

**PSA CPSU NSW RETIRED ASSOCIATES  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
Held on Tuesday, 25 February 2025 at PSA House and by Teams**

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The meeting was chaired by Dave McKeough, President of the PSA/CPSU NSW Retired Associates and commenced at 10.35 am.

**1. Acknowledgement of Country** – Robert Asbury

**2. Attendance**

**At PSA House** Dave McKeough, Carmel McKeough, Robert Asbury, Ysbrand Oosten, David Clyant, John Walz, Barry Blanchard, Robert Ryan, Samson Ramen, Wayne McMillan

**PSA Representatives** Kim Ward, Marko Petrovic

**By Teams** Nicola Christie, Isabella Ramirra, Patricia Nethery

**3. Apologies**

Mara Tudorin, Jeanette Beer, Bret Leech, Paul Turner, Robert Pike

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

**MOVED:** Ysbrand Oosten      **SECONDED:** Robert Asbury

**CARRIED** Unanimously

**4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 3 December 2024**

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

**MOVED:** Robert Ryan      **SECONDED:** Ysbrand Oosten

**CARRIED:** Unanimously

**5. Business Arising**

**5.1 Motion re SSS Superannuation**

Carmel tabled the email sent to Nicole Jess and advised that she had yet to receive a response. Following discussion the motion below was put to the group:

*That the PSA/CPSU prepare a letter to the General Secretary setting out the chronology of this matter and the lack of responsiveness from the PSA to date.*

*That this matter is placed on the Executive's notice paper for action and resolution.*

*Furthermore if a response is not forthcoming Retired Associates will seek to have the matter place on the agenda of Central Council.*

**MOVED:** Barry Blanchard

**SECONDED:** Nicola Christie

CARRIED: Unanimously

**Action: Carmel McKeough to prepare letter in consultation with Dave McKeough**

## 5.2 Promotional materials

No update

## 5.4 Red Tape Articles

Carmel tabled the email sent to the General Secretary requesting a standing item for retired associates in Red Tape. No response received as yet.

## 5.5 Reaching out to un-financial members

Refer to PSA Executive discussion.

## 6. Reports

### 6.1 PSA CPSU NSW Executive – Kym Ward, Manager Member Services and Governance

Kym gave the following update about value added available to retired associates. Retired Associates have access to the following member benefits:

Red Tape – quarterly

One free consultation about any legal matter (other than an industrial matter) – McNallys

Free basic will

Union Shopper

Union Health

Banking Discounts – Australian Mutual Bank

Provident Fund (\$4000) – up to age 70 only

Foundation House – immediate family members who reside with them

Gidget Foundation – Free service on GP's referral – 10 sessions

Shoes2U

Raging Waters

Mizuno

Welfare Rights Centre

Citizen Watches

Zembl – (formerly Make it Cheaper) energy comparison switch

Primi – Italian Restaurant at 99 on York Club

Stella Insurances – extra discount 10% on insurances for Car and Pet Insurance

Personal and Accident Insurance – all financial retired members up to age 75

### **Not available to Retired Associates**

Emergency Ambulance Cover

Journey Insurance

PSA Scholarships for children (results from previous HSC)

### **Unfinancial Retired Associates**

Kym advised that these are members that have not paid fees for up to the last 2 years (we keep them on database for 2 years). They will fall unfinancial if haven't paid after end June

when the accounts are sent out. We post to postal address accounts every quarter if not paid. If they are current and paid up we send an account every July

As at 31 January 2025 there were 931 retired associates – 672 are financial members. Membership is 63% male and 37% female. Kym advised that 146 have no email addresses.

It was agreed that Carmel would act to encourage retired associates to advise the PSA about their email addresses. This request would be included in the next bulletin to associates.

Dave advised that retired associates could be better utilised when the PSA is holding rallies. Kym advised that a pre-election rally would be held at Parramatta on 4 March and gave an undertaking to forward details. Kym further advised that a new members portal will shortly be up and running which will provide more information and simplify payment of fees.

Retired associates' fees are currently \$36.75 (without the provident fund) and \$42.45 (with the provident). There was general agreement that this represented great value for money and the low fees along with value added benefits needed to be better communicated.

We thanked Kym for her presentation.

**Action: CM to include a request for retired associates to provide email addresses to the PSA and the very low membership fees in the next bulletin**

## 6.2 Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association (CPSA)

No report as Carmel was unable to attend the February meeting.

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

Refer Attachment A.

## 6.4 Sydney Retired Unionists Group (SRUG)

SRUG is seeking to hold a forum on state capture by fossil fuel companies. Meeting will be held on 24 March 2025

## 7. Correspondence Nil

## 8. Motions on Notice Nil

## 9. General Business

### 9.1 PSA CPSU Retired Associates 2025 Elections

Dave and Carmel will contact Dylan Smith about the running of elections for office bearers which are due this year.

### 9.2 Access to Glebe Light Rail Station

Robert Ryan raised the problems at Glebe Light Rail Station in terms of no lights or lift and poor access. The station is dangerous, particularly at night. Following discussion the motion below was put to the group:

*That the PSA CPSU NSW Retired Associates writes to the Minister for Transport requesting that prompt action is taken to improve lighting, safety and access at Glebe Light Rail Station. This includes giving close consideration to the installation of lifts.*

MOVED: Robert Ryan

SECONDED:

Robert Asbury

Carried Unanimously

**Action: Carmel to prepare letter for General Secretary's signature**

### 9.3 Relationship with PSA

We had a general discussion about how this could be improved.

### 10. Guest Speaker – Marko Petrovic

Marko Petrovic, PSA Industrial Officer and WHS educator joined the meeting as our guest speaker. Marko's presentation addressed the following:

- Importance of WHS – greater priority with large WHS conference organised by ACTU in October last year;
- Improved roll-out of HSR representatives;
- Psychosocial hazards in the workplace – there has been a 150% increase in reporting;
- Working with agencies and other unions to improve investigation and resolution of psychosocial hazards in the workplace;
- Younger generation is tending to report more as the stigma associated with mental health issues is reducing;
- It is the tip of the iceberg in terms of what is actually happening compared with the level of reporting.
- SafeWork now has standalone executive status.
- 100 new inspectors at SafeWork
- SafeWork, ICARE, SIRA and EPA – greater focus on regulation under Minns Government;
- Work of the Respect at Work Taskforce discussed;
- Industrial manslaughter laws enacted;
- ICARE – huge problems under former Coalition Government
- Reforms underway including changes to the Board; and
- There is empirical evidence and research that directly correlates better compliance with WHS when there is greater union density in the workplace.

There was general discussion about the issues raised by Marko. We thanked Marko for his presentation.

### 11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Retired Associates will be held on Tuesday, 22 April 2025 at PSA House or via Teams, commencing at 10.30am. Dave will be an apology.

The meeting closed at 12.55pm.



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## QACAG Minutes

Thursday 20 February 2025

Ordinary Meeting: 13.00 to 15.00

Hybrid at NSWNMA, 50 O Dea Avenue, WATERLOO, NSW 2017 and via Zoom

**Attendees:** Margaret Zanghi (Chair), Elaine Todd (Treasurer), Helen Macukewicz, Secretary (NSWNMA), Rita Martin (NSWNMA), Pat Joyce.

**Apologies:** Janet Ma, Glenys Moffit, Pete Newman, Sue Perdiau, Debbie Lang, Annette Peters, Selen Akinci, Glenda Gavin, Mara Tudorin, Val Fell.

Agenda Item	Discussion
<b>Welcome</b>	Acknowledgement of Country was made by Margaret
<b>Minutes of last meeting</b>	Not available for the meeting, apologies were given by Rita who verbally provided feedback. Financial status of members and membership totals were key priorities arising, no actions from correspondence in/out. Action for members to continue attempts to raise the profile of QACAG. Usual updates and reports but no actions arising. Minutes will be drafted and sent.
<b>Updates to membership</b>	
<b>New members</b>	N/A
<b>Left</b>	N/A
<b>Correspondence</b>	
<b>In</b>	2 December 2024: Response re Single Aged Care Assessment from Minister Wells.
<b>Out</b>	17 February 2025: QACAG Newsletter – Summer Edition



4 October submission to Aged Care Bill 2024

<b>Tabled</b>	Nil
<b>Matters arising from the previous minutes</b>	
<b>Aged Care Justice submission to the Rules – Aged Care Act</b>	No further updates
<b>Membership numbers/future direction</b>	Discussion occurred regarding dwindling membership. <b>Action: Elaine to follow up options.</b>
<b>Outstanding payments</b>	Elaine will investigate.
<b>ACAT</b>	NSW Aged Care Roundtable are pursuing gaps in service provision and hospital discharge
<b>Standing Items</b>	
<b>Treasurer report and membership update</b>	Elaine provided a financial report for this period. No changes to finances.
<b>Aged Care Roundtable</b>	M. Zanghi gave an update to QACAG on the last meeting. Problems with hospital discharges, possible privatization of mobile x-ray services and funding for CPSA/OWN discussed.
<b>Newsletter</b>	Autumn edition currently open to ideas and stories. Summer Edition released this week.
<b>ACQSC Family and Consumers Panel</b>	No new opportunities.
<b>Member Actions – local events</b>	Annette met Susan Templeman. No outcomes.
<b>CARA</b>	No activity.
<b>OPAN/COTA meetings</b>	Several information sessions on the new Aged Care Act planned. COTA two day event planned in 3 and 4 April 2025. Webinar 25 March 12-1pm online – New Aged Care Act.



<b>Department of Health and Aged Care Liaison Group</b>	Margaret and Helen attending the next meeting on 4 March. Margaret provided an update on the 3 December 2024 meeting.
<b>New Business</b>	
<b>Council of Elders</b>	Val Fell to remain for a further year. Congratulations to Val.
<b>Seniors Week</b>	NSW Seniors Week 2025, COTA will have a stall at the EXPO and promote 10Q – Elaine. KC 12 and 13 March 2025. This is free, QACAG members are encouraged to attend. <a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/arts-and-culture/seniors-festival/whats-on/expo">https://www.nsw.gov.au/arts-and-culture/seniors-festival/whats-on/expo</a>

**Next Meeting: 17 April 2025 NSWMA Offices 50 O’Dea Avenue, WATERLOO 2017 and Online**

2025
19 June
21 August
16 October
27 November (Final meeting of the year)

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