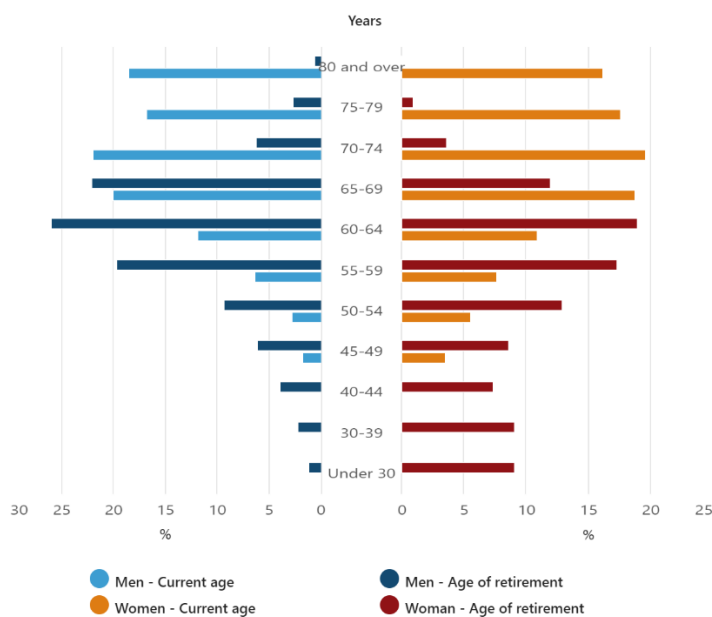


Academic Task 1

The current age of Australian adults over 45 in 2018 and the age at which they retired is given by the bar chart.



men retire later

about 25% of women already retired by 45, only 7% men.

by 64, another 50% = 75% women retired by 64, men = 52% most in the 55 - 64 age group

Most men retire between 55 - 69 = 68%

men 22% retire by 69, catching up to women. 90,5, 95.4

Note: Age of retirement is the age when people retired from the labour force (i.e. ceased working and/or looking for work).
Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia 2018-19 financial year

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.

The graph shows the retirement age versus the actual age of Australian men and women in 2018. It can be clearly seen that men tend to work for longer than women.

Australian women begin to retire from the workforce very early, with 25% of females having retired by the age of 44 versus only around 7% of men for the same age group. The percentage of women retiring continues to grow steadily until 64 years of age, with another 50% of ladies having retired by then. The proportion of retirees then proceeds to decrease, 13% for those aged 65-69, and the remainder between 70 and 79 with no women working over the age of 80.

Men retire much later than women and the ages are not as evenly spread with the vast majority, around two-thirds, retiring between the ages of 55 and 69. Only about one-fifth retired before 55 and around 10% after 69. Also, in contrast to women, a small proportion of men, around 1% are still working after 80 years of age.

Academic task 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Many people believe that the conservation of our built heritage is important, while other people believe that it makes more financial sense to remove old, decaying buildings and build anew.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Model Answer

Although it appears more sensible to demolish old buildings and erect new ones, retaining old historically significant buildings is essential for several reasons and need not be a financial liability to the country.

The preservation of selected old buildings is vital to transmit knowledge of the past and significant historical events to future generations. These buildings immerse visitors in history in a way that is not attainable from books or videos. The sheer beauty, of what are often the last example of their kind, is another compelling reason for retaining and restoring these buildings. Conservation also makes financial sense as when the site is fully restored, it can earn income for the country from school tours and tourists, often quite substantial amounts.

However, modern cities simply do not have the land available to preserve all historical buildings. One way around this issue is to repurpose the old building while retaining the façade, and often much of the original layout. In this way the sense of history given by the streetscape is maintained while not losing any modern functionality. For example, old churches, hospitals, and factories have been successfully converted into schools, office buildings, shopping centres and apartments. Plaques explaining the history of the buildings are erected on the site as well. In this way, the built heritage is maintained, and the government can earn income from the sale of the properties, while not incurring any expenses.

While it would be nice to conserve and restore all our built heritage sites, this is not financially feasible. Instead, refurbishing only the most important and recycling or demolishing the rest is a more realistic option.

