

The Victorian Branch held its first meeting for this calendar year on 25th March 2026 at the South Melbourne Community Centre on the topic of Volunteering and Community Engagement. Our guest speaker was **Shirlene Standish from South-East Volunteers** and a native of the United States who had spent extensive time working, volunteering and travelling around the world before settling in Melbourne. Shirlene spoke about volunteering opportunities and benefits as well as available training for volunteers. Examples included the L to P learner driver program and social support services available to older Australians.



Peter Baker then presented an online information session on the topic of Artificial Intelligence and explained how the various open AI platforms such as Gemini and Chat GPT operate.

The in-

person meeting attendees also enjoyed a light lunch prior to the presentations including tea and coffee and enjoyed the usual social mingling.

Members may watch a recording of these presentations on the PS Superannuant web site in the Member's Portal. In addition, PowerPoints of both presentations are available on our website's Speakers Corner.



### **Future 2026 Meetings**

The next Victorian Member's meeting will be held on 24 June 2026 at the South Melbourne Community Centre and an invitation to a local State member of Parliament has been sent, awaiting confirmation. Victorian meetings for the remainder of 2026 will be held on the last Wednesday of June, September and November. Members from all states are welcome to attend meetings if visiting Melbourne at the time (starting at 12:30pm) or join the meeting via Zoom (at 1:30pm AEST). You are welcome to invite current public sector employees, former colleagues, friends, or partners to our Meetings and to join our Association at our meetings or beforehand.

An invitation has also been sent to a CSC Board member to attend a future Victorian members meeting. The Victorian Division is interested to hear what the CSC is able to offer our members in terms of post-retirement advice and importantly listen to feedback that could assist the Board with future decisions as to how best to support them in retirement.

The Victorian Branch also maintains an open communication online questionnaire for you to ask questions and suggest meeting topics prior to each meeting – [complete responses by clicking here.](#) Alternatively, you may email us at [APSSuper1927.Vic@gmail.com](mailto:APSSuper1927.Vic@gmail.com)