



MINUTES

Minutes of the General meeting of WASFR Inc. held at the Cambridge Bowling Club, Howtree Place, Floreat, on Friday **11 JULY 2025**.

The President opened the meeting at 10.05am and welcomed the 19 members and 8 visitors present. A warm welcome was also extended to Mr. J. Huston who is the WA Member for Nedlands. Before continuing the President invited M/s Margo Ewers to speak about a survey that the Town of Cambridge is conducting. The Cambridge Senior Services section offers a range of activities that people can enjoy and the survey is simply to invite suggestions regarding any other activities that can be added to the list. Survey forms can be obtained from M/s Ewers.

APOLOGIES:

V. Payne, R. & J. Dawson, G. & J. Howard, R. & H. Ellis

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Moved J. Yeatman, and seconded by I. Moller, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2025 be accepted as a true record. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Investment Group: P. Farr said that the meeting held on 4th July with M/s Sarah Wells as the guest speaker was well received by the 20 members attending. No firm date has yet been set for the next meeting. Peter said that he has several other responsibilities and feels that he will not be able to continue on as the facilitator for this group after the end of the year. Anyone who may be interested in taking over from Peter is urged to "put their hand up".

WA Seniors Peak Body/Advocare: Advocare was appointed as WA's *Seniors Peak Body* as from 1 July 2024. Staffing issues have been responsible for delays in setting up several groups (a *Seniors Reference Group* and a *Seniors Sector Leaders Group*), that were intended to play a large part in future activities. The President attended a meeting on 4th June involving representatives from 25 different organisations, but little time was spent on discussing these 2 new groups. In order to clarify matters the President met with the CEO on 20th June and was advised that these 2 groups may not now eventuate. Discussions have been held with COTA WA and it now transpires that COTA WA will become a "*Secretariat*" for Advocare with responsibilities of expanding Advocare's activities regarding the elderly. Until details are worked out with COTA WA it is uncertain exactly what the outcome will be. The President was advised that matters should be finalised by the end of July and he will then be invited to comment. The existence of the WA Seniors Alliance (WASA) was also discussed but no firm commitments were given.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Emails re Investors Group meeting
- Emails from A.I.R. - Division News plus June edition of *AIR Active*
- Emails to/from Advocare - meeting with CEO on 20th June
- Emails re guest speakers
- Emails from OPAN - incl. June edition of "*The National Advocate*" (also webinar 22nd July)
- Emails re meeting with Tom French on 1st July (new Federal Member for Moore)
 - a brief meeting that did not allow time to fully discuss the Federal submission
 - it is hoped to get a further meeting with Mr. French at a later date
- Emails re *Ageing Well Expo* - 11th to 12th July
 - members were encouraged to attend
- Email from COTA Australia
- Emails re 2025/26 State submission

COMMUNICATIONS: cont.

- Email from Kate Chaney - June newsletter
- Emails from National Seniors - inc. *NSA Connect* 13th, 20th, 27th June and 4th July plus Winter edition of *"Our Generation"*
- Email from Town of Cambridge - July edition plus notice of HLTSS event on 17th July
 - 2025 Healthy Lifestyles Tech Savvy Seniors Event (free entrance and open to anyone)
- Email from Australian Seniors - July/August edition of *"DARE"*
- Email from Dept. of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety - Information Statement
- Emails from CHOICE - 19th, 26th June and 3rd July
- Email from CPSA - June edition
- Brisbane North Retirees - July newsletter
- Emails from ACOSS (8)
- SMSF Weekly News Digests (7)

FINANCE: The Treasurer invited members to look at the monthly financial statement on the back of today's Agenda. Funds available as at 7th July were \$5,872.94 with no outstanding accounts. Moved by M. Harris, seconded by R. Wyatt, that the financial statement be accepted. Carried. No questions from members.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Other: The President reminded members that our AGM is next month and we are encouraging members to nominate for a position on the Committee. There is not a lot of work involved and the more we have on the Committee the easier it is to share the load.

No further general business.

After the morning tea break the President welcomed M/s Talitha Huston who then proceeded to speak on the subject of *"Birds in the Perth Hills"*. Talitha is an only child who was brought up in the hills surrounding Perth and who developed a passionate interest in wildlife in the hills. At the age of 17 she wrote a book titled *"Birds in the Perth Hills"* which has proved popular reading for many people. Talitha used a power-point presentation to illustrate the many different types of birds that exist in WA. There were many questions from members.

At the conclusion of the talk the President made a small presentation to Talitha thanking her for an interesting and informative presentation.

Speakers for the following months are as follows

8 August	Richard Offen	<i>Heroes, Villians and Vagabonds - the people who made Perth what it is today</i>
12 September	Vanessa Fitzgerald	<i>Residential Aged Care - Exploring the changes re funding etc.</i>
10 October	Anita Clayton	<i>Living well with Arthritis</i>

Confirmed

Date

NEXT GENERAL MEETING FRIDAY 8 AUGUST 2025

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