

A photograph of two kangaroos standing on a sandy beach. The larger kangaroo is on the left, and the smaller one is on the right. They are both looking towards the right. In the background, there is a calm sea and a rocky coastline under a clear sky. The image is framed by green geometric shapes on the left and right sides.

# Australia Country Report

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## Structure of Ostomy Associations in Australia

- ▶ Ostomy supplies are paid for by the Australian Government
- ▶ Supplies are distributed via 20 non-profit Stoma Associations
- ▶ The Government pays a fee to the Stoma Associations to distribute products
- ▶ The Associations are all members of The Australian Council of Stoma Associations Inc. (ACSA).
- ▶ ACSA monitors the scheme and is the main contact with Government.

## Ostomates in Australia

- ▶ Approximately 50,000 ostomates Australia wide.
  - ▶ Government spent A\$103.8 million on products for ostomates in 2022
  - ▶ Government paid A\$3.1 million to Stoma Associations to distribute products in 2022
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# Stoma Associations in Australia

- ▶ Purchase and supply products to Ostomates
  - ▶ Ostomates choose their Association
  - ▶ Most associations have volunteers and receive donations
  - ▶ The boards of the associations are ostomates
  - ▶ Associations provide extra services including:  
Stoma Nurses, Information (newsletters, website etc),  
information days
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# Ostomy Medical in Australia

- ▶ Government supports surgery, chemo, radiology
  - ▶ Stomal Therapy Nurses mostly employed in hospitals.
  - ▶ Some Stoma Associations employ a Stomal Therapy Nurse for their members' support
  - ▶ Stomal Therapy Nurses pay for their own specialist training
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# Features of the Australian Situation

- ▶ Good communication with Ostomates as all must get supplies through associations
  - ▶ Committed boards (all ostomates) and staff in non-profit associations with focus on members.
  - ▶ Funding getting tighter as Government support has not increased in many years
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# The End

▶ Thank you for your attention