

MEDIA RELEASE

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COTA SA Boothby Candidates Forum puts ageing on Federal election agenda

The Council on The Ageing SA (COTA SA) will host a **Boothby Candidates Forum on Ageing** at the Marion Hotel this Thursday.

The forum will include opening speeches, followed by a Q&A session for the audience to quiz candidates about the policies and priorities that will impact older South Australians.

- WHO:** Barbara Pocock, Greens Australia spokesperson
Jo Dyer, Independent candidate
Graeme Clark, United Australia Party candidate
Louise Miller-Frost, Australian Labor Party candidate
Rachel Swift, Liberal Party candidate
- WHAT:** Council on The Ageing SA (COTA SA) Boothby Candidates Forum on Ageing. Opening speeches by each candidate followed by a Q&A session with the audience. Facilitated by COTA SA Deputy President, Anne Burgess AM.
- WHEN:** Thursday, April 28, 2022
10am to 11.30am
- WHERE:** Marion Hotel (Parkview Room)
849 Marion Road, Mitchell Park
- WHY:** To hear how the Boothby candidates will address the key issues affecting older Australians.
- HOW:** Attendees can register for FREE through Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/cota-sa-boothby-candidates-forum-on-ageing-tickets-317374574897>
Media attending are not required to register.

The federal election is an important one for many older South Australians, including those who are:

- experiencing a crisis in aged care or finding it difficult to navigate and access My Aged Care

- in financial stress including because they cannot find housing which is affordable and suitable as they age
- unable to access oral health care which is not part of Medicare
- enduring ageism that is at the basis of elder abuse and poor aged care and that gets in the way of good health care and employment
- worrying about climate change and wanting to do more to ensure future generations will enjoy a healthy planet

COTA SA is an older people's movement and the peak body representing the rights, interests, and futures of more than 633,000 older South Australians aged over 50.

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