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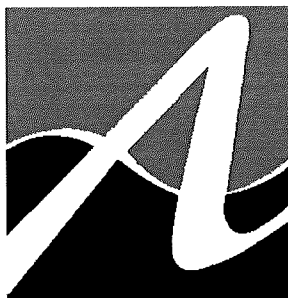
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THE WORK OF COUNCIL ON THE AGEING QUEENSLAND INC

The Council on the Ageing Queensland (COTAQ) is Queensland's peak consumer organization dedicated to protecting and promoting the well-being of older Queenslanders.

COTAQ has a number of functions including:

- Policy analysis and policy development
- Provision of information and advice to older people on Government policies and programs
- Provision of information and advice to Government about issues of importance to present and future generations of older people based on consultation with older Queenslanders and research.
- Consultation and Project Management
- Arranging conferences, seminars and public meetings to alert, inform and educate the community about matters affecting older Queenslanders
- Identifying areas requiring research, and then promoting or undertaking projects of benefit to older persons and their lives

COTA's membership is open to people over 50 years of age. Our concerns cover issues including access to aged and community care services, health services, housing, employments and income of Queenslanders over 50.

COTAQ has both individual members and organizational members, which indirectly provides a large membership base. Whether members or not, many older people, their carers and relatives as well as organizations come to COTAQ for information and advice and to alert us to problems they are experiencing.

Further information about COTAQ is available on our website:

www.cotaq.org.au

COUNCIL ON THE AGEING QUEENSLAND INC

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Major General Peter Arnison, AO

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BOARD MEMBERS:

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Mark Tucker-Evans (from 20 June 2001)

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This AGM brings me half way through my second term as President. As I reflect on the year that has been and look ahead the key word is change.

There have been a number of major changes both within the organization and in the ever expanding area in which we work.

Following the last AGM The board was happy to welcome newly elected Board members Mrs. Mary Snell, Councillor Annette Reilly from Gympie and Mrs. Glenda Booker who sadly was forced to resign very early in the year due to health reasons. More recently the board was delighted to welcome Mr. Gary McNabb who graciously agreed to fill the casual vacancy left by the resignation of the Treasurer, Mr. Neville Jolly.

The Executive Director for the past eight years Mrs. Wendy Skitch resigned in April this year. Wendy's breadth of vision and enormous dedication to the COTA movement and to the well-being of older people will be long remembered. Wendy is still an active member of COTAQ

In June this year Mr. Mark Tucker- Evans was appointed to the position of Executive Director. In the short time Mark has been with COTAQ he has demonstrated his commitment to the organisation and to providing tangible support to the Committees on Ageing throughout Queensland.

Amongst recent activities has been the review of the Strategic Plan 1999 –2001. The Board and staff have participated setting new strategic goals to extend the vision and determine the priorities of the Council for the next three years.

The 2nd COTA Q Biennial State conference and the Sixth State Forum of Committees on Ageing was hosted by the Gold Coast Committee on Ageing in November 2000. On behalf of the Board I would like to congratulate and thank all of those people who worked so hard to make this event such an outstanding success.

COTA Q acknowledges the financial support provided by Queensland Health, The Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care and the project support provided by the Queensland Department of Families Youth and Community Care.

I am indebted to the members of the board for the level of support they have provided to me and for their contribution in representing our members on numerous committees in regional and metropolitan areas. My personal thanks to the COTAQ staff both paid and unpaid who have done a splendid job and have given generously of their time throughout this year.

Judith Skinner OAM

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Council on the Ageing Queensland Inc. (COTA Q) evolved from the Old People's Welfare Council of Queensland, which was established in 1957 to assist in co-ordinating the efforts of various church and charitable bodies having as their objects the welfare of the elderly people of the community.

Today COTA Q facilitates the formulation of policies and programs to ensure the needs of older Queenslanders (people over 50) are satisfied.

It's projected that the number of older Queenslanders will double by 2021 with 25% of Queensland's population over the age of 65.

Imagine how different Queensland will be and the changes that must be planned and implemented over the next thirty years to manage this ageing population.

COTAQ will be seeking to:

- Ensure that policies, based on research, are developed to advance the well-being of older Queenslanders
- Provide the voice to articulate the concerns and expectations of older Queenslanders
- Foster community understanding of positive ageing
- Ensure appropriate services are provided to satisfy the diverse needs of older Queenslanders, and
- Ensure that COTAQ keeps pace with dynamic social change.

The Area Committees on the Ageing already play an important role in the COTA Movement yet this will be strengthened to ensure that the needs of older people throughout Queensland are identified and brought to the attention of decision-makers through COTAQ.

We will work cooperatively with other older people's organizations, aged care service agencies, Government, the private sector and community groups towards the well-being and social justice for older people.

COTAQ's new Strategic Plan sets the broad direction for COTAQ over the next 3 years. It will guide our efforts to realize our vision of a more just, equitable and humane community in which older people interacting with other generations are empowered to grow to their fullest capacity to contribute to their communities and have access with dignity to appropriate care and support.

Finally I would like to acknowledge my predecessor Wendy Skitch's stewardship of COTAQ. It is always a challenge to follow someone who has made an indelible mark on an organisation - yet times change. I look forward to building on the valuable work Wendy contributed over almost a decade as Executive Director.

Mark Tucker-Evans

STAFF REPORTS

Being in Control: Older People and their Medicines

This project, launched in June 2000, funded by the Federal Department of Health and Aged Care, was undertaken jointly by the Council on the Ageing and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, was due to be completed by November 2000.

The twenty-five Peer Educators from metropolitan, regional and rural areas of Queensland have carried the project well into 2001, reaching so far, some 2,500 individuals. Bookings are continuing to be made.

Target Organisations included:

Retirement Villages	National Seniors
Senior Citizens	Seniors Organisations
U3A	Respite Care Groups
Carers Groups	Neighbourhood Watch
Church Groups	Gym Projects

Audience age group was largely in the 66-80 year bracket. Peer educators with non-English speaking backgrounds and from indigenous communities met the needs of people from these backgrounds.

Presentations are aimed at promoting greater consumer awareness and understanding of medication so giving consumer confidence in questioning the doctor about their illness, and the prescribed medication. In asking the pharmacist about medications, the consumer is in a better position to be 'In Control'.

Interaction at presentations proved productive and showed many consumers are unaware of drug interaction, adverse drug reactions and, the possible problems associated with over the counter medications including vitamins and herbal medicines.

Presentations have also been given to:

- A Church group on 'Nutrition for Seniors'
- First year Pharmacy students at UQ on 'Ageing, communication with the Elderly and medications'
- Nursing Aid/ Personal Care Attendants, South Bank TAFE on 'Ageing, Communication and the Aged'.

Brisbane Inner Suburbs Safe & Confident Living Service

The three (3) year Department of Families funded inaugural Brisbane Inner Suburbs Safe and Confident Living Service (S&CL Service) concluded on 31 March 2001. COTA Q is pleased to advise that the Department of Families again funded this Service, which commenced 01 April 2001 to 31 March 2004. The new Service farewelled two (2) of the original target suburbs of Bulimba and Morningside, however, now embraces New Farm and South Brisbane in addition to the existing target region of East Brisbane and West End, Paddington and Kelvin Grove, Spring Hill, Fortitude Valley and Newstead and Clayfield.

The Service exists primarily to work with and support older people who have a reduced quality of life or who are at risk of social isolation as a result of their perception or experience of crime. The target group requires accurate information on the incidence of crime in the defined target region and access to information on personal and community safety. The Service undertakes to meet these needs

The primary outcome of the Service is for older people to maintain and extend their participation in their communities with a view to achieving a reduction in the percentage of older people in the target region that rank fear of crime as a significant concern.

The Service works with individual older people, community groups, community organizations, service providers and representatives from all levels of government and associated departments in a variety of ways. General service availability, information, advice and referral, individual consultations (this includes needs assessment and management of case/service plans for individuals), home visits, telephone contacts and group presentations in relation to personal and community safety are conducted. The Service is well established and referrals are made from Service Providers for potential clients.

In addition, the Safe and Confident Living Service hosts four (4) Forums annually to bring together community members and experts in the field of crime and safety e.g., Queensland Police Service. More recently, Forums have been held to celebrate Seniors Week and Crime Prevention Week. This enables community members to have access to professional people specializing in the areas of crime and safety and provides the environment to have relevant questions answered, whilst giving real people the opportunity to inform decision-makers of the concerns and issues facing older people in relation to this topical issue.

Statistics currently support that older people in the target group of sixty-four (64) years and over, constitute less than 1% of all victims of personal crime or crime against individuals. Unfortunately, statistics also support that older people have higher levels of fear of crime as a result of their perceptions of incidence rates of crime.

The Service, whilst providing accurate information about older people and incidence of crime rates, information about vulnerability to crime and crime prevention strategies to minimize risk, and providing support mechanisms for older people, the Service supports a holistic approach to crime prevention initiatives whereby the community will be safer for everybody when individuals feel less fear and when each person does their little bit to help minimize and lessen violence and criminal activity.

Everyone has the right to feel safe and secure all the time, including older people. The Service works tirelessly with individuals from all English speaking and Non-English speaking backgrounds to achieve the outcome – a reduction in the percentage of older people in the target area that rank fear of crime as a significant concern.

Melissa Bailey

Project Co-ordinator

Information Officer

COTA Q has continued to provide timely accurate information and referral services to older persons, their families and their carers. In order to provide accurate information our volunteers have been instrumental in keeping our database up to date. The dissemination of information has provided us with the opportunity to identify the needs and concerns of older persons, their families and their carers, as well as issues of concern to organisational members. The last has provided the opportunity to identify projects that would be beneficial to our organisational members and their constituent.

The following is an analysis of contacts recorded since the last AGM 15th September 2000 to 14th August 2001.

Enquiries:

Telephone calls	3200
Face to Face	250

International Enquiries:

3 New Zealand
2 United States
1 Middle East

Identified key issues are as follow:

- ◆ Access to Senior Citizens Clubs and Centres
- ◆ Access to HACC services
- ◆ Information on government concessions including seniors card
- ◆ Access to residential aged care facilities
- ◆ Information pertaining retirement villages
- ◆ Powers of attorney
- ◆ Housing issues
- ◆ Recreational activities.

Information kits:

Through our forums, displays, COTA Q guest speakers and meetings, we have distributed around 3000 information kits in the last 10 months. In addition organisations outside the metropolitan area have organised activities for older persons and have also requested the kits.

Computer Classes

Our computer and Internet training services continue with great success. The courses have provided, to more than 100 older persons, the knowledge required to keep up to date with the changes in technology. The feedback forms provided at the end of each course has given us the opportunity to review our modules and, where necessary, update the material provided to maximize the learning potential.

Tony Rivera

Information Officer

COTA Q Library

COTAQ's Library focuses on the provision of information across the spectrum of ageing issues. The library is open to all members of the public by appointment. Library usage has increased by students, staff and board members with student topics for assignments including, in particular, the areas of multiculturalism, age discrimination, aged care and elder abuse as well as a range of other issues.

Mrs. Merril Rylance's continuing contribution to cataloguing of library materials is much appreciated.

Membership of the Australian Library and Information Association ensures professional links to other special libraries and provides access to the latest developments in libraries and information technology.

COTA News

The Queensland pages of COTA News continue to focus on issues of interest and relevance to the over 50s in the State as well as to the organizations which support them. COTA Queensland's activities are also showcased in COTA News. These include forums on safe and confident living and health issues, the annual state forum of Committees on the Ageing and the 2nd Biennial COTA Queensland State Conference.

Jennifer Thomas, a University of Queensland student, who has been volunteering her expertise in writing articles for COTA News since June 1999, leaves COTA Q in July to work overseas. Jennifer has recently received requests from regional newspapers and another publication for permission to copy some of the articles she has written for COTA News.

COTA News is distributed to individual members and organizational members as well as to members of parliament. It is also distributed to local government libraries throughout Queensland through the generosity of the State Library.

Jane Geddes

Librarian

TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to present this report on the financial accounts for the year to 30 June 2001.

In doing so I congratulate the former Treasurer Mr. Neville Jolly who gave many years of voluntary service to COTA Q. He resigned in June 2001. I therefore have limited input to the accounts for the year 2000-2001.

I do however make the following comments:

- The general operations of COTA Q, together with HACC and Safe and Confident Living projects operated with a small surplus. There was a small deficit of \$2071 for small grant projects.
- The Council have a healthy cash flow to continue the work of COTA Q.
- Funding has been received for a number of small projects/ grants to be completed in the 2001-2002 year.
- Agreements are in place to continue the HACC and Safe & Confident Living projects until 2003 and 2004 respectively.
- There are no qualifications in the report by the Auditors.

The Statement of Financial Performance for the year to 30 June 2001 and the Balance Sheet at 30 June 2001 are presented for approval.

J.G. McNabb

STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS

The directors have determined that the Council is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the directors of the Council, the financial report:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of the Council on the Ageing Queensland Inc. as at 30 June 2001 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Council on the Ageing Queensland Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Directors and is signed for and on behalf of the directors by:

Director Judith Skinner

Director John Gary McNabb

Dated this Sixteenth day of August 2001

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 30 JUNE 2001**

	2001 \$	2000 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank		
Cash Management A/c	107 125	114 319
COTA Q A/c 070072	16 301	14 018
Petty Cash Float	150	150
Stock on Hand	-	270
Trade Debtors	1 089	449
Sundry Debtors – CMS Market Support	-	15 000
Concert Expenses Prepaid	2 000	2 480
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>126 665</u>	<u>146 686</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Plant & Equipment (At Cost)	6 912	6 912
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(3 271)	(2 581)
Computers & Peripherals (At Cost)	35 287	33 305
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(33 610)	(32 307)
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	5 318	5 329
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>131 983</u>	<u>152 015</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued Leave	941	25 191
Unexpended Projects	17 334	31 674
Conference Grant Unexpended	4 000	3 025
HACC MDS Grant Unexpended	1 950	-
Creditors	5 483	657
GST Payable	5 899	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	35 607	60 547
NET ASSETS	96 376	91 468
ACCUMULATED MEMBERS FUNDS	96 376	91 468

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For the Year Ended 30 June 2001

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	2001	2000
	\$	\$
GENERAL FUND		
Income		
Interest Received	6 191	4 927
Members Subscriptions:		
Associates - Individual	10	135
Seniors - Individual	20 960	20 386
Organisations	8 342	8 895
Senior Citizens Clubs/Area COTA	2 304	2 665
Sundry Income	2 058	4 539
Insurance - Professional Indemnity	1 064	1 098
Mail Out Service/Advertising	422	2 845
Senior Surfers User Group	7 239	4 088
OPAP - S & CL Management Fee	1 786	2 091
Project Income	45 718	51 696
COTA Consultancy Income	123	4 873
Seniors Week Forum	2 430	-
Badges - Senior Citizens	101	1 064
Commissions Received:		
Books - COTA Publications	15	161
Insurance - Mature Outlook	7 595	5 690
Donations Received	6 947	8 054
Printed Information Requested	398	33
COTA Senior Citizens Concert	5 899	7 894
Membership Marketing Programme:		
CMS Marketing Support	-	10 000
CMS Advertising Support	-	5 000
CMS Support Unexpended from prior year	-	(15 000)
HACC Grants Y2K Unexpended from prior year	-	5 120
Y2K Expenditure	-	(5 017)
HACC Capital Grants	6 200	8 931
HACC Capital Grants Expended	(6 200)	(9 028)
NSV Grant - Filemaker	2 610	-
NSV Grant - Filemaker Expenses	(1 664)	-
Dept FYCC Salary On Cost Grant:		
Grant Expended - Salaries	-	(5 531)
Grant Expended - Superannuation	-	(387)
Unexpended Grant from prior year	-	5 918
Total Income	120 548	131 140

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For the Year Ended 30 June 2001

	2001	2000
	\$	\$
GENERAL FUND		
Expenditure		
Audit Fees	2 295	1 295
Advertising/Promotion	1 877	252
AGM Meeting Expenses	2 416	320
Area Committee Development Expenses	639	382
Bank Charges	215	120
Bookkeeping Fees	-	1 600
Consultancy Expenses	118	654
Conference/Seminar Expenses	536	628
Cleaning	1 300	1 417
Board/Meetings Expenses	806	1 566
Computer Software/Support	895	905
Computer Supplies (Consumables)	2 067	3 015
Depreciation	1 993	3 500
Electricity	1 712	1 988
Expense Allowances	400	-
Forums - Community	685	304
Forum - Seniors Week	1 758	-
General Expenses	1 063	516
Insurance - Directors/Officers Liability	1 024	804
Insurance - General	1 729	1 777
Insurance - Work Cover	861	101
Fees & Lodgements	181	137
Freight/Courier Costs	93	150
Library Publications	73	197
Legal Fees	242	-
Leave Entitlements Provided	(7 128)	(6 366)
Motor Vehicle Running Costs	19	11
Older Persons Internet Access Point	1 139	191
National COTA Fees	3 992	4 252
National Seniors COTA Fees	3 000	-
Newsletter Expenses	8 016	7 705
Photocopier	337	115
Postage	760	1 991
Printing/Stationery	1 656	2 771
Rent	33 899	42 512
Repairs/Maintenance	1 216	214
COTA SC Concert Expenses	4 649	1 959
Salaries - COTAQ Staff	30 004	50 118
Salaries - Reimbursement	-	(15 577)
Subscriptions:		
Associations/Members	314	240
Magazines/Newsletters/Publications	1 067	1 056
Superannuation	1 923	3 392
Local Travel	64	168

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For the Year Ended 30 June 2001

GENERAL FUND	2001 \$	2000 \$
EXPENDITURE (Cont'd)		
Staff/Board Amenities	102	158
Parking	170	165
Mobile Telephone Costs	378	418
Telephone/Fax	4 492	4 497
Training:		
Board Members	40	680
Staff	175	233
Travelling Expenses Admin & National	584	92
COTA Movement Strategy Levy	<u>1 463</u>	<u>3 000</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>117 309</u>	<u>125 623</u>
Surplus (Deficit) transferred to Summary	<u>3 239</u>	<u>5 517</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For the Year Ended 30 June 2001

	2001 \$	2000 \$
HACC PROJECT 100 CO-ORDINATOR		
Grant Received	123 194	109 457
Grant Unexpended from prior year	-	5 000
Interest Received	783	606
Salaries - Administrative	(58 867)	(63 571)
Salaries - Information Provision	(10 892)	(3 932)
Superannuation	(5 950)	(4 450)
Rent	(33 550)	(33 000)
Other Expenses	(11 579)	(9 661)
Surplus (Deficit) transferred to Summary	<u>3 139</u>	<u>449</u>

OPAP SAFE & CONFIDENT LIVING:

Grant Received - Salary	34 812	29 585
Grant Received - Operating Costs	-	5 002
Grant Unexpended from prior year	-	2 636
Interest Received	130	148
Other Income	485	-
Salaries	(21 245)	(19 759)
Salary Oncosts	(3 388)	(3 279)
Superannuation	(1805)	(1390)
Operating Costs	(8 388)	(13 342)
Surplus (Deficit) transferred to Summary	<u>601</u>	<u>(399)</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For the Year Ended 30 June 2001

	2001	2000
	\$	\$
OTHER PROJECTS		
COMMITTEE ON AGEING STATE FORUM OCT 1999:		
Grant Received	-	235
Income - Forum	-	860
Grant Unexpended from prior year	-	3 000
Travel Expenses	-	(1 912)
Other Expenses	-	(2 022)
Surplus (Deficit)	0	161
 CONFERENCE 2000		
Registrations	10 955	-
Dinner	4 253	-
Displays	477	-
Other Income	1 421	-
Venue Hire	(3 900)	-
Travel Expenses	(316)	-
Consultancy	(1 157)	-
Postage, Printing & Stationery	(3 257)	-
Accommodation	(764)	-
Speakers	(3 834)	-
Dinner	(4 445)	-
Equipment Hire	(995)	-
Other Conference Expenses	(765)	-
Surplus (Deficit)	(2 327)	0
 STATE FORUMS		
Income - Delegates	159	-
Grant Unexpended from prior year	500	-
Other Income	507	-
Travel Expenses	(325)	-
Printing & Stationery	(443)	-
Surplus (Deficit)	398	0
 COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND GRANT - COMPUTER		
Grant Received	7 500	-
Computer Equipment Purchased	(7 642)	-
Surplus (Deficit)	(142)	0

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For the Year Ended 30 June 2001

	2001	2000
	\$	\$
OTHER PROJECTS (Cont'd)		
GAMING FUND GRANT COMPUTER TRAINING MODULES		
Grant Received	-	-
Unexpended Grant from prior year	-	5 154
Catering & Venue Hire	-	-
Computer Software	-	(3 096)
Technical Support	-	-
Equipment & Connections	-	(955)
Internet Service Provider	-	(300)
Modem Phone Rent	-	(814)
Other Expenses	-	-
Surplus (Deficit)	0	(11)
 VISION FOR DIVERSITY GRANT		
Grant Received	-	9 560
Audit	-	(100)
Telephone & Fax	-	(300)
Photocopying & Postage	-	(200)
Wages	-	(7 830)
Wages On Costs	-	(1 130)
Surplus (Deficit)	0	0
 PHARMACY PEER PROJECT		
Grant Received	20 270	19 920
Grant Unexpended	(2 334)	(16 174)
Training - Co-ordinator	(5 405)	(419)
Venue Hire	(130)	(678)
Training Materials	(381)	(155)
Travel	(7 908)	(81)
COTA(Q) Management Fee	(1 800)	(2 276)
Postage	(600)	(4)
Session Expenses	(850)	-
Stationery	(80)	(97)
Telephone	(394)	-
Website Maintenance	(388)	(112)
Surplus (Deficit)	0	(76)
 Surplus (Deficit) transferred to Summary	2 071	74

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
For the Year Ended 30 June 2001

	2001	2000
	\$	\$
THE AUSTRALIAN COALITION '99		
Donations Received	-	1 465
Interest Received	-	4
AC'99 Advertising	-	(71)
AC'99 General Expenses	-	(806)
AC'99AC'99 Local Travel	-	(36)
AC'99 Parking	-	(7)
AC'99 Photocopy & Rental	-	(71)
AC'99 Postage	-	(135)
AC'99 Printing & Stationery	-	(795)
AC'99 Telephone & Fax	-	(17)
Surplus (Deficit)	0	469
 NEWSPAPER COLUMN		
Sponsor Income	-	17 986
Expenses	-	(17 986)
Surplus (Deficit)	0	0
 WEBPAGE MAINTENANCE:		
Salaries	-	(6 785)
Salary On-costs	-	(567)
Audit	-	(75)
Computer Support & Maintenance	-	(307)
Computer Supplies	-	(237)
Consultancy Fees	-	(150)
Electricity	-	(130)
Fax & Telephone - Chairman	-	(240)
Internet Service Provider	-	(300)
Postage	-	(328)
Equipment Rental	-	(260)
Premises Rental	-	(520)
Telephone & Fax	-	(375)
Grant Unexpended from prior year	-	10 240
Surplus (Deficit)	0	(34)
Surplus (Deficit) transferred to Summary	0	503

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
For the Year Ended 30 June 2001

	2001 \$	2000 \$
SUMMARY		
General Fund	3 239	5 517
HACC Project 100 Co-ordinator	3 139	449
OPAP Safe and Confident Living	601	(399)
Other Projects	(2 071)	74
IYOP Coalition 99 Secretariat	-	(503)
Total Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	4 908	5 138
Accumulated Members Funds at start of year	91 468	86 330
Accumulated Members Funds at end of year	96 376	91 468

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As At 30 June 2001

	2001	2000
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank		
Cash Management A/c	107 125	114 319
COTA Q A/c 070072	16 301	14 018
Petty Cash Float	150	150
Stock on Hand	-	270
Trade Debtors	1 089	449
Sundry Debtor - CMS Market Support	-	15 000
Concert Expenses Prepaid	2 000	2 480
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	126 665	146 686
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Plant & Equipment (At Cost)	6 912	6 912
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(3 271)	(2 581)
Computers & Peripherals (At Cost)	35 287	33 305
Less Accumulated Depreciation	33 610)	(32 307)
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	5 318	5 329
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>131 983</u>	<u>152 015</u>
 CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued Leave	941	25 191
Unexpended Projects	17 334	31 674
Conference Grant Unexpended	4 000	3 025
HACC MDS Grant Unexpended	1 950	-
Creditors	5 483	657
GST Payable	5 899	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>35 607</u>	<u>60 547</u>
 NET ASSETS	<u>96 376</u>	<u>91 468</u>
 ACCUMULATED MEMBERS FUNDS	<u>96 376</u>	<u>91 468</u>

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland). The directors have determined that the Council is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland) and the following Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

AAS 5: Materiality

AAS 8: Events Occurring After Reporting Date

No other applicable Accounting Standards or mandatory professional reporting requirements have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

- (a) Members' subscriptions are accounted for on a cash receipts basis.
- (b) Property, Plant and Equipment
Property, plant and equipment purchased under capital grants are expensed against the grant income in the year of expenditure. Property, plant and equipment purchased with general funds are capitalized in the books of the Council. Capitalised assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Council
- (c) Income Tax
The Council is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act, 1997.

NATIONAL REPORT

The past 12 months has seen a number of significant successes for the Council on the Ageing across a range of areas.

Policy

During the year, COTA prepared and published 5 submissions to the National Strategy for an Ageing Australia. This was a major undertaking involving over 6 months work for policy staff. COTA has asked for a vision that encompasses a national, long term approach to ageing, adequate universal services and adequate high quality direct services.

A second element of our work in 2000-2001 involved extensive lobbying leading up to the May 2001 Federal Budget and considerable success in realising several key recommendations.

COTA has been very concerned about the situation of many low income older Australians battling to survive in the face of rising costs mainly – but not wholly - related to the GST. Our main budget recommendation for this group was for an annual supplement of between \$250 and \$500. We were therefore pleased that the Government took up some part of the recommendation with a \$300 one-off payment for full and part pensioners.

A major win for COTA in the Federal Budget was the reversal of the 1996 decision to means test the superannuation assets of people 55 and over on income support payments such as unemployment payments for more than 39 weeks. This policy had meant that unemployed people were forced to tell their superannuation fund that they had retired in order to draw down an income stream from their fund – even if the person was actively looking for work and wished to make further contributions to the fund for their retirement. The 2001 budget decision was a very significant achievement which COTA dedicated specific resources to.

In addition, COTA has a number of successes in improving programs and services for older unemployed people in the Government's Welfare Reform Package. The measures included:

- better access to employment and training programs for mature age people in the Job Network
- better early intervention for mature age people to reduce the incidence of long term unemployment
- implementation of a "working credit" system which allow people on social security to earn an additional \$1000 per year through part time and casual work without affecting their payments
- no harsh new "mutual obligation" requirements on older unemployed
- mechanisms for working with business to improve employment practices in regard to older workers through the business-community partnerships.

Information and communication

Our communication program has ploughed ahead with a high level of satisfaction from those who read our materials. The COTA website has almost been overwhelmed with positive feedback on its usefulness. ReportAge provides up to date COTA policies and information on Government policies and directions. The Australasian Journal on Ageing goes from strength to strength. It is now the world's highest circulating journal on ageing on a per capita basis. The relationship continues to grow through our partners Australian Association of Gerontology, Australian Society for Geriatric Medicine, Aged & Community Services Australia and Alzheimers Australia.

COTA News has become an impressive medium to communicate with our 40,000 members and 1500 organisations. Every issue reflects improving content and layout. The origins of COTA News were in South Australia. This reflects a model that enhances the work of COTAs throughout Australia. One COTA develops an idea, (in this case COTA (SA) developed COTA News) and then the idea becomes national to the benefit of all COTAs and their members. Another example is the COTA (WA) computer training which is now being replicated in other states. Other programmes that are spreading across the country include driver training and home safety.

COTA Membership Services provides an ever increasing range of benefits to members. Our household and motor vehicle insurance programs are popular and the travel insurance (without an upper age limit) sells like hot cakes.

Our representation program continues to grow with COTA providing input to every major committee on ageing. Our volunteers give magnificently of their time and expertise in representing older people's issues. The committees cover a vast range of issues including pharmaceuticals, aged care, income security and many more.

Advocacy

Representing older people's views to Ministers and Shadow Ministers and the public service is a major activity of the national office and the President, Sheila Rimmer. We do have successes as reported above..

COTA will continue to vigorously represent the interests of older Australians, particularly those on low incomes. The federal elections will be a major opportunity for COTA to communicate our policies to politicians and aspiring politicians.

Denys Correll
National Executive Director
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ON THE AGEING QUEENSLAND INC.**

Scope

We have audited the financial statements, being a special purpose financial report comprising the Statement of the Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position and the Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2001. The Board is responsible for the financial statements and have determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of the Associations Incorporated Act (Queensland) and the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and described in Note 1, are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial statements have been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act (Queensland). We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial statements to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respect, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statement. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion.

In our opinion the financial statements present fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of the Council on the Ageing Queensland Inc. as at 30 June 2001 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Michael Rice
Michael Rice & Associates
Certified Practising Accountants
Brisbane
29 August 2001