock, cream and wine and stir until combined.
4. Return pan to the heat and stir until the sauce thickens and boils.
5. Add mustard and season with salt and pepper.
6. Bring the sauce to the boil and add the prawns.
7. Cook for 5 minutes or until prawns are cooked.
8. Add the parsley and stir until combined. Eat & enjoy!

Power and Water



Their new dedicated phone number **1800 245 091** features fewer menu options, making it quicker and easier to use.

Rellies on their way



In our last e-News we published details of some great discounts on accommodation offered to Seniors Card holders by our Business Partners.

Check them out [here](#).

Find Discounts Online

The 24/7 way to check which NT businesses offer discounts to Seniors Card holders is on the Seniors Card website at

[ntsensorscard.org.au/discounts-directory](https://www.ntsensorscard.org.au/discounts-directory)



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