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Northern Territory
Council of Social Service

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Annual Report

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The Year in Review

This annual report is a good opportunity to reflect on the year and celebrate the achievements of our NTCOSS members and team. As President and CEO, we are extremely pleased to present this report as it demonstrates what NTCOSS has achieved. An impressive output considering our small team and the pandemic.

While we continue with the uncertainty of the COVID pandemic, the community sector has demonstrated to Government and other industries that in a crisis our sector responds collaboratively, efficiently and with compassion. We felt immense pride watching the community sector respond during lockdowns. The sector demonstrated innovative ways to respond in a new uncertain environment. This means that the people who needed it most got the response they needed.

We have been working on foundational pieces of work – these take time to build and have long term impacts on improving social outcomes for individuals and communities experiencing disadvantage.

In addition, we were invited to campaign alongside the community of Bagot with Danila Dilba Health Service and the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance (AMSANT) to stop the Dan Murphy's bottle shop opening. We know the impact that excess alcohol presents in the Territory. Seventy-four percent of breaches of Domestic Violence Orders have alcohol as a driver, 64% of assaults are as a result of alcohol fuelled violence. We were extremely pleased that we won the campaign which will assist us to build on the positive reforms that have been implemented as a result of the Riley Review to date.


It is a testament to what member organisations can achieve when they work with the community against a corporate entity.

We continue with our enduring and strong commitment to regional and remote communities. We have staff and an office in Alice Springs. A number of staff have travelled across the Territory to continually engage with our members, and ensure matters that impact on regional and remote individuals and communities feed directly into our policy and advocacy work.

Governance at NTCOSS remains strong with a broad range of skills on the Board and active Board members who drive the vision of NTCOSS so that as a small organisation we can maximise impact.

NTCOSS is only as strong as its membership, and we thank all member organisations and individuals who support NTCOSS. We know that our members are stretched for time and know how a number of members are under-resourced. Despite these challenges, you actively participate in our work. Your time and expertise give our policy submissions depth, integrity and make them extremely informative. We welcomed new members this year and it is pleasing to see the membership grow. NTCOSS' membership represents 24% of organisations registered with ACNC in the NT, the highest proportion of all Australian peak bodies.

To our team at NTCOSS and fellow Board members – your work makes the achievements at NTCOSS possible. Thank you for your commitment and passion to assist us to challenge systems and structures that create inequality.



We acknowledge the support from our primary funding body – the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, in addition to Territory Families, Housing and Communities and the Australian Government. All have been wonderful supporters of NTCOSS work.

NTCOSS is part of the broader ACOSS and COSS network around the country. This year we were lucky to fit in one face to face meeting in June in Canberra where we collectively met with Federal Ministers. This network enables us to contribute effectively on federal issues and call on the expertise of others. Together we lobbied for an increase in payments to JobSeeker and JobKeeper and this was ramped up during COVID lockdowns.

There are many people and COSS organisations across the country who face the same complex challenges as us. The opportunity to learn from other jurisdictions around what works has been of great benefit to NTCOSS. We affectionately refer to ourselves as the COSS family.

We look forward to continuing this great work in 2021/2022.



Jayne Lloyd
President



Deborah Di Natale
CEO





About Us

The Northern Territory Council of Social Service (NTCOSS) is the peak body for the community sector in the Northern Territory and an advocate for social justice on behalf of people and communities who may be affected by poverty and disadvantage.

The NTCOSS team is located in both Darwin and Alice Springs, and for over 40 years has worked with its membership base, Government, and other stakeholders to strive for better outcomes for Territorians.

The community sector plays a vital role in creating social wellbeing for all Territorians and in building safe and healthy communities. The community sector provides services that enable people to access and participate in society, including health, education, employment, economic development and family and community life.

NTCOSS represents a varied sector, with members contributing different experiences and perspectives. The community sector in the Northern Territory is made up of community managed, non-government, not for profit organisations that work in social and community service delivery, sector development and advocacy.

The core values of social justice, integrity and respect, courageous independence, and collaborative leadership, underpin all NTCOSS work.

Vision

A fair, inclusive and sustainable
Northern Territory

Mission

To promote an awareness and understanding of social issues throughout the Northern Territory community and to strive towards the development of an equitable and just society.

Our Work

To have a positive impact on Territorians experiencing disadvantage, by working with others for strategic influence and with consideration of social, economic and environmental sustainability.



Our Achievements



Policy

8 Submissions

4 Reports

7 Campaigns



Sector Engagement

6 Special Events

14 Training Sessions

26 Network Group Meetings



Communications and Media

20 Media Releases
(including 6 joint)

5 Opinion Pieces

3 Letters to the Editor

21 Radio Interviews

8 TV Interviews

23 Newspaper Articles

47 eBulletins

20 Member Alerts

Maintained active



1649
followers



1091
followers

Our Members

NTCOSS' membership represents 24% of organisations registered with ACNC in the Northern Territory, the highest proportion of all Australian peak bodies.

NTCOSS members are central to our work and advocacy. As a representative voice of the community sector to government, NTCOSS seeks to strengthen the sector so that it can continue providing its essential services to the Northern Territory community.

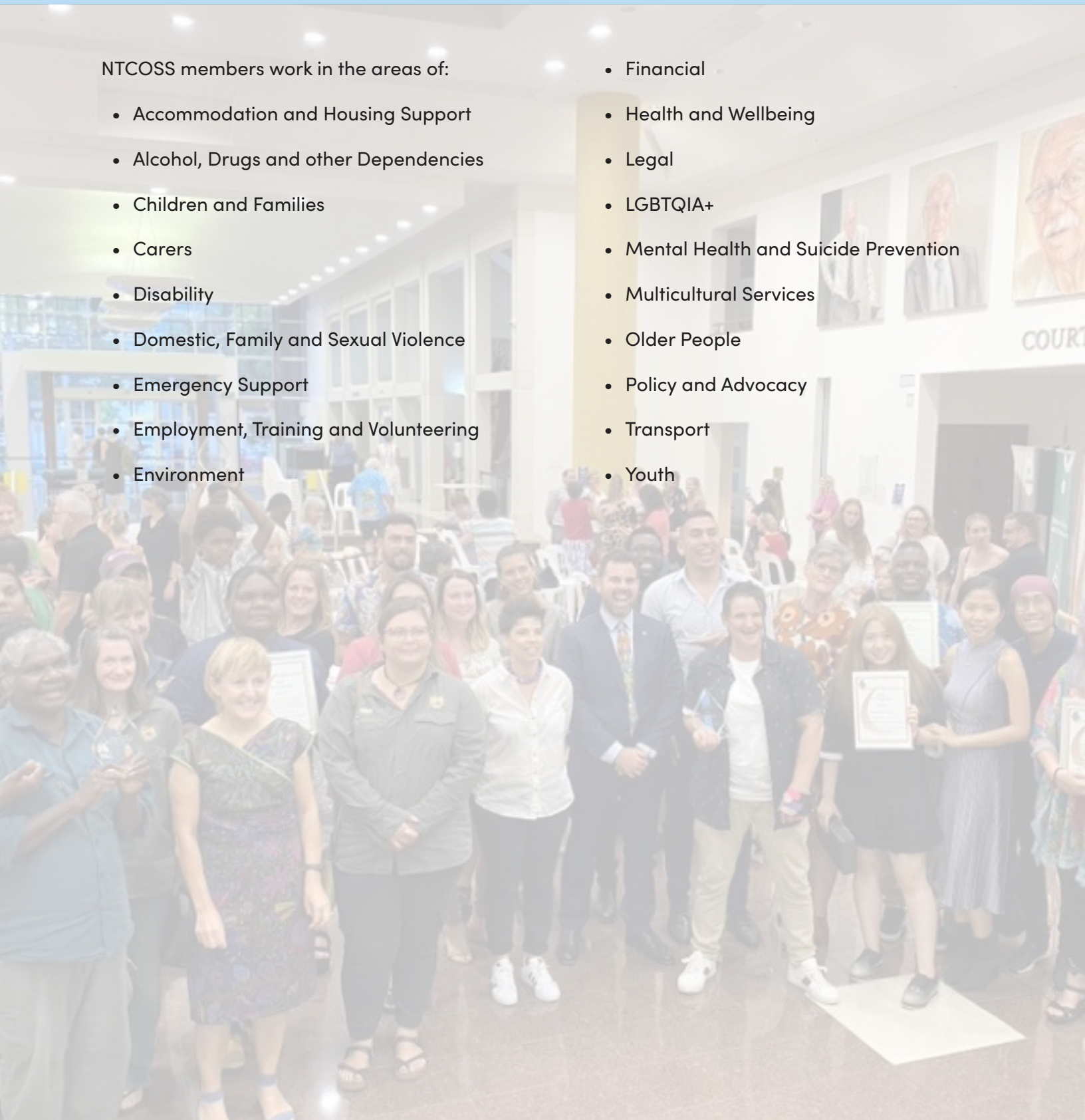
NTCOSS had a total of 107 organisational members





NTCOSS members work in the areas of:

- Accommodation and Housing Support
- Alcohol, Drugs and other Dependencies
- Children and Families
- Carers
- Disability
- Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence
- Emergency Support
- Employment, Training and Volunteering
- Environment
- Financial
- Health and Wellbeing
- Legal
- LGBTQIA+
- Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
- Multicultural Services
- Older People
- Policy and Advocacy
- Transport
- Youth





Our Collaboration

NTCOSS engages with our diverse membership and stakeholders through many networks, committees and groups. Additionally, regular NTCOSS network meetings provide opportunity for the community sector to connect, both in person and virtually.

Sector Representation

NT Government, Non-Government Organisations Partnership Group (Co Chair)

Aboriginal Justice Agreement Reference Group (Co Chair)

NT Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Workforce and Sector Development Strategy Advisory Group (Co Chair)

Cross Agency Working Group

Youth Justice Advisory Committee

Children and Families Tripartite Forum

Generational Strategy Working Group

Early Childhood Integrated Services Working Group

Youth Outreach Meeting with Territory Families and Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet

NT Human Rights Award Committee

Domestic and Family Violence Justice Reform Working Group

Anti-Poverty Week Working Group (Co Chair)

ACOSS and COSS Directors Network

COSS Climate Network

COSS Policy Network

COSS Tax Network

COSS Income Support and Employment Network

National Raise the Age of Criminal Responsibility Organisational Supporters

National Youth Advocacy Network

Australian Youth Affairs Coalition

Raise the Rate Organisational Supporters

National Advocacy Group - Women on Temporary Visas

Sector Engagement and Development

Central Australian Youth Justice Network

Making Justice Work Committee

Child Friendly Alice Advisory Group

Darwin Working with Youth Network

Palmerston and Rural Youth Services Network

Mparntwe/Alice Springs Youth Outreach Group

AADANT Youth AOD Network

AADANT Cross Sector Network

Darwin Domestic and Family Violence Network

Central Australian Family Violence and Sexual Assault Network

Top End Safe House Reference Group

Jacana Energy Issues Forum

Cashless Debit Card Working Group

NTCOSS CEO Network

NTCOSS Quality and Compliance Network

NTCOSS Tax and Economic Network

NTCOSS Social Policy Network

NTCOSS NT Peaks Network

NTCOSS Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Group

NTCOSS Alice Springs Interagency Network



Advocacy and Influence



Systemic advocacy and representation to governments and other decision makers is core to NTCOSS' work in striving for change that supports fair, just and inclusive communities for all Territorians.

The importance of NTCOSS' advocacy at the time of elections and budgets has never been clearer than over the past year, when the focus on economic reconstruction swept aside the needs of community health and wellbeing.

NTCOSS continued to work closely with community sector organisations to inform and strengthen our policy positions across key policy areas. NTCOSS' work is a combination of inside track advocacy and outward facing activities and campaigns, to influence and improve systems and policies that impact on people and communities who live with vulnerability and disadvantage in the NT.

Campaigns

Healthy Homes for Renters

NTCOSS collaborated with community services in all states and territories in calling on all governments to implement minimum energy efficiency standards in rental housing.

Healthy Affordable Housing

NTCOSS joined ACOSS and its partners in developing the National Low-Income Energy Productivity Program, a comprehensive proposal to the Federal Government for effective, economic stimulus measures that also deliver benefits to low-income households.



National Raise the Rate for Good campaign

Alongside our COSS colleagues and campaign supporters, NTCOSS advocated to fix our social security safety net for good so that it keeps people out of poverty. The campaign brings together community organisations, unions, not-for-profits, grass roots campaigners and others to campaign to Raise the Rate for Good.

NT Home Stretch Campaign

NTCOSS advocated with Anglicare NT, Larrakia Nation, Tangentyere Council, CREATE Foundation, Foster and Kinship Care Association NT, and Life Without Barriers to achieve legislative reform to ensure all young people in out of home care are entitled to stay in care to the age of 21. The campaign called on all political parties to commit to this in the lead up to the 2020 Northern Territory election. The campaign reminded our leaders that home is where young people develop a strong sense of identity; it is a place to belong, to feel connected, safe, and supported.

In the lead up to the election, the Northern Territory Government committed to introducing legislative amendments to ensure that supports for young people in care continue. Legislative amendments are underway and are set to be introduced later in 2021.

Campaign for Equal Renumeration Order (ERO) Supplementation

NTCOSS joined ACOSS and state and territory COSSs in the national campaign calling on the Federal Government to continue to provide funding to cover related ERO wage increases beyond July 2021. The campaign was successful in convincing several federal departments to continue to fund ERO related wage increases.

National Raise the Age Alliance

NTCOSS joined the national campaign calling for state, territory and commonwealth governments to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility in Australia to at least 14, as a matter of urgency. With disappointing responses from the Council of Attorneys-General (CAG), the Alliance publicly released 48 submissions to the CAG, including a sufficient and compelling body of evidence to support raising the age.

Dan Murphy's

Alongside Darwin communities, including Bagot, and organisations such as Danila Dilba, AMSANT, and Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE), NTCOSS successfully campaigned to stop the Dan Murphy's super store from opening near three dry Aboriginal communities in Darwin.



Influence

NTCOSS seeks to influence policy development and to bring the voices of the community sector and people in the Northern Territory experiencing disadvantage to the decision-making process.

NT Election

With the focus by all main political parties in 2020 on rebuilding the Northern Territory economy, NTCOSS campaigned on the importance of underpinning economic growth with social prosperity.

NTCOSS worked closely with members and stakeholders to develop election asks on Aboriginal Justice; Child Protection and Youth Justice; Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence; Cost of Living; and Climate Justice.

Rounding off the election campaign, NTCOSS hosted the 2020 Election Leaders Debate, a social policy Q&A with leaders from the major political parties. Questions were submitted by NTCOSS and social justice advocates, with discussions ranging across Aboriginal justice; child protection and youth justice; domestic, family and sexual violence; energy efficiency and security; housing and homelessness; and climate justice. The sold-out event was covered by ABC TV, and livestreamed on Facebook, providing an opportunity for people across the Territory to hear the parties' visions for the Northern Territory.

Climate Justice

NTCOSS recognises that climate change is already having an effect in the Northern Territory, and that low income and

disadvantaged communities will suffer the most, as they have the least capacity to respond to a changing climate. NTCOSS works with community sector partners to facilitate sharing of information and ideas and develop policy responses to climate change.

As part of this work NTCOSS partnered with Jesuit Social Services, the Environment Centre NT, Arid Lands Environment Centre, Unions NT and Original Power in facilitating the third event in the Northern Territory Climate Justice series. The two-day forum, 'Our Jobs, Climate and Community: Planning a Just Recovery for the Territory', was held during the 2020-21 financial year, with a focus on the opportunity presented by the COVID-19 crisis to rebuild the Northern Territory economy on foundations of care for people, country, and climate.

Aboriginal Justice Agreement

As co-Chair of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement Reference Group with NAAJA, NTCOSS worked closely with the Northern Territory Government to develop the Aboriginal Justice Agreement, which is set to be released in August 2021. This major area of reform has been developed in partnership with Aboriginal and non-government organisations and Aboriginal communities. The Agreement will outline commitments and legislative reforms, to reduce the unacceptably high rates of incarceration of Aboriginal people.

As part of this work, NTCOSS has travelled across the Northern Territory, including remote communities over the past year.





Value of the Sector Report

NTCOSS commissioned and funded its second Value of the Sector report, in conjunction with University of Western Australia Research Group. This report, building on the initial report two years earlier, presented an examination of the economic contribution of the not-for-profit Human Services sector in the Northern Territory, providing data essential to evidence-based policy. Based on the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission 2018 data set, the Value of the Sector Report provides a vital understanding of changes in the sector.

Post Pandemic Economic Recovery

Recognising the critical role that our sector plays in responding to social and health crises, and the impact that increasing demands for

services have on providers, NTCOSS lobbied for evidence-based social investments in the Territory Economic Recovery plan and 2021 – 22 Pre Budget submission to the Northern Territory Government.

NTCOSS advocated for a range of measures that were labour intensive rather than capital intensive and designed to provide benefits beyond economic stimulus. NTCOSS consulted with members and delivered a submission that focused on solutions that would create jobs as well as building much needed community services and infrastructure.

Despite a disappointing response from the Government, NTCOSS is committed to responses that will provide lasting benefit to Territorians and will continue our advocacy in future Budget responses.





Targeted projects to build Sector capacity and shape social change

NTCOSS received additional funding from both the Northern Territory Government and Federal Government to deliver targeted outcomes and services for the Northern Territory community and community sector.

Youth Voice NT

In late 2020 NTCOSS won a grant from the Federal Government's Youth Taskforce (then in the Department of Health) to develop the Youth Voice project across the Northern Territory. The project aims to raise the voices of young people aged 15 to 24 years in the Territory who experience disadvantage and marginalisation, and improve engagement with government in the development of future policies and strategies that directly affect them.

The Northern Territory remains the only jurisdiction in Australia without a youth peak body, and this funding has been critical in representing and supporting the participation of the diverse youth population and youth sector in national and Territory consultations and forums.

The project has received significant support from NTCOSS members and other stakeholders, including young people, in the short time that it has been operational. Key work included representing young people and the youth sector at the National Youth Advocacy Network; facilitating and supporting information sessions for the youth sector; facilitating input from young people and the youth sector into the Northern Territory Gender Equality Framework Action Plan and the Northern Territory Education Engagement Strategy; establishing a youth training calendar on the NTCOSS website; establishing the Youth Voice Instagram account;

and facilitating inclusion of a young person from the Northern Territory at the National Young Leaders and Advocates Fellowship.

The initial funding finishes in October 2021 and this initiative cannot be sustained without dedicated, ongoing support from the Northern Territory Government. NTCOSS will continue to lobby for funding for this important work for young people and the youth sector in the Northern Territory.

Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Project

NTCOSS received funding in November 2020 for a 12-month domestic, family, and sexual violence policy project in partnership with the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities.

This project has enabled NTCOSS to provide policy and advocacy support to the community sector, increasing services' capacity to engage meaningfully with government reforms. Further, NTCOSS has played a pivotal role in strengthening sector relationships with the Northern Territory Government, as well as facilitating the comprehensive and systematic identification of sector needs, which NTCOSS has then raised with the Northern Territory and Federal governments.

NTCOSS also hosts a domestic, family, and sexual violence training calendar and coordinated the delivery of the Risk Assessment Management Framework training in partnership with the Department across the Territory.

NT Community

NTCOSS, funded by the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities, partnered with Refuel Creative to bring a new, human-centred services directory to life in a way that reflected the Territory spirit and was easy to understand for a range of users. To deliver the best user experience and engagement, extensive consultation was undertaken to understand how people would be most likely to use the site to find the right service providers. Rather than Territorians trying to find the right organisation to access the service they needed, the model was switched around to focus the search on the outcome people were looking for.

Officially launched on 26 March 2021, the new NTcommunity Service Directory provides access to more than 215 community organisations offering 440 services across 380+ locations throughout the NT. The directory is available on the website and on mobile apps. It is updated with new organisations and services as they become available.

Generational Strategy

The Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory recommended the development of a 10-year Generational Strategy for Children and Families in the Northern Territory. The development of the Generational Strategy has been overseen by the Tripartite Forum, with work commencing with vigour in early 2021.

The Generational Strategy Working Group was established to lead the development of the Strategy, including engaging with communities and the sector. The Working Group is made up

of representatives from the Tripartite Forum membership, with representatives from the Federal Government Department of Social Services and National Indigenous Australians Agency; the Northern Territory Government Reform Management Office and Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet; Aboriginal Peak Organisations NT; North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency and NTCOSS.

Under guidance from the Tripartite Forum, the Working Group convened and facilitated the Aboriginal Expert Advisory Group, whose advice, knowledge and expertise are essential in the development of the Generational Strategy.

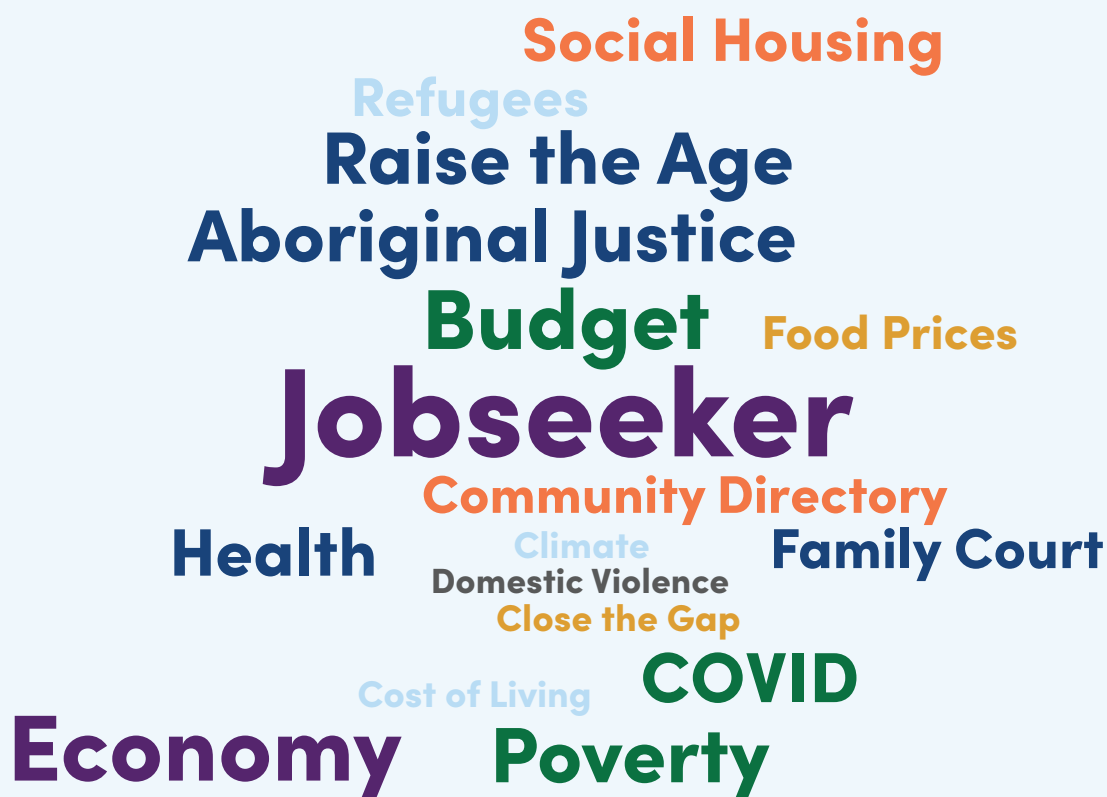
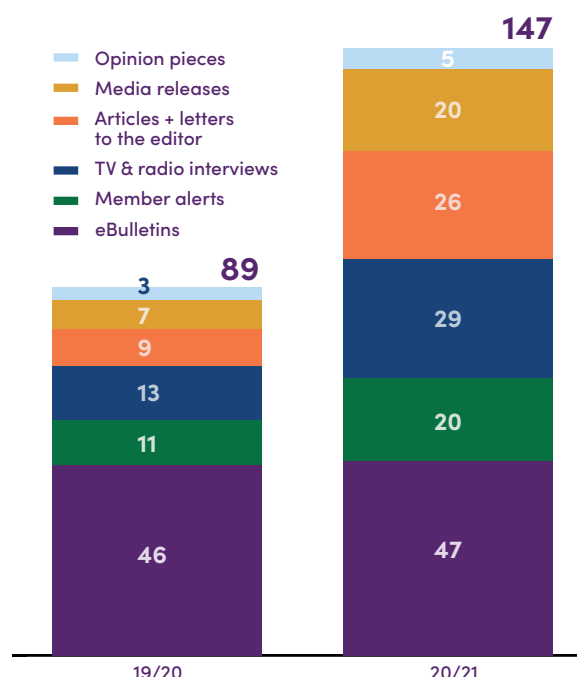


Our Collective Voice

Media and Communications

NTCOSS is the leading voice on matters affecting the Northern Territory's community sector. We are trusted by our members and the media, to speak up and speak out on the issues faced by communities experiencing extreme vulnerabilities and disadvantage in the Northern Territory. Our expertise on policy areas such as domestic, family, and sexual violence; social security; Aboriginal justice; and children and young people is widely recognised.

It has been a busy year for media engagement – both proactive and reactive – including engaging with a Territory election, two Northern Territory Government Budgets, two Federal Budgets, and the ongoing impacts of COVID.



Key Publications, Presentations and Submissions

NTCOSS advocates with and for the community sector and Territorians experiencing disadvantage, to influence decision makers

Submissions

Submission to the Inquiry into Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence

Submission to the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee on the Social Security (Administration) Amendment (Continuation of Cashless Welfare) Bill 2020

Submission to the Inquiry into the Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Extension of Coronavirus Support) Bill 2020

Submission to the Inquiry into the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Strengthening Income Support) Bill 2021

Submission to the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Ensuring Fair Representation of the NT) Bill 2020

Submission to the National Inquiry into Food Pricing and Security in Remote Indigenous Communities – July 2020

NTCOSS Northern Territory Government Pre-Budget Submission 2021-2022

Submission to the Territory Economic Reconstruction Commission

at both the Northern Territory and Federal levels. Throughout 2020-21 NTCOSS produced evidence-based recommendations on social justice issues in various formal reports and submissions:

Reports

Cost of Living Report No.28 – Snapshot of Four Key Areas – Utilities, Food, Transport and Housing

Cost of Living Report No.29 – Cost of Living Update

Cost of Living Report No.30 – Tracking Changes in the cost of living, particularly for Northern Territorians experiencing disadvantage

Value of the Not-for-Profit Sector 2020 Report – The Second Examination of the Economic Contribution of the Not-for-Profit Human Services Sector in the Northern Territory, in partnership with the University of Western Australia

NTCOSS Sector Support Initiatives Five-year Action Plan 2021-2026 (mapped to the Northern Territory Human Services Industry 10 Year Plan 2019-2029) to assist in guiding the sector support work of NTCOSS over our next funding agreement

Social Security Information Factsheet – explainer for changes to income support for people impacted by COVID-19

NTCOSS submissions and publications can be found online at www.ntcoss.org.au

Strengthening the Sector

NTCOSS acknowledges the significant contribution that our members, sector colleagues, project partners and relevant Northern Territory Government agencies have made to the numerous NTCOSS sector support initiatives and activities.

Throughout 2020-21, NTCOSS needed to respond swiftly to the disruption and challenges caused by COVID-19 to support our members providing frontline services. Along with other peak bodies in the NT, NTCOSS stepped up its advocacy, leadership and coordination roles to ensure that the community sector was appropriately supported, and clients and communities kept safe.

NTCOSS met regularly with the Northern Territory Government, Non-Government Organisations Partnership Group (NNPG) throughout the year, ensuring the sector was well represented to the Northern Territory Government, and facilitating good communication and collaboration between government and the community sector.

With face-to-face meetings and travel no longer a certainty for training and workshops, NTCOSS pivoted to online events, working alongside, and strengthening the capacity of community sector organisations. These included:

- NTCOSS Alice Springs Interagency Network
- NTCOSS DFSV Group
- NTCOSS CEO Network
- Regional and Remote Taskforce COVID-19

- NTCOSS 'Understanding Northern Territory Budget Papers' online event with the Department of Treasury and Finance, offered free to all NTCOSS members
- NTCOSS Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Briefing event, offered free for all NTCOSS members
- Management Systems (Internal Auditing) training, in response to need identified by Quality and Compliance Network
- Coordination of the delivery of the Risk Assessment Management Framework (RAMF) Workshops one and two, in partnership with the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities, across five regions in the NT

NTCOSS members took advantage of hot desk opportunities and training/conference rooms in our Alice Springs office throughout 2020-21. With many of our members working in regional and remote centres across the NT, NTCOSS is pleased to be able to offer this benefit, particularly in the current fiscal environment that the sector is operating in.





NTCOSS Board

Role	Name	Organisation
President	Jayne Lloyd	Catholic Care NT
Vice President	Patrick McDonald	Tangentyere Council
Treasurer	Noelene Swanson	Save the Children Australia
Executive Member	Priscilla Atkins	North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency
General Board Member	Ann Buxton	Anglicare NT
General Board Member	Jill Smith	CAAPS Aboriginal Corporation
General Board Member	Robert Cooper	Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation
General Board Member	Robyn Wardle	Family Planning Welfare NT
General Board Member	Andrew Kenyon	Australia Red Cross NT
General Board Member	Cheryl Schmidt	Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT
Resigned September 2020: Secretary	Nicola Coalter	Amity Community Services





NTCOSS Team

Staff

Deborah Di Natale,
Chief Executive Officer

Janine Sims,
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Sarah Holder,
Policy Manager

Michelle Barton,
Operations Manager (from June 2021)

Caitlin Perry,
Senior Policy Officer

Julia Perdevich,
Senior Policy Officer (from September 2020)

Tessa Snowdon,
Policy Officer

Aysha Kerr,
Project Officer (from March 2021)

Marissa Pattison,
Research Officer (from August 2020)

Kathryn Dwyer,
Administration Officer

Contractors

Kate Sieper,
Communication and Media

Jonathan Pilbrow,
Cost of Living Reports

Refuel Creative





Treasurer's Report

NTCOSS has continued its successful run this year with an operating income of \$1,458,761 and expenses of \$1,423,614 leaving a surplus at years end of \$35,147, however, this surplus is largely a carryover of allocated grant funding.

While the primary funding source continues to be Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, the continuing support from Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities has enabled the continuation of the very well accessed NTcommunity (Online Directory project). NTCOSS has received other government funding this financial year for projects, including the Australian Government's support for the Youth Voice NT pilot program. Territory Families, Housing and Communities also provided initial funding for a Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Workforce Support project.

Self-generated funds have been put to good use, ensuring NTCOSS maintains an independent voice and is able to amplify the sector's voice through policy development, reports, submissions and campaigns. These funds have enabled us to provide advocacy and research in areas needed by those experiencing disadvantage in the Northern Territory, including the allocation of funds to produce another Value of the Not-For-Profit Sector Report and several Cost of Living reports.

The financial position of NTCOSS remains stable with net assets of \$1,155,239 and financial sustainability through continued surpluses. Our auditors, TDH Chartered Accountants, have issued an unqualified report and have not identified any major issues with accounting practices or financial management.

I would like to thank the NTCOSS CEO and staff for their diligent provision of the financial reports and my Board colleagues for ensuring the ongoing sustainability of the organisation.

It has been another successful year for NTCOSS as the peak body for the community sector, working closely with members to strengthen the sector so we can continue providing much need essential services across the NT.

Noelene Swanson

Treasurer

Statement of Financial Position

Northern Territory Council of Social Service
Incorporated

As at 30 June 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,192,085	733,052
Trade and other receivables	6,565	69,051
Other assets	25,153	19,004
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,223,803	821,107
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	524,491	545,699
Right-of-use assets	66,755	91,145
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	591,246	636,844
TOTAL ASSETS	1,815,049	1,457,951
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	81,736	57,726
Borrowings	6,050	1,118
Lease liabilities	27,228	27,228
Employee benefits	262,064	179,484
Other financial liabilities	190,273	-
Other liabilities	37,400	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	604,751	265,556
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Lease liabilities	40,216	65,990
Employee benefits	14,843	6,313
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	55,059	72,303
TOTAL LIABILITIES	659,810	337,859
NET ASSETS	1,155,239	1,120,092
EQUITY		
Reserves	270,695	270,695
Retained earnings	884,544	849,397
TOTAL EQUITY	1,155,239	1,120,092

Income and Expenditure Statement 2020

Northern Territory Council of Social Service
Incorporated

As at 30 June 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
INCOME		
Income Other rendering of services revenue	24,067	96,364
Interest income	2,369	6,677
Member subscriptions	31,636	45,927
Grants	1,394,289	1,048,775
Donations	6,400	36,818
Other income	-	118,182
TOTAL INCOME	1,458,761	1,352,743
EXPENSES		
Accounting fees	21,943	22,614
Auditors remuneration	6,000	6,500
Bank charges	903	958
Cleaning	8,145	9,713
Computer expenses	14,724	15,255
Conference/Seminar costs	-	56,717
Consulting and professional fees	187,394	92,417
Depreciation	45,598	45,623
Electricity and water	5,385	5,182
Equipment < \$5,000	19,136	1,518
Interest expense on lease liability	3,798	4,911
Insurance	5,482	3,964
Motor vehicle expenses	6,101	4,646
Operating expenses	5,866	8,159
Other employee costs	7,193	10,429
Postage	407	464
Printing and stationery	10,828	10,884
Promotion	2,007	246
Program expenditure	36,585	8,465
Repairs and maintenance	1,326	1,963
Salaries	892,513	740,496
Staff training	2,467	3,297

Subscriptions	10,602	7,239
Sundry expenses	750	-
Superannuation contributions	76,017	70,921
Telephone and fax	7,983	11,678
Travel expenditure	35,975	31,310
Workers compensation insurance	8,486	12,136
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,423,614	1,187,705
NET PROFIT	35,147	165,038

NTCOSS 2021 Audited Financial Report with accompanying notes is available on our website www.ntcoss.org.au.



Our Partners

Thank you



Australian Government
**Department of Education,
Skills and Employment**



Australian Government
Department of Health

