

PROGRESS REPORT

2022

Northern Territory Seniors Policy Implementation Plan
2022 - 2024

TERRITORY FAMILIES,
HOUSING AND
COMMUNITIES



The journey has started



4 Priorities



15 Outcomes



50 Actions

Vision

Senior Territorians are valued members of the community and are independent, healthy and well. All Territorians recognise and respond effectively to the opportunities and challenges associated with ageing.

The 5-year *Northern Territory Seniors Policy 2021-2026* was launched in 2021, and the associated 3-year Implementation Plan in 2022. Both are inclusive of all Territorians aged 50 and over, enabling future planning for our ageing population.

Our work intersects with various national and international policies, frameworks, legislation and guidelines such as the United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021-2030), a global collaboration to improve the lives of older people, their families, and the communities in which they live. The NT Government also acknowledges the valuable support received from local government, non-government organisations, and seniors peak bodies, enabling progression towards an age-friendly society.

The Seniors Policy outlines 4 priority areas:

- 1 Priority 1:** Economic participation and financial security
- 2 Priority 2:** Safety and security
- 3 Priority 3:** Health and wellbeing
- 4 Priority 4:** Social inclusion and diversity

Minister's Message

The Northern Territory is home to the fastest growing population of seniors in Australia.

It is now more important than ever that we support seniors across the Territory to live their best lives. Seniors are a valuable part of our community and it's not just senior Territorians that benefit from the actions, initiatives and outcomes we are working towards, but others in the community who can learn from and share in their collective wisdom and experience.

We have reached the end of our first year of implementation of the Northern Territory Seniors Policy with all Northern Territory Government agencies contributing to and making gains in their respective areas.

This inaugural Northern Territory Seniors Policy Implementation Plan Progress Report details the measures taken by the Northern Territory Government throughout 2022, as we strive for the vision of our 5-year Seniors Policy and associated Action Plan.

This report highlights this progress and achievements made so far including some of the good work being progressed by local government organisations to support engagement and participation by senior Territorians.

I would like to thank all those who have shared this journey.

I look forward to continuing the hard work to keep senior Territorians safe and healthy and providing opportunities to increase their quality of life as they age.

Hon Lauren Moss MLA
Minister for Seniors



Priority 1: Economic participation and financial security



4 Outcomes | **10** Actions | **22** Targeted Actions
3 Short-term | **19** Ongoing

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROGRESS

Employment and training support

Equity training program

The Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade (DITT) funded 2 programs specific to seniors, and a further 2 programs inclusive of seniors through the Equity Training Program in 2022.

The courses provided clear pathways incorporating a transition process to further education or employment and were either nationally accredited through the Vocational Education and Training System, or non-accredited training recognised by industry.

Information on the program was circulated through the various mechanisms of Small Business Champions, which connect businesses to available national and local incentives.

Apprenticeships

Small Business Champions encourage businesses to apply for the Australian Government's Mature Aged Workers Commencement Incentive or the Mature Aged Workers Completion Incentive.

These incentives support employers to take on a new or existing apprentice, who is a person aged 45 years or greater, in a Certificate II or higher level qualification.

In 2022, one senior Territorian took up an apprenticeship.

NT Public Sector Ageing Workforce Framework

Initiatives in place for public sector employees under the Framework include:

- The Flexible Retirement Hub, a central point for online information and practical guidance on making the most of flexible retirement options.
- Superannuation sessions focused on general financial education and superannuation literacy.
- The incorporation of 'ageing workforce matters' as part of mandatory training for those involved in recruitment, with specific reference to impartiality, where age is not a factor of merit and must not influence a panel's assessment of applicants.

- Resources and tools, promoted online and through the biannual Hands Up for Inclusion newsletter.



15 online and **22** face-to-face superannuation sessions were conducted in 2022.

Leadership and culture

There were 94 public sector employees 60 years and over who participated in Capability Framework courses in 2022.

People Matter is a survey conducted every 2 years for NT public sector employees. It provides feedback and insight into employee needs and perceptions of their work environment. Results cover indicators such as employee engagement, job satisfaction and what opportunities are being delivered by the agency within which they work. During 2022, information was further analysed

by each agency to inform strategies and program development. Data from the next survey will be released in 2023.



The 2021 People Matter survey indicated that of public sector employees aged 55 years and over:

Two-thirds felt actively engaged in the workplace

70% reported satisfaction working in the public sector

Financial support

NT Seniors Concession Scheme

The NT Concession Scheme provides concessions on a range of essential goods and services to help with living expenses.

As at 30 June 2023, there were 15,776 NT Concession Scheme members. In 2022-23, there was an 8.4% increase in eligible Northern Territory residents on the NT Concession Scheme and over 20% of the membership base were living in remote communities.

NT Seniors Recognition Scheme

The NT Seniors Recognition Scheme provides an annual prepaid card to the value of \$500 that can be used at almost any business, providing flexibility to members in

how they choose to use the funds.

As at 30 June 2023, there were 15,854 NT Seniors Recognition Scheme members. In 2022-23, there was an 11% increase in eligible Territorians on the NT Seniors Recognition Scheme and over 21% of the membership base were living in remote communities.

For both schemes, updates to the online application portal was implemented in 2022, to streamline application processes. This has contributed to improved accessibility of services to members.

Assistance with both schemes can be sought through the call centre, customer service centres across the Territory and community organisations designated as Member Assist Agents including the Council on the Ageing NT (COTA NT).

A comprehensive engagement strategy ensures both schemes are advertised broadly through community organisations, stalls at public events such as the Show Circuit and Seniors Expos, and

an online presence through the Northern Territory Government Concessions and Payments website.

In 2023, posters and resources were launched for promotion across the Northern Territory to inform Aboriginal people of the schemes and their membership renewal period. The resources are designed to align with the diverse seasonal changes that occur in areas of the Northern Territory when the scheme renewal period is, to serve as a call to action, and assist with retaining eligible members and engaging new members

Seniors Card

COTA NT is funded to administer the NT Seniors Card. All seniors aged 60 and over are eligible for the program.

In 2022, over 27,000 cardholders received discounts at almost 500 businesses across the Territory. The Seniors Card is also nationally recognised, enabling seniors to access benefits when they travel.



Priority 2: Safety and security



3 Outcomes | **10** Actions | **14** Targeted Actions
1 Short-term | **13** Ongoing

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROGRESS

Community safety

Crime initiatives

NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services (NTPFES) work in partnership with Victims of Crime NT (VoCNT) to provide knowledge of crime trends and information and facilitate partnerships with stakeholders.

Funded through the Department of Attorney General and Justice, VoCNT is committed to assisting seniors, providing personal safety alarms through stalls held in shopping centres and community events.

VoCNT support people over 65 living alone who have experienced an unlawful entry, with funding for home security improvements, and also deliver Seniors Personal Safety Workshops throughout the Territory.

Both NTPFES and VoCNT support Neighbourhood Watch NT to engage proactively with the community on issues relating to safety and crime prevention.

Funded strategies include education, and empowering community resilience through

messaging and awareness campaigns. In addition to grant funding, Neighbourhood Watch NT is supported with in-kind access to a Police Constable and provision of a fleet vehicle.

NTPFES also collaborates with other stakeholders to provide training to seniors on safety and crime prevention.



In 2022, 5 Personal Safety Workshops for seniors were conducted by VoCNT

Elder abuse

Implementing policies and initiatives

The Department of Attorney General and Justice led Territory participation in the national Implementation Executive Group, responsible for implementation of the *National Plan to Respond to the Abuse of Older Australians*.

In 2022, the feasibility of a national register for enduring powers of attorney was investigated. After independent analysis of information collected, focus is being placed on enacting harmonised laws across Australia.

The *NT Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence (DFSV) Reduction Framework 2018-2028* identifies elder abuse as a form of domestic violence and supports the work of the Territory towards reduction of this serious, prevalent and life-threatening problem that crosses all ages, cultural, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds.

The DFSV Framework further supports the implementation of the National Plan to respond to Abuse of Older Australians.

Accessing information and support

The national 1800 ELDERHelp (1800 353 374) support line is a free call number that redirects Territory callers to the Family and Children Enquiry and Support (FACES) service.

The FACES service provides relevant information and referrals, connecting callers with community support, and information and advocacy services in their local area. As required under Territory law, FACES mandatorily report domestic and family violence to NT Police.

Funded services and initiatives

Darwin Community Legal Service (DCLS) developed and delivered the Older Persons Strategic Advocacy Project over 3 years from 2019.

The project aimed to raise awareness of elder abuse and provide support, information, and referral for older persons experiencing abuse. Some of the work undertaken as part of the project included:

- a locally produced television campaign which aired on a commercial station for 6 weeks
- management of an information and support phone line training and education provided to community groups and key stakeholders across the Territory. Training was accessed by 22 service providers throughout 2022.
- development of The Safety Toolkit: Responding to Older Persons' Abuse - an online and hard copy booklet to aid service providers to identify elder abuse and provide strategies to respond to suspected incidents.

Number and type of phone calls to DCLS information line include:

Call Type	Number of Calls 1 Jan - 31 Dec 2022
Emotional Abuse	23
Financial Abuse	37
Neglect	8
Physical/ Sexual Abuse	0
Total	68

Safe accessible housing

Housing standards

All new homes are constructed in accordance with liveable housing design standards under the National Construction Code, taking into account age, diversity and culture of the intended occupant; Australian Standards (AS4399-1955) Appendix A Class C (Essential Features)) and Liveable Housing Design Guidelines 2017.

Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) increased the number of new and existing homes meeting these standards and guidelines throughout 2022.

In addition, 36 homes were upgraded under the 'Room to Breathe' initiative in 2022, an important part of the Remote Housing Program, which includes alterations and additions to existing houses to enhance current living environments to support senior Territorians remaining on country.



In remote regions, **178** new and replacement homes were added to housing stock.

In urban settings, **78** homes were added.





CASE STUDY

Housing growth

Highlights

DIPL is constructing new units for seniors and people with disability as part of the John Stokes Square residential precinct redevelopment in Darwin.

Two complexes of 30 units were transferred to Venture Housing, a Community Housing Provider (CHP), in December 2022 for long term management and tenancing from public housing waitlists. A further 18 units remain under construction.

The Northern Territory Community Housing Growth Strategy 2022-2032 was released in April 2022. Implementation of the strategy is ongoing with the following key achievements in 2022.

- A commissioning process to identify CHPs for the first 2 large scale tenanted transfers, including 250 dwellings in Darwin and 250 dwellings in Palmerston, with an intensive engagement program to ensure all tenants were aware of the upcoming changes and benefits they could expect.

- Commencement of negotiations with Yilli Rreung and Community Housing Central Australia, both Indigenous Community Housing Organisations, addressing a number of growth opportunities.
- Commencement of procurement planning for the redevelopment of Shiers Street public housing complex which is comprised of 2 double-storey buildings and 6, multi-story buildings.
- Progression of remote community housing trials with Anindilyakwa Housing Aboriginal Corporation and Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation.
- Funding of NT Shelter to establish an Industry Development Plan in partnership with Community Housing Industry Association (CHIA) NT, Aboriginal Housing NT and the urban based community housing sector and provided seed funding for the establishment of CHIA NT.

Statistics Snapshot



Number of senior public housing clients

6,325



Proportion of senior public housing clients who self-identify as Indigenous Australians

78%



Proportion of public housing properties occupied by one or more senior Territorians

48%

Seniors for this data are those who are aged 65 years or older and do not identify as Indigenous Australians, or aged 50 years or older and identify as Indigenous Australians. Public housing for this data includes properties with the tenure of Urban Public Housing, Social Head Lease, Remote Public Housing, and Town Camps. All data to 30 June 2022.



Priority 3: Health and wellbeing



2 Outcomes | **12** Actions | **16** Targeted Actions
1 Short-term | **15** Ongoing

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROGRESS

Health care and planning

National reform

NT Health continues to participate in Commonwealth governance arrangements supporting the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA).

The NHRA commits the Territory to improving health outcomes for all Territorians through:

- the delivery of safe, timely and high-quality care;
- prioritisation of health prevention strategies; and
- driving best practice through data and research -

while improving efficiency and ensuring financial sustainability.

In 2022, NT Health agreed to participate in the 2023 review of the NHRA 2020-2025 to consider potential options for reform.

Pandemic and specialist support

In 2022, the COVID-19 Aged Person Mental Health Care Nurse position transferred to the Older Australians Wellbeing Program, funded through the NT Primary Health Network until 2025.

NT Health provides support to eligible seniors with age-related mental health issues, dementia, and organic brain related disorders through the Psychogeriatric Service.

The Memory Service provides a diagnostic pathway and support to seniors with cognitive impairment, employing clinicians experienced in geriatric care. Referrals to both services are made through Aged Care Assessment Teams (ACAT).



In 2022, **72%** of eligible hospital patients and **60%** of eligible community-based seniors received timely ACAT comprehensive psychosocial assessments

Understanding diversity

LGBTQI+ ageing and aged care training

The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities commenced funding of the Northern Territory Aids and Hepatitis Council in December 2022 to support delivery of the Silver Rainbow sexual and gender diversity training package.

The Silver Rainbow course supports aged care organisations and individuals caring for older LGBTQI+ people, promoting a better understanding of the latter's unique needs as they navigate the aged care sector, and providing the carer with confidence and knowledge to deliver an inclusive, best practice service.

The program was incorporated into the *Northern Territory Gender Equality Action Plan 2022-2025*.

Funded organisations

Peak bodies

The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities currently fund 2 seniors' organisations:

- Council on the Ageing NT (COTA NT)
- The Association of Independent Retirees

COTA NT receives peak body funding to deliver advocacy and support services to the seniors' community to ensure their voice is heard and improve their social and emotional wellbeing, representing the interests and rights of seniors for over 50 years.

Achievements and initiatives in 2022 included:

- hosting 3 Seniors Expos in Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs
- redesign of the Seniors Voice print and digital newspaper
- celebrating Grandparents Day
- hosting virtual events, training and webinars such as Cultural Competence Training
- delivery of other programs including a digital literacy skills program, end of life and estate planning, and exercise programs
- providing seniors perspective and input to policies and strategic advice to government through representation on the Minister's Advisory Council for Senior Territorians.

Sport and recreation

Annual sport and active recreation grant opportunities enable Territory organisations to increase participation and awareness of community groups, including seniors, in sport and active recreation programs.

Activities funded are aligned to the *Northern Territory Sport and Active Recreation Strategic Plan 2021-2025* which is inclusive of all Territorians. Funded organisations are encouraged to offer discounts to seniors and include their details in the Seniors Discount Business Directory.

In 2022, a review into the acceptance of Northern Territory Seniors Recognition Scheme (NTSRS) cards across funded organisations assisted vendors to identify issues and upgrades required to enable them to accept the card.

Ten Community Sport Officers are located in regional and remote communities across the Territory to promote engagement in sport and active recreation opportunities for all ages. Staff attended the 3 Seniors Expos to promote these activities.



Image credits: Council on the Ageing NT



ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROGRESS

Mobility support

Transport subsidies and incentives

DIPL support those Territorians who have a long-term disability or are unable to safely use public transport due to their disability through the Transport Subsidy Scheme (TSS) and the Lift Incentive Scheme (LIS).

The TSS provides a subsidy of half the total fare of any taxi, minibus, private hire care and rideshare vehicle.

The LIS provides a \$20 payment direct to a driver of an approved wheelchair accessible vehicle for each journey.



788 seniors received support through the TSS in 2022

150 seniors received support through the LIS in 2022

Disability equipment access

The Seating Equipment and Technical Service (SEAT) provides customised pressure care and seating equipment to those with a functional impairment requiring intermediate to complex seating, mobility and assistive technology.



459 seniors received support through the SEAT Service in 2022

The Territory Equipment Program (TEP) provides prescribed equipment, and aids to assist with activities of daily living.



3,637 seniors received prescribed aids and equipment through the TEP in 2022

Supporting choice

Voluntary assisted dying legislation

The NT Legislative Assembly is now enabled to enact modern voluntary-assisted dying legislation with the passage of the Commonwealth *Restoring Territory Rights Act 2022*.

Notwithstanding the differences of opinion and sensitivities on the topic, community consultation to develop a framework for voluntary assisted dying is planned for 2023. This process will reflect the needs of the community, ensuring care is accessible, appropriate and safe. This project is being led by NT Health.



Priority 4: Social inclusion and diversity



6 Outcomes | **18** Actions | **25** Targeted Actions
1 Short-term | **1** Medium-term | **23** Ongoing

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROGRESS

Opportunities for community participation

Seniors Month grants and activities

The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities funded 40 organisations through the very successful 2022 Seniors Month Grant Round. Grants of up to \$2,000 were awarded for events encouraging older people to live active and healthy lifestyles, participate in new activities and connect to the community.

Funded activities were held in both urban, regional, and remote locations, and targeted seniors from all backgrounds. Types of activities ranged from the physical, to whole of community celebrations honouring elders, creative arts, intergenerational activities and opportunities for seniors to gather and reminisce.

COTA NT produced and distributed the 2022 Seniors Month calendar in print and online, which provided information on events throughout the month.



Palmerston and Litchfield Seniors Association were provided with 2 dedicated special events buses during Seniors Month in 2022.

Over **250** seniors utilised the free transport service

Diverse wellbeing programs

The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities funded 7 social inclusion and wellbeing programs supporting seniors from diverse backgrounds and communities, through the Office of Gender Equity and Diversity and the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

The Waltja Tjuntanku Palyapayi Aboriginal Corporation were funded for their activity welcoming women and families to an information session on International Women's Day,

which specifically included an acknowledgement and thank you to grandmothers' and senior women's contributions to their community.

Other programs included senior women facilitators holding discussion activities and an Elders bush cook up event facilitated by East Arnhem Regional Council.

The Greek Orthodox Community and the Filipiniana Senior Citizens Association were funded through the Multicultural Grants Program in 2022 to hold seniors events.

Safe and accessible environments

Outdoor spaces and buildings

DIPL has adopted a safe system approach to infrastructure design and implementation, by incorporating Crime Prevention through Environmental Design principles (CPED) on receipt of client agency briefs to design and construct buildings and outdoor spaces.

DIPL has commenced implementation of an ongoing program of public transport and other network infrastructure upgrades compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth) and Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002.

This work has included installation of traffic lights on slip lanes in 3 Darwin locations to give priority to pedestrians as a result of the Pedestrian Safety Improvement Study, completed in 2022. An ongoing program of lighting upgrades targeting high use pedestrian areas is also underway.

A 10 year shared path review (including footpaths) was completed in late 2022 across greater Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs, resulting in the development of 10 year strategies for each location. Path improvements have been prioritised to meet the needs of cyclists, mobility device users and pedestrians. A total of 118 improvements and upgrades were identified for attention.

Key considerations for identifying shared path improvements included:

- routes that efficiently, effectively and safely service and connect the current path network
- provisions of connections to key attractions including sporting, recreational and shopping facilities and tourist attractions

- encourage a more active population through the increase in attractive active transport options.

Accessible community spaces

Through the Local Government Association NT representative on the Minister’s Advisory Council for Senior Territorians, the City of Palmerston has shared some of their achievements in 2022 including the redevelopment of the Gray Community Hall. Driven by seniors in the Palmerston community looking for an indoor/ outdoor space to meet and connect, the project was funded by all 3 levels of government.

Bridging the digital divide

Training opportunities

In 2023 DITT recorded a significant number of seniors commencing digital Vocational Education and Training and locally accredited courses (including short courses).

Number of people commencing digital courses in 2022:

Age (yrs)	Number of People
45 - 54	4,874
55 - 64	2,858
65 - 74	622
75+	66
Total	8420

DITT promotes various other training opportunities and courses through their website, including those supported by various levels of government that are free or low fee.

Local Government Initiatives

Community programs

Some of the initiatives offered by local governments include:

- City of Palmerston Library host “Get Tech Savvy” sessions weekly
- City of Darwin Library deliver digital literacy and computer competency short courses to support seniors to be confident with technologies and the online environment. This has included specific sessions on accessing My Gov, online banking, basic internet skills, identifying scams, and basic Microsoft Office skills.
- City of Darwin Library offer one-to-one sessions for seniors to assist with specific technology needs.
- Alice Springs Town Council provide Digital Literacy Classes.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROGRESS

Safe transport

Increased security presence

In response to an increase in anti-social behaviour, the DITT increased the presence of Transit Officers on the bus network from 12 to 15 officers in the greater Darwin region with an additional officer at Casuarina Bus Interchange to support transit safety

At the end of 2022, 14 additional security guards were placed on identified bus routes across the greater Darwin region.



Concessions and fares

Northern Territory Concession Scheme (NTCS) benefits continue to be provided for vehicle registration and drivers licence renewals (free), with further registration concessions available to holders of the NT Seniors Card. Concessional fares continue to be available on public transport in Darwin and Alice Springs.

In 2022, access to NTCS benefits decreased due to lower participant numbers, however there was an increase in the access to concessions through the NT Seniors Card.

	Calendar year 2021	Calendar year 2022
Driver's Licence (*NT Concession Scheme)	2,214	1,908
Vehicle Registration (*NT Concession Scheme)	10,533	10,179
Vehicle Registration (NT Seniors Card)	14,145	14,540

Note: Concessions claimed under NTCS includes all age groups within that scheme

Travel is free for all seniors and a total of 1,542 free buses were provided in 2022. Additionally, DIPL runs 2 dedicated bus services Monday to Thursday between Darwin shopping centres and the Royal Darwin Hospital. The services extend to pick up/drop off at Fannie Bay and Leanyer Seniors Village on alternate days.

The service commenced in 2006 for Fannie Bay Seniors Village and was extended to Leanyer Seniors Village and Tiwi Gardens by 2011. A Palmerston pick up/drop off location is also currently being considered.

Celebrating diversity and maintaining connections

Intergenerational activities

COTA NT is funded to coordinate celebrations for Grandparents Day, occurring on the last Sunday of October each year.

In 2022, COTA NT organised activities including Grandparents Stay and Play, Grandparents Morning Tea and I Love Grandie Photos across the Territory.

Resources to assist grandparents accessing support and help were further developed and expanded.

In 2022, the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities funded 5 programs through the Seniors Month Grant Round that incorporated specific intergenerational activities.

An event held by Tangentyere Council in Nyewente, Alice Springs, celebrated Elders by encouraging all members of the community, including families, to gather and honour them in a culturally appropriate environment. Activities involved presenting historical photos to Elders, entertainment, and providing opportunity for Elders to teach skills to the younger generation.

Supporting cultural traditions

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet continues to lead implementation of the *Everyone Together Aboriginal Affairs Strategy 2019 -2029*, with a focus on valuing and celebrating Aboriginal cultures and languages.

In 2022 actions put in place included:

- Establishment of a Reference Group
- Delivery of a number of Library and Archives NT events and exhibitions including many celebrating the stories of Aboriginal Territorians
- Investment by the Territory Arts Trail Program into remote arts and cultural centres
- Support for 6 Traditional Owners from across the Territory to visit Western Australia to investigate Tourism WA's "Camping with Custodians" program, corporate structures, Aboriginal tour guiding, and the setup of Aboriginal art galleries and associated tours.

The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities established the MIKAN East Arnhem Reference group in 2017 and continues to facilitate operations, and provide administrative and financial support. The group is based in Nhulunbuy and works in partnership with the Department to improve practice, protect children and support families to keep local children with their culture and community, with a focus on open child protection cases. Membership is drawn from the Dhuway and Yirritja moiety groups, and includes elders and seniors.

CASE STUDY

Portrait of a Senior Territorian Art Award

The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities facilitated the annual Portrait of a Senior Territorian Art Award in 2022. The event allows Territory artists to portray our seniors, celebrating the role they continue to play in our community.

The occasion showcases Territory artists' talents. Judging criteria is based on technical expertise; originality; effectiveness in capturing the personality of the subject, and the Territory's identity, culture and history; contribution to the legacy of NT art; as well as the subject's personal response to the work.

In 2022, the following artists were recognised for the exceptional works submitted:

- Montana Kitching's oil painting of Vicki Seimer, titled "Vicki of Jacana", won first prize.
- Second place was awarded to Mr Jose Victory Patalinghug for his portrait, named "Unfolding Resilience, of Wadeye resident Ms Kinmarri,
- Third prize was won by Mr Wilfred Thomas Tjampitjina's for his artwork titled "Amami", which honours Mr Tjampitjinpa's grandmother, Narlie Nelson Nakamarra, daughter of renowned artist Johnny Warangkula Tjupurrula
- The 2022 People's Choice Award, awarded February 2023, was won by Christine Ng who portrayed Christobel Perrurla Swan, who champions conservation of the Central Australian Pertame language.

PHOTO OF FIRST PLACE PORTRAIT:
"Vicki of Jacana" - Montana Kitching.



Looking forward

Minister's Advisory Council for Senior Territorians

The NT Government would like to acknowledge the Minister's Advisory Council for Senior Territorians on their invaluable support in the development of the Policy and Implementation Plan. Seniors continue to be involved in shaping the Territory for seniors through their advisory role.

The Council is an independent voice for issues concerning senior Territorians. A non-statutory body established in 2014, the Council provides high-level and strategic advice to the Minister for Seniors and forms a link between government and the seniors community to improve policy.

Community updates

More highlights, as milestones are met and new initiatives are rolled out, will be shared by the Office of Senior Territorians. The next Progress Report will be available in 2024.

Community feedback

Seniors are entitled to the same benefits as the rest of our community, while having specialised services available tailored to their needs.

The Implementation Plan, from which this report is generated, is a living document. The report assists in assessing the NT Government's performance and assists in the identification of further actions that may be implemented to ensure our communities are more inclusive, and age-friendly.

The Office of Senior Territorians values input from seniors with lived experience, and the general community in order to achieve this end.

Access to report

This annual report will be published online, see:

tfhc.nt.gov.au/social-inclusion-and-interpreting-services/seniors/northern-territory-seniors-policy

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