

Victorian members and their guests are invited to the next Victorian PS Superannuants (APSS) hybrid meeting being held on Wednesday 26 November 2025, starting with a celebratory end of year luncheon at 12.30 PM.

We are hopeful of obtaining a specialist speaker from the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation to address members on the issue of Death and Reversionary pension benefits.

The following questions have been submitted to the CSC for their consideration:

1. The 1976 CSS Act, Part VI, Division 3, under sections 95 and 95A make a provision for newly started reversionary pensions to be turned into a lump sum. Please advise the current threshold, pension valuation factors used and level of take-up. Under what circumstances is this section used/available, as this does not appear to be mentioned in application forms for reversionary pensions. For some spouses this would be attractive.
2. The CSS scheme transaction growth is now for reversionary benefits to spouse and children. The spouse application forms look simple but multiple spouses are now possible with blended families, so CSC must obtain more information that will prolong the decision process and commencement of Reversionary benefits when no money is coming in for the bereaved. Can you provide details of the paperwork actually required (the CSS application form looks very limited for what could be required) in the common case and in the more extreme cases for lump sum and pension benefits. Some CSC claim forms that are presented when querying the Website regarding CSS want probate and Wills provided, that seem totally foreign to the scheme design and can easily add six months to claim resolution. Can you provide time statistics from a) pensioner death, to b) initial applications, c) CSC accepted application and d) first payment to widows bank accounts, so we understand the complexity in time. We see this as an educative role towards our members to adequately prepare for these events.
3. Can a member simplify the reversionary claim process for their partner during their life with CSC by provision of documents prior to death

Our meeting venue is again at the South Melbourne Community Centre, corner Park Street & Ferrars Place, South Melbourne, Victoria. If you are not mobile or within commuting distance, the online part of the meeting begins at 1:30pm AEST (Melbourne) time. Timings for this event are: 12:30 to 1:30PM – Luncheon and Social Mingling.

1:30 to 3PM – Presentation by CSC spokesperson followed by another update from Peter Baker on technology items of interest, time permitting.

Members attending the meeting either in person or online will be given the opportunity to:

- Join our Association as a New Member, or
- To renew your Membership, or
- Make a voluntary levy donation to operations of the Association.

Victorian member meetings are held on the last Wednesday of March, June, September and November, commencing at 12:30PM with light lunch and refreshments and the guest speaker hybrid presentation commencing at 1:30pm.

It was recently agreed by the Victorian Committee that future meetings in 2026 should continue with the current format and venue at the South Melbourne Community Centre.

The Victorian Branch maintains an open communication online questionnaire for you to ask questions and suggest meeting topics prior to each meeting. You can access this by [clicking here](#).

