# Role of Community Members

Community Members provide lived experience perspectives of Senior Territorians. They network with and advocate on behalf of seniors in their community and participate in decision making to provide high level strategic advice to the Minister for Seniors in collaboration with other members.

# Background

The Ministers Advisory Council for Senior Territorians (the Council) is a non-statutory body, established in 2014. The Council reports directly to the Minister for Seniors.

 The function of the Council includes:

* Providing advice to the Minister for Seniors on matters of importance and investigation of issues referred by the Minister.
* Exploration of the needs of the Territory seniors and how these may be met by service providers.
* Discussion and promotion of ideas leading to greater awareness of the positive aspects of ageing.
* Increasing the active participation of seniors in all aspects of life.

# Key Responsibilities of Members

Members are required to:

1. Discuss and contribute to issues raised, and participate in decision-making.
2. Advocate on behalf of the seniors within the community that they represent.
3. Consider issues of importance such as social, economic and civil life of senior Territorians.
4. Consult with senior Territorians and key peak bodies to ascertain their views on relevant issues.
5. Participate in working groups which may be formed to address specific issues such as housing, concessions, and safety.
6. Maintain confidentiality of private and sensitive information and matters discussed within the Council.

# Eligibility criteria

* Effective communication skills and willingness to participate in discussions with the committee in an open and constructive manner
* Demonstrated ability to effectively build and maintain relationships
* Experience in networking with the community and seniors in particular
* Knowledge of issues concerning senior Territorians, and how they relate to broader community concerns
* Ability to participate in meetings three times a year, either in person or via video/teleconference
* Ability to participate within a working group out of session

\*\* All members of the Council are required to maintain confidentially in relation to Council business.

# Other desirable criteria

* A letter of support from a relevant organisation, a key peak body or the Minister for Seniors, which may make you suitable for this position.
* Evidence of adequate networks within the community allowing you to accurately represent the views and/or issues of senior Territorians.

Members participating in Council activities will be required to:

* Read and sign a Confidentiality Agreement.
* Read and sign the Code of Conduct.
* Follow the Northern Territory Code of Conduct.

# Further information

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