

Victorian Branch Update – September 2026

The next hybrid meeting of the Victorian Branch is due on Wednesday 30 September at the South Melbourne Community Centre and via Zoom where we have invited a Member of our Association to talk with us about a topical subject “My Search for Affordable Hearing Aids”.

Retirees are amongst the highest users of hearing aids in Australia. Our members, who are typically self-funded, face a significant cost in acquiring quality hearing aids.

PS Superannuants member Ed Blake conducted a long search for his first pair of hearing aids and was surprised at what he found. Ed has agreed to share his findings with members. His talk will include low-cost sources of hearing assistance products as well as the purchase of approved hearing aids from licensed practitioners.



Ed had a long career, mainly in the telecommunications industry, including 27 years with Telstra (and its predecessors: PMGs Dept and Telecom Australia) and 20 years in private enterprise. Along the way Ed gained an interest in product marketing which made him fond of researching technological purchases.

His presentation will raise issues about the fairness of hearing aid marketing in Australia and whether some activism is warranted.



Following our September meeting’s special guest speaker will be another informative IT presentation from Peter Baker. Peter has offered to speak about “Understanding Computer Passwords, Password Manager Programs and Passkeys”. It is always worth listening to his tips especially for a senior’s IT life.

The in-person meeting attendees will enjoy a light lunch and good conversations prior to the start of the presentations. Members may join us live and get their questions answered. Later you can watch a recording of these presentations on the PS Superannuant web site in the Member’s Portal. In addition,

PowerPoints of these presentations are available on our website's Speakers Corner.

Victorian meetings for the remainder of 2026 will be held on the last Wednesday of 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.

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