



Retirees Review

President's Message

We have had some excellent Social Club bus trips this year and there is more over the page. We encourage our members to try them out. They certainly are good value for money.

The Special General Meeting in May was well supported by members attending and all resolutions were passed by a huge majority. Grateful thanks for your support.

Our Annual General Meeting is on Friday, 19 September 2025 at the Pagoda Ballroom in Como. I look forward to your support at the AGM. The invitation is in this newsletter.



Candessa Ashbury
Acting State President

Our new Specialist Board Members are really helping Retirees WA with sub-committee work and investigations, and we will be ratifying their appointment at our Annual general Meeting in September.

We have recently opened our third wing at Salter Point Aged Care Facility. If you wish to visit this facility and like a tour of it, please contact the Facility on 9313 0000.

Andrew Kruger has been appointed as our Chief Finance Officer and Henrietta de Sa as our Chief Executive Officer. Both are doing excellent work.

Christmas in July is on Thursday, 17 July 2025. Many thanks to the Tuart Hill Branch for hosting this event.

If you would like to be part of one of these vibrant Branches, contact Head office for a Branch near you. Thank you.



ELECTION NEWS

There are five positions that come up for elections this year on the Board of Retirees WA. If you are interested, please call head office on 9362 0100 for an election package. We are always looking for quality Board Members.



93rd Annual Congress

Friday 19 September 2025

Pagoda Ballroom

112 Melville Parade

Como WA

Guest Speaker

Janet Whitfield, Laugh WA

Inc

9.30am for a 10am start

Light Lunch will be served

at the conclusion of the

Congress followed by

The Annual General Meeting

RSVP: 1st September 2025

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FUNERAL FUND NEWS

It all began in 1934 when Retirees WA took on the role of looking after its pensioners and offered a funeral fund to its members, like no other in Australia.

Retirees WA Inc arranges for funeral services to be provided to its members and allow its members to pay their fund in installments.

To safeguard our members' monies, Retirees WA opened a Trust Account and executed a Trust Deed and a Deed Poll.

With the latest report on the ABC, Retirees WA wishes to reassure its members that all existing and future claims in relation to their funeral fund contributions will be honoured.

Towards the nearing of the end of each financial year, Retirees WA goes into negotiations with the various groups of Funeral Directors for a contract price for the next financial year.

For the 2025-2026 financial year, the Independent Funeral Directors and the Independent WA Family Owned and Operated Funeral Homes have increased their prices by 3% keeping it close to the CPI of Australia.

On the other hand, the WAFDA and Invocare Options of PLFD and Simplicity Funerals are considering increasing their prices considerably (and at the time this newsletter went to print, we hadn't got confirmed information).

Should our members falling under these categories wish to speak to Retirees WA, Please call us on 9362 0100.

Social Club

Bookings Open 5 Aug 2025

Araluen and the Tulips

Date: Tuesday, 19th August 2025

Morning tea will be at Kettle Café before we head to Araluen Botanical Gardens to view the amazing tulips and gardens. We will have a 2-course lunch at the Gosnells Hotel.

COST: \$80.00 per person, includes morning tea, entry fee and lunch.

A fishy trip to the AQWA

Date: Tuesday, 16th September 2025

We start our day with morning Tea at Bella Rosa Café and then head up to the AQWA. We shall have fish and chips for lunch at the Hillary's boat harbour.

COST: \$80.00 per person, includes morning tea, entry fee and lunch.

Discovering Cervantes

Date: Tuesday, 21st October 2025

After leaving Perth we will travel to Burns Beach Café for morning tea. Then travel up Indian Ocean Drive to the Cervantes. Lunch will be at the Lobster Shack followed by a Tour of Lobster Factory where you can purchase fresh

seafood to take home before heading back to Perth.

COST: \$80.00 per person, includes morning tea and lunch.

Historic York Tour

Date: Tuesday, 18th November 2025

We head off to Mundaring for morning tea. We drive through the countryside to historic York. Take a seat at the Beautiful Settlers House for a two course roast lunch. Then wander and look over this wonderful town. Make a visit to the top of Mt Brown and enjoy the views from the lookout.

COST: \$80.00 per person, includes morning tea and lunch.

Surprise Christmas outing

Date: Saturday, 13th December 2025

Please wear your Christmas attire for this outing.

We shall stop for morning tea before we head off for our surprise. Now if we are well behaved, Santa may also visit us.

COST: \$80.00 per person, includes morning tea, entertainment and lunch.

All trips depart from the Tourist Bus Stand (James Street) at 9am sharp Or 915 Albany Hwy, East Victoria Park at 8.15am and return between 4pm and 5pm.

PS: Some food venues may change due to circumstances beyond our control.

Anzac Day Poem

More than a hundred years ago today, a band of soldiers went away,
To fight a war on foreign soil, where, in muddy trenches they did toil,
Husbands, Fathers, Uncles, Sons, all bravely faced the enemies' guns,
Desperate to survive in a living hell, side by side they fought and fell.
And so, the ANZAC name was written into our history,
And forever linked to the battlefields of Gallipoli.

Today across our great vast lands,
We gather to the sounds of military bands.
And throughout our cities we line the streets,
In respect and in awe of the ANZAC feats,

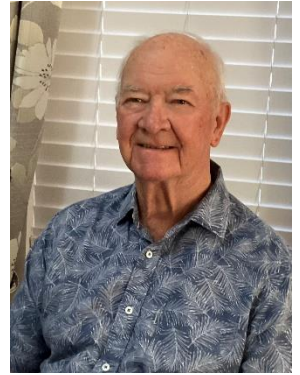
We see troops of soldiers marching in line abreast,
With shiny medals pinned to chests,
As air force jets fly through the sky, a band of bagpipes pass on by,
Excited children with dads and mums cheering to the sounds of drums,
And tireless veterans all showing their age and so proud to be seen on the ANZAC stage,
And so, as we stand and reflect in the setting sun,
Another ANZAC day's been done.

I was born in 1940 at the height of the Second World War,
And for years I was quite oblivious to the things I heard and saw,
But as I grew, I became aware of a fact that made me sad,
So, I asked my Mum, am I the only kid in school who hasn't got a dad.

A dad to help me grow big and strong, to teach me right from wrong,
A dad to show me how to kick a ball, or catch me if I fall,
A dad to be there at the church, on the day I say, "I do",
But he'll never see my family grow, for those he never knew,
Or hugged his grand kids to his chest, or bounced them on his knee,
All because a senseless war took my dad from me.

I have often heard the expression used "that was the war to end all wars"
Though even now there are aggressive leaders who invade other countries' shores,
But we've built memorials from previous wars, and they're dotted far and wide,
Around the world you'll see them too, showing the names of those who've died,
It's pointless in explaining the futility of war 'cause there's evidence everywhere,
Though it seems to me that those in power simply just don't care,

Now everlasting peace on earth is what I dearly yearn,
But to those who rain down death and destruction I ask, why don't you ever learn.



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