

**PSA CPSU NSW RETIRED ASSOCIATES  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
Held on Tuesday 27 August 2024 at PSA House and by Zoom**

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The meeting was chaired by Dave McKeough, President of the PSA/CPSU NSW Retired Associates and commenced at 10.37 am.

**1. Acknowledgement of Country** – John Walz.

**2. Attendance**

**At PSA House** Dave McKeough, Nicola Christie, Robert Asbury, Ysbrand Oosten, John Walz, David Clyant, Paul Turner, Robert Ryan, Barry Blanchard, Samson Raman.

**PSA Representative** Nicole Jess, President.

**PSA Guests** Siobhan Callinan, Manager, ETIO (Environment, Trade, Industry, Other) and Claudia Bianchi, Organisor, ETIO.

**By Zoom** There was an error in the logon code so no Zoom attendance.

**3. Apologies**

Carmel McKeough, Mara Tudorin.

**MOTION:** That the apologies be accepted.

**MOVED:** John Walz      **SECONDED:** Robert Asbury

**CARRIED** Unanimously

**4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 25 June 2024**

**MOTION:** That the minutes be accepted.

**MOVED:** Nicola Christie      **SECONDED:** Barry Blanchard

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

**5. Business Arising**

**5.1 Motion re SSS Superannuation**

Awaiting further advice from the Executive. Nicole Jess will follow up.

**5.2 Mental Health**

Carmel has arranged for Ruth Davis – Mental Health Nurse (Recently retired) to be our December Guest Speaker to discuss looking after mental health and well-being over the Christmas/New Year period.

### 5.3 Promotional materials

Continues to be a work in progress

**Action: Dave and Carmel to follow up with the Communications team.**

### 5.4 Red Tape Articles

Carmel has written an article on Hugh McKay's presentation to the Retired Associates meeting and is waiting for it to be placed in the Red Tape.

### 5.5 Reaching out to un-financial members

Continues to be a work in progress. At 70 years of age a lot of members resign because they are not eligible for the Provident Fund but they don't realise what benefits that they still can gain from being a member e.g. Union Shopper, free will service and cheap insurances, etc.

**Action: Dave McKeough and Carmel McKeough to provide update at next meeting.**

## 6. Reports

### 6.1 PSA CPSU NSW Executive Update - President Nicole Jess

Pay rise discussions with the government are ongoing.  
There has been no sign-off of award conditions.  
There may be a possible removal of icare from the Workers Compensation area.  
PSA after 3% - 4% pay rise due to inflation.  
Examine Justice and Premiers to form one department.  
There was some fact finding done of why there are so many casual employees  
The Minister came to the meeting and there is an open door to the Minister.  
PSA has a positive feeling from the Minister.  
The Government is looking after the cultural institutions as a whole.

Retired Associates thanked Nicole for her presentation.

### 6.2 Sydney Retired Unionists Group – Barry Blanchard

Barry Blanchard discussed the work of the Retired Unionists Group which is part of the ACTU. The first meeting was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August at PSA House with 15-20 members attending. They now have funds in the bank.  
The group's focus is on the big policies such as Housing, Climate Change and Nuclear War. IPEM Group is a member.  
Europe – impact of climate change – heat leading to the death of seniors.  
There is only individual membership with members coming from Victoria, Blue Mountains, Tasmania and South Australia. There is no communication between the Group.

### 6.3 Quality Aged Care Action Group (QACAG) Meeting

Dave McKeough was not available to attend the QACAG meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, 2024. The next meeting will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October, 2024. Refer also Attachment 1.

## 6.4 Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association (CPSA)

No report.

## 7. Correspondence

Nil.

## 8. Motions on Notice

Nil.

## 9. General Business

### 9.1 Vacant Assistant Secretary Position

With the passing of Stan Beal on 12 June 2024, the Committee position of Assistant Secretary became vacant. Ysbrand Oosten was nominated by Robert Asbury to fill the vacancy. John Walz seconded the nomination. All in attendance were in agreement.

### 9.2 Stan Beal's Funeral

Stan's funeral was well attended by Stan's family, PSA staff, also Mike Whitney and many members of Stan's cricket fraternity.

### 9.3 Other Business

Carmel has arranged for Ash Fowler from the Combined Pensioners & Superannuants Association of NSW Inc. to be the Guest Speaker at the October meeting.

Dave McKeough attended an Ageing Well Seminar: Death Dying and Grief on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August at Dougherty Community Centre, Chatswood put on by Kylie Tink MP.

Many topics were covered including:

- the importance of having a will and having it kept up to date,
- having a power of attorney;
- having an enduring guardianship; and
- making sure your family/friends know about your end of life wishes including palliative care and funeral arrangements.

Dave passed around a leaflet from Services Australia explaining who to notify after a person's death. Refer Attachment 2.

Nicola Christie and other attendees briefly spoke about the University of the third Age (U3A) and the vast range of courses available. University of the Third Age Website:  
<https://sydneyu3a.org/>

Some discussion was had on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Public Service and it was agreed that this topic would be good for a future meeting.

Paul Turner asked if the PSA could supply party pies and sausage rolls at the December meeting.

**10. Guest Speaker – PSA Organiser Claudia Bianchi and her Manager, Siobhan Callinan gave an ETIO Update.**

Claudia stated that she had been a PSA Delegate at Taronga Zoo for fifteen years and was a Senior Keeper with the bird show section of the Zoo, Indi Culture included and the platypus project.

Claudia looks after about thirty different areas across Premier and Cabinet, the Botanical Gardens, Centennial Park and the Cultural Institutions.

Cultural Institutions:

Save them due to Covid-19.

Casual groups have become an Advisory Group with seventeen members.

Claudia has monthly meeting with her Delegates.

Cultural Group:

Working to get what is better for all members.

There is a difference in pay between different institutions doing the same work.

Staff are united to standardise pay across all cultural institutions.

Claudia was asked if she could arrange a visit to the Powerhouse Museum at Castle Hill.

Members thanked Siobhan and Claudia for their presentation.

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Retired Associates will be held on Tuesday, 22 October 2024 at PSA House or via Zoom, commencing at 10.30am.

The meeting closed at 12.10pm



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## QACAG Minutes

Thursday 15 August 2024

Annual General Meeting: 13.00 to 15.00

Hybrid at PSA House, Clarence Street SYDNEY 2000 and via Zoom

**Attendees:** Rita Martin (NSWNMA), Margaret Zanghi (Chair), Elaine Todd (Treasurer), Helen Macukewicz, Secretary (NSWNMA), Liz Barton (ACRN), Val Fell, Annette Peters, Pete Newman.

**Apologies:** Janet Ma, Debbie Lang (Vice President - Outgoing), Holly Rebeiro, Mara Tudorin (PSA), Michelle Chaperon (Carers Circle), Sue Perdriau.

Agenda Item	Discussion
Welcome	Acknowledgement of Country was made by Margaret
Minutes of last meeting	Accepted: R Martin Seconded: M Zanghi
Updates to membership	
New members	N/A
Left	N/A
Correspondence	
In	4.7.24 Notification from D Lang of intention to resign as Vice President 14.6.24 Response to ACAT letter from Dept of Health and Aged Care 5.7.24 Response from NSW Health re: NSW Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 23.7.24 Email and hard copy letter from ACQSC requesting feedback about information for people accessing services



Out	Invitation to apply for Vice President role EOI by 29.7.24 18.6.24 Co-signed letter in follow up to NSW Aged Care Roundtable submission to NSW Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation
Tabled	
	Nil
Matters arising from the previous minutes	
Sydney Launch of translated 10Q 1 October 2024	Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, \$225 per stall, QACAG will be holding a stall and invited attendees to help run. Annette Peters volunteered.
ACAT	Concerns continue about the change of ACAT services to SAS, reports of wait list for home care assessments of over a year. 600 people on wait list. Workers report mostly online assessments and no cars to undertake the role (VIC). Val has recent experience of no hospital discharge assessments, Care Connect a privately contracted service by NSW Health have poor continuity of care models and haven't been audited by the ACQSC since 8/6/21. Home care space is becoming more dysfunctional. <b>Action: Group to investigate further and possible letter to be sent to Ministers.</b>
Standing Items	
Presidents Report (AGM)	This will be sent with minutes.
Treasurers Report	Full report to be sent with minutes. On 30 June 2024 there was \$5265.74, half the annual insurance paid : \$477.88 and \$100 for the stall at the upcoming Illawarra Dementia Forum. As of 6 August 2024 there is \$4874.86. Reminder letters for outstanding annual fees in June 2024. <b>Action: All members are reminded to pay annual fees owing</b>
Aged Care Roundtable	M. Zanghi gave an update to QACAG on the meeting on 1 August 2024. Concerns raised through the Roundtable about the movement of existing publicly run ACAT aged care assessment services

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	to the new Single Assessment Service, loss of a Central Coast mobile x-ray service and the Inspector-General Aged Care. Inspector-General Aged Care has released an interim report. <b>Action: Rita to send the summary report to Helen for distribution</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>	Winter edition currently being produced with communications team NSWNMA.
<b>ACQSC Family and Consumers Panel</b>	Margaret Zanghi was involved in providing recent feedback about aged care advisory bodies, fed back there was a need for clinical presence on committees and workers.
<b>Member Actions – local events</b>	None in this period.
<b>CARA</b>	No updates.
<b>OPAN/COTA meetings</b>	No updates.
<b>Department of Health and Aged Care Liaison Group</b>	Margaret attended (QACAG) Helen attended (NSWNMA) focus on mental health of older people, not much continuity or opportunity to influence policy.
<b>New Business</b>	
<b>Member activity</b>	Annette Peters is trying to get a meeting with her local Fed MP Susan Templeman. Handed out QACAG brochures at her local GP but no interest.
<b>Election of Officers for 2024/25</b>	President: Margaret Zanghi re-elected uncontested Vice President: No nominees, position remains vacant Treasurer: Elaine Todd re-elected uncontested Secretary: Helen Macukewicz re-elected uncontested Rita Martin retains position of returning officer
<b>Workforce advocacy</b>	General discussion around the workforce crisis in aged care, and failure to progress the work of the Aged Care Workforce Taskforce (J Pollairs). Need for more numbers, worker registration and training, need to draw this to Ministers attention. <b>Action: Helen to draft a letter.</b>

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<b>AOB</b>	
<b>NSWNMA Survey</b>	NSWNMA has an anti-racism survey open, any member who is, or has links with NSWNMA members please share the link. Survey is open until 31 August 2024.  <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KJN83YP">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KJN83YP</a>
<b>Future meeting venue</b>	PSA House is undergoing refurbishment and as such, a temporary move back to the NSWNMA Offices for face to face meetings is required in the short term.

**Next Meeting: 17 October 2024 NSWNMA Offices 50 O'Dea Avenue, WATERLOO 2017 and Online**



## Who to notify checklist

The following table lists the people and organisations you may need to contact if someone has died.

Person or organisation to be contacted	Notified of death Yes/No	Contact details	Details of person who died, for example, account number, Medicare number
<b>Australian Death Notification Service.</b> This is a free online government service to help you notify multiple organisations at once.		deathnotification.gov.au	
<b>Australian Electoral Commission</b>		132 326	
<b>Australian Taxation Office</b>		132 861	
<b>Banks and credit unions</b>			
<b>Centrelink</b>		132 300	
<b>Child Support</b>		131 272	
<b>Clubs such as the Returned and Services League</b>			
<b>Credit card and hire purchase providers</b>			
<b>Department of Veterans' Affairs</b>		133 254	
<b>Education provider such as school, TAFE or university</b>			
<b>Employers</b>			
<b>Executor of the Will</b>			
<b>Family and friends</b>			
<b>Foreign pension authority. If the authority's details are unknown, contact Centrelink's International Services</b>		131 673	
<b>Funeral bond provider</b>			
<b>Funeral director</b>			
<b>Funeral insurance company</b>			

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Health benefits fund			
Health professionals such as doctor, physiotherapist, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist			
Hearing centre			
Hospital			
Insurance companies			
Landlord, tenants			
Local council			
Local post office			
Medicare		132 011	
My Aged Care		1800 200 422	
Prepaid funeral insurer			
Professionals such as solicitor, accountant, financial advisor			
Public services such as library and state authorities			
Public Trustee			
Religious advisor			
Social worker			
Superannuation fund			
Telecommunication providers such as phones, internet			
Utilities such as gas, electricity and phone companies			
Vehicle registration and licensing authorities			