

MEMBERSHIP

As a member of CO.AS.IT. you will be supporting and part of the Italian community in South Australia. You will be supporting CO.AS.IT. to lobby and advocate for the needs of the Italian community to Government and other organisations.

Members will be provided with up to date resources and information regarding services and new initiatives via the CO.AS.IT newsletter, mail-outs and through our website www.coasitsa.org.au

When opportunities arise members will have the opportunity to collaboratively work with CO.AS.IT. on projects, consultations and new initiatives.

Membership to CO.AS.IT. is free!

For more information speak to the CO.AS.IT. Project Officer on 8165 3755 or refer to the membership page at our website.

WE WELCOME YOUR FEEDBACK

CO.AS.IT. is committed to a process of transparent and accountable service delivery. All feedback and suggestions for improvement are welcome.

For more information on CO.AS.IT., to give feedback, compliments or complaints about any of our services please contact the Project Officer or President of the Board at the address below.

All compliments and complaints will be handled in a prompt, confidential and sensitive manner.



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WHAT IS CO.AS.IT.?

Comitato Assistenza Agli Italiani - CO.AS.IT. (SA) Inc. is a collaborative peak body for the Italian community in South Australia developed to support Italian community services with the rapid growth in aged Italian Australians.

The number of older Italians in the South Australian community is growing at twice the rate of the other communities, and faster than other groups who came to Australia after World War II.

CO.AS.IT. is a collaborative initiative of the South Australian Italian community to support existing programs and respond to the growing demand for services. CO.AS.IT. strives to play a key leadership and lobbying role in advancing services for the Italian community in South Australia.

CO.AS.IT. does not deliver direct client services but its role involves supporting Italian and mainstream agencies and information, education and linkage to Italian specific programs.

CO.AS.IT. GOALS

CO.AS.IT.'s goals as set out in our Strategic Plan include;

1. Be a central point of information, advice and referral for the Italian community.
2. Support organisations that provide services to the Italian community to develop community-based services.
3. Develop partnerships with a range of providers to ensure that Italian older people and their carers have access to culturally appropriate services.
4. Identify and address current issues affecting service delivery to the Italian community.
5. Maximise effective volunteer involvement within Italian organisations.
6. Maximise existing resources and infrastructure.
7. Promote traditional, cultural and religious values

MISSION STATEMENT

CO.AS.IT.'s mission is to promote a collaborative approach to providing quality, culturally and linguistically inclusive services that enable older Italian people to continue living as valued members of the community.

FORMATION OF CO.AS.IT.

Organisations that have been part of the development of CO.AS.IT. include

- CIC—Coordinating Italian Committee,
- APAIA—Association of Pensioners and Older People in SA,
- ANFE—Association of Emigrants and their Families,
- Saint Hilarion Aged Care,
- IBF—Italian Benevolent Foundation,
- PISA—Italian Meals and Services for the Elderly and
- NIC—Northern Italian Community

CO.AS.IT. is funded by HACC (Home and Community Care) and was officially launched on 24 January 2003.