



MINUTES

Minutes of the General meeting of WASFR Inc. held at the Cambridge Bowling Club, Howtree Place, Floreat, on Friday **10 OCTOBER 2025**.

The President opened the meeting at 10.05am and welcomed the 24 members and the 22 visitors.

APOLOGIES:

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Moved I, Moller, and seconded by R. Wyatt, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2025 be accepted as a true record. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Investment Group: Nothing to report at this stage. P. Farr will continue as the facilitator for the foreseeable future. A general comment was made in regard to solar panels and the recent fire that was caused by a faulty installation - not a common problem.

WA Seniors Peak Body/Advocare: It now appears that the earlier suggestion that Advocare would establish a *Seniors Reference Group* and a *Seniors Sector Leaders Group* has been dropped. COTA WA has been appointed to assist Advocare with Secretarial duties and expressions of interest have been invited for a position on a *Seniors Peak Consumer Reference Group*. Nominations close on 10 October so it may be a few weeks before any further information is available.

Following on from the meeting with the WA Minister for Seniors (Simone McGurk) on 8th September we received a response saying that the matter of exemption from Stamp Duty for Seniors when they downsize has been referred to the WA Treasurer. The response was "*This remains a vital source of revenue for the State, helping to fund essential services such as health, education, law and order, and transport. The Government must balance the desire to reduce state taxes, with the need to meet growing community demand for these services. Overall, it is important for us to ensure the tax system remains fair and equitable for all taxpayers.*" In other words - no change.

We expect to have the WA Minister for Seniors as a guest speaker at one of our monthly meetings some time next year.

Seniors Dental Benefit Scheme: The President referred to the letters sent to 3 Federal Ministers in August and reiterated that it was a good sign that retiree organisations, when necessary, are able to combine their efforts in order to achieve a common goal. No responses yet from these 3 Ministers.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Emails re Stamp Duty when "Downsizing" - newspaper articles etc. including response from Minister Simone McGurk's office (1 October)
- Emails re Zoom meeting 22nd September with Asst. Federal Treasurer (Daniel Mulino) - the President gave a short summary of this 30 minute Zoom meeting (no promises were made)
- Email from A. Schipp re Senator Fatima Payman
- Emails to/from Advocare - incl. re *Seniors Sector Leaders Group*
- Email from Dovidia - invitation to function 20th November
- Emails from OPAN - September edition "*The National Advocate*" also webinar 10th October and their 2024/25 Report
- Email from COTA Australia - Aged Care online sessions
- Emails re "What You Need to Know"
- Emails re guest speakers and changes to Minutes

COMMUNICATIONS: *cont.*

- Emails from CHOICE - 18th, 24th and 25th September, 3rd October
- Emails from National Seniors - inc. *NSA Connect* 12th, 19th and 26th September, 3rd October also the Spring edition of "*Our Generation*" and a survey on Aged Care
- Email from Town of Cambridge - the Secretary read the email regarding Workshop "Emergency Redi"
- Emails re a possible SCAM
- Email from Kate Chaney - September newsletter
- Emails re follow-up to meeting with Tom French (on 13th August)
- Brisbane North Retirees - October newsletter
- Emails from ACOSS (5)
- SMSF Weekly News Digests (5)

FINANCE: The Treasurer invited members to look at the monthly financial statement on the back of today's Agenda. Funds available as at 3rd October were \$6,624.04 with no outstanding accounts. No questions from members.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Other: The Secretary reminded members that next month there will be no formal meeting. The guest speaker will commence his presentation immediately after the President opens the meeting. When the speaker has finished (around 11am ??) everyone will be encouraged to "have a cuppa" and enjoy the savoury foods that will be on the table. There is a cost of \$10 for members (\$15 for visitors). In order to get an indication of numbers attending there are coloured pages on each table and you are invited to record your name if you intend to come along.

The President said that an email received that morning indicated that unrealised capital gains would be removed from the proposed legislation surrounding the Division 296 tax - also that the levels would be indexed.

After the morning tea break the President welcomed Danielle Johnston and Anita Clayton to talk about issues revolving around Arthritis and Osteoporosis. Anita is a retired nurse and has worked in remote areas such as Halls Creek. She has had 28 years at the Perth Chest Clinic with the last 10 years in charge of the WA nursing services for Tuberculosis and Migrant Health. When the clinics moved to new premises the building was named "The Anita Clayton Centre" in her honour.

Danielle has just taken on the role of Health Promotion Co-ordinator with Arthritis and Osteoporosis WA (AOWA) and was present as a back-up for Anita who was the main speaker. There was an informative power-point presentation that was well received. Many questions from members and the 22 visitors. At the conclusion of the talk the President made a small presentation to Anita thanking her for an interesting and informative presentation.

Speakers for the following months are as follows

14 November	Dr. Nick Beeching	<i>Traveller's Tales - Learn how to come back the way you left</i>
13 February	Basil Zempilas	TBC
13 March	Roy Stall	<i>The Chinese Navy</i>
10 April	Rakesh Shah	<i>Thinking Holistically about Retirement Q and A</i>

Confirmed

Date

NEXT GENERAL MEETING FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2025

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