

ANNUAL REPORT SWITCHED ON SENIORS INC



Seniors Learning About Mobile devices

1 JANUARY 2025- 31 DECEMBER 2025



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ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA June 26 2026

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Apologies
3. Previous Minutes - AGM Minutes 27th June 2024

Motion

That the members accept the minutes of 27th June 2024

4. Financial Report
5. **Motion** - That the members accept the financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2025
6. Chairperson's Report
7. Any comments or questions
8. **Motion** - That the members accept the Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2025
9. Election of Management Committee
 - Nominations
 - a) Chairperson - Sheena Edwards
 - b) Vice Chairperson - Máire Carlin
 - c) Secretary - Andrea Hewett
 - d) Treasurer - Gerry Ligtermoet
 - e) Committee Members - Fiona Banks, Jeff Dean, Lynn Locke, Kelvin Fairclough

Motion - That all those nominated be elected to the positions they have been nominated for.

8. Meeting Closed

Switched on Seniors Financial Statement 1st Jan to 31st Dec 2025

Income

Attendance Fees	4308
Kogan Membership	\$124.76
Refund	
iPad Sales	\$400.00
Refund iPhone Life membership	\$151.62
City of Rockingham Mornimng Tea donation	\$150.00
COTA Payment- Escript training.	\$5,500.00
Total income	\$10,634.38

Expenses

Rent	\$1,100.00
Catering	\$1,260.48
Transfer to Term Dep account	\$1,789.89
Optus Dongle	\$130.00
Public Liability Ins	\$662.24
Accident Ins	\$412.50
Name Badge Pouches	\$18.95
Admin Honorarium x 10	\$1,383.20
Hdmi Cable - Android	\$19.00
Spotlight Laaser Pointer	\$156.00
Kogan mebeship purchase in eror	\$129.00
Name Badqe Pouches	\$25.45
Handles for large sign	\$11.08
Rekon Fee - banking	\$5.50
App	
iPhone Life membership	\$618.88
Flowers Jan	\$96.74
Flowers Bev	\$95.00
Ink Station	\$48.05
Deposit correction Westp	\$3.00
Budsiness Cards	\$190.00
GST payment	\$45.00
Mobile Experts Ipad cover	\$40.35
JB hiFi iPad	\$1,699.00
Name Badqe Pouches	\$13.00
Website WIX.com	\$437.55
Total Expense	\$10,389.86

ASSETS

Balance at 31 Dec 2025	\$13,825.46	Interest earned
Term Deposit	\$38,393.78	\$3,393.78
Term Deposit	\$10,584.32	\$373.74
Total assets	\$62,803.56	\$3,767.52
Surplus/Deficit 1st Jan to 31st Dec		
Income	\$10,634.38	
Expenses	-\$10,389.96	
Surplus/Deficit	\$244.42	

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

2025 ANNUAL REPORT OF SWITCHED ON SENIORS INC.

2025 was our 13th year of operation. It was a year of growth, recognition, and increasing impact. Developed by seniors for seniors, our peer-led model continued to help older adults gain confidence and independence in using digital technology while building social connections and reducing isolation.

Across our three weekly locations, hundreds of older adults received one-to-one support with smartphones, tablets, apps, online services, cyber safety, and everyday digital tasks. More importantly, participants gained confidence, independence, and the ability to remain connected with family, services, and their communities.

Expanding Our Reach

During 2025, Switched on Seniors was invited to share its model at a range of conferences, expos, and industry events including:

- West Tech Assemblage
- WA Digital Inclusion Project Expo
- WAITTA Mentor It Forward
- Linkwest Conference
- Local Government Community Development Conference

These opportunities increased awareness of digital exclusion among older adults and showcased the effectiveness of peer-led learning.

Our work attracted growing interest from organisations seeking to replicate or learn from the model. Partnerships were developed with Trinity School for Seniors and Spearwood Library to provide training and support them to establish technology learning opportunities within their own communities.

Building Strong Partnerships

Collaboration continued to be central to our success.

We strengthened our relationship with Apple, which provided professional development opportunities for mentors throughout the year. We also met with representatives from Be Connected and the eSafety Commissioner to provide feedback on resources and programs supporting older Australians.

A meeting with the Minister for Seniors, Hon. Simone McGurk MLA, resulted in connections with the UWA McCusker Internship program as well as a student from Curtin University and a number of students from the National Institute of Technology.

The City of Rockingham continued to be a strong supporter, partnering with us on community events and initiatives throughout the year.

Changing Lives Through Technology

A powerful examples of our impact emerged from a lesson on Apple's Find My feature. A participant caring for her husband, who lives with dementia, recognised how the technology could improve his safety and her peace of mind.

This conversation led to a partnership with TADWA, which donated 15 smartphones for use by participants and their families. Devices were configured with simplified layouts where required, ensuring access to technology for those who might otherwise have gone without.

Throughout the year, Switched on Seniors also supported community projects such as the City of Rockingham's Stories for the Ages initiative, helping older adults record and share their life stories using digital tools.

Recognition and Awards

2025 brought significant recognition for the impact of Switched on Seniors.

The organisation was named a finalist in the AlikeWA Support Groups Excellence Awards under the category Transformative Impact and was honoured to win the award.

Liveup (an online healthy ageing platform) recoded a video of two of our groups in operation to feature on their platform.

The program also attracted positive attention from government agencies, community organisations, and digital inclusion leaders across Western Australia and interstate.

Participation and Impact

Attendance Statistics (2025)

- **2,637 Participant Sessions in 2025**

Waikiki

- Average attendance: 59 per month
- Total sessions attended: 590

Autumn Centre

- Average attendance: 64 per month
- Total sessions attended: 642

Shoalwater

- Total attendance: 1,405
- Number of weeks: 44
- Highest weekly attendance: 41
- Average weekly attendance: 32
- Average participant attendance: 15 sessions

Looking Ahead

As technology continues to evolve, the need for accessible, supportive, and person-centred digital learning opportunities becomes increasingly important.

In 2026, Switched on Seniors aims to:

- Support more older adults across the Rockingham region and beyond.
- Strengthen partnerships with libraries, community organisations, and education providers.
- Expand mentor development opportunities.
- Share and evaluate the Switched on Seniors model to support broader adoption.
- Continue reducing digital exclusion among older Australians.
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None of this would be possible without the dedication of our volunteers, mentors, learners, partners, and supporters. Together, we are proving that it is never too late to learn, connect, and thrive in a digital world

Sheena Edwards

Chairperson



