

News Update

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**A note from
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Chairman, Trustee Board

Our Centenary milestone

This year, we're celebrating an extraordinary milestone—100 years as a super fund. It's extraordinary for several reasons, not least of which is that only a few funds in Australia can make similar claims.

Our centenary reflects what super is all about—caring for members and their savings through accumulation and then seamlessly into retirement.

Having grown from just 600 members in 1916, more than 75,000 members now entrust us to look after their savings for the future. And we're in good company to celebrate 100 years: in 2016, two of our pension members will celebrate their 100th birthdays, making nine centurions among our membership. There's more about our centenary on page 2.

Making it easier for you to keep in touch with your super

Last year, we made it easier for you to check your super balance and sign into your online account by using NetBank.

This year, we've continued our focus on offering you better ways to electronically access the right information when and where you want to access it.

In your online account, you'll see a new dashboard page bringing together key account details in one simple screen, better self-service for login and password retrievals and enhanced security features.

We're also working on enhancing your member statements, including the option to receive these electronically. We hope to make this available to you shortly.

Supporting all of these digital changes is our new website, launched in March this year, with a wider range of content to help you make decisions about your super, as well as a format that is a better reading experience whether you're on a smart phone, tablet or desktop. If you haven't already had a chance, I'd encourage you to take a look around our new and improved oursuperfund.com.au.

Thank you

We are grateful to you for entrusting us to manage your retirement savings. The Board is immeasurably helped in that regard by the dedication of the fund's executive management and their teams, our administrators, fund managers and all of our service providers. Tony Togher retired from the Board this year after 12 dedicated years—my sincere thanks to him and all the members of the Board.



Making it even easier to get financial advice.

Getting advice that considers your personal circumstances could help you map out how your pension income can support your lifestyle throughout retirement.

It could also help you identify and prepare for any milestones that happen along the way, which can impact your long-term finances.

As a member, it may now be even easier for you to seek financial advice.

If you receive advice from any licensed financial adviser of your choice in relation to your Retirement Access account, you may elect for us to pay the fee (which you agree with your adviser) to your adviser and to deduct the amount from your account balance. This may be a tax-effective way to pay for financial advice.

For details (including terms and conditions), refer to our 'request to pay advice fee' form available from oursuperfund.com.au/forms.

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CELEBRATING OUR CENTENARY IN 2016

Commonwealth Bank Group Super has been helping to enhance the financial wellbeing of our members for 100 years, making this the year we celebrate our Centenary!

100 years of history

This milestone marks a century that the Commonwealth Bank, through an employer super fund, has supported its people, past and present, and their families in preparing for the years ahead—helping to enhance their long-term financial wellbeing.

Our fund had humble beginnings, simply because in 1916 when the original employee super fund was established, the idea of saving for the future was rather novel.

The fund started with around £3,000 in assets and 600 members—about the number of people working with the Commonwealth Bank back then.

Today, our 75,000+ members entrust us to look after nearly \$10 billion of their savings for retirement, making us one of the largest corporate super funds in Australia.

One of our fund's unique advantages is being able to leverage the wealth of experience and expertise across the Commonwealth Bank Group and all our service providers. We put this advantage to work for our members every day, because it's all about you—with our profits-to-members approach, the only wealth we want to grow is yours.

With every anniversary comes another year of experience, and with 100 years under our belt, we can provide you with the tools and support to help ensure you're making the most out of your super. We look forward to the next 100 years!

Visit oursuperfund.com.au/centenary to find out more.

Did you know?

- Our first year, 1916, was the height of World War I and 86 of our fund members were on active war duty—14 lost their lives and their names were published in the fund's first Annual Report in memoriam.
- The first Commonwealth Bank Governor, Sir Denison Miller KCMG, was responsible for the fund until the early 1920s.
- In the 1970s, the Portfolio Managed Funds team was created to allow the fund to manage property investments—this team was an early predecessor to what is now Colonial First State Global Asset Management.

A century of change

1916: Our origins

War time; the Bank establishes its first employee pension fund—600 members, £3,000 in assets.

1930s: Challenging times

Stock market crash and worldwide Great Depression; focus on sustaining returns to limit the effect to retirement pensions.

1950s: Peace and prosperity

Expanding Australian economy following the end of wartime constraints; the fund continues to invest in government bonds; over £22 million in assets by the end of the decade.

1980s: A new way forward

Intense momentum in banking and finance, float of the Australian dollar and deregulation lead to massive change in the banking industry; our investments now include a global portfolio.

1990s: The evolution of super

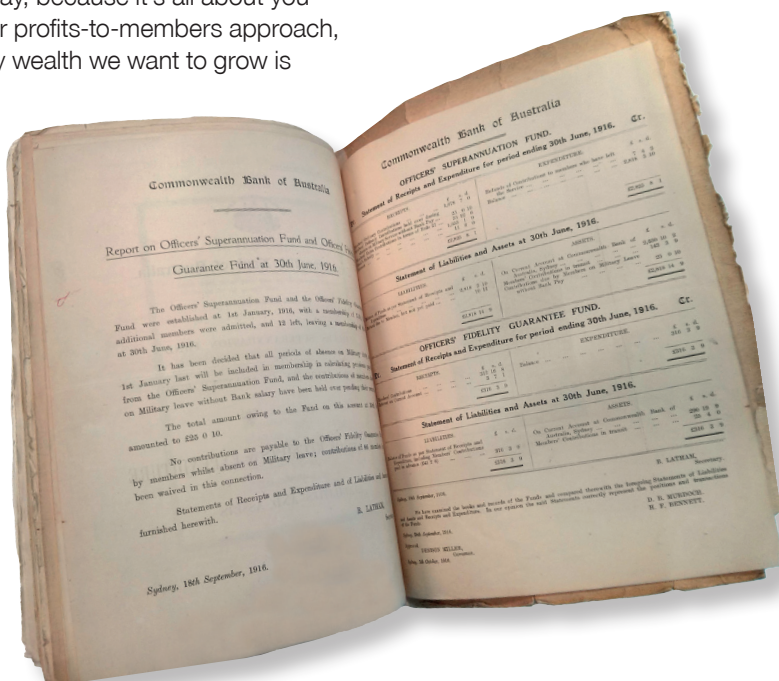
Privatisation of the Bank; introduction of compulsory super in 1992; fund evolves from defined benefits to accumulation-style super.

2000s & beyond: New direction, same commitment

Super choice laws give Australians greater control over where their super is paid; the fund focuses on remaining competitive as a value-for-money fund.

Today

75,000 members entrust us to look after nearly \$10 billion of retirement savings; looking forward to the next 100 years!



DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE SENIORS CARD PERKS?

It's no secret that a Seniors Card can get you discounts on a wide range of goods and services, including public transport. But there may be some Seniors Card benefits you don't know about—here are some opportunities near you.

Australian Capital Territory

- 10% off your vehicle registration
- Concessions at tourist attractions, including National Zoo and Aquarium and Canberra Walk-in Aviary.

New South Wales

- Discounted entry to attractions, including the Taronga Zoo, Western Plains Zoo and various museums
- Special prices for a range of courses at various community colleges.

Northern Territory

- Vehicle registration concession
- Discounts to attractions, including Alice Springs Desert Park and Araluen Cultural Precinct.

Queensland

- Cheaper vehicle and boat registration
- Special prices to various museums and art galleries
- Discounts on various first aid courses.

South Australia

- Discounted entry to various museums and Adelaide Gaol
- Discounts on National Park passes.

Tasmania

- Discounts on National Park passes
- 50% discount on your recreational sea fishing licence
- Discounts on adult education classes.

Victoria

- Free entry to Melbourne Museum, Immigration Museum and Scienceworks
- Exemption from a licence to fish.

Western Australia

- Rebate on water service charges, local rates and Emergency Services Levy
- Discounts on transport to Rottnest Island, discounts for the Bell Tower, National Parks and Perth Zoo.

To find out more, visit our website oursuperfund.com.au/entitlements.



Tips for a successful sea or tree change

Rush hours, the daily commute, the general hustle and bustle of working in the city. You may be looking forward to the day you retire and can say goodbye to all of that. If you've ever dreamt about swapping life in the urban fast lane for the coast or country, retirement could be your opportunity to make it a reality.

Careful planning is the key to a successful sea or tree change. Here are some things to consider and tips for making the move.

Sea changes—why the wave of popularity?

Many Australians have opted for the simple life by moving closer to nature. What's more, a report by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) based on the most recent Census figures shows that country coastal areas attracted a higher proportion of people aged 55-64 than any other geographical area in Australia—and a large percentage of those people were retirees.¹

There are many reasons why a sea or tree change is appealing to retirees, so what are some of the upsides of downsizing?

- Selling your house may free up some equity to put towards your retirement
- A simpler lifestyle could help you stretch your retirement savings
- A small town can bring a sense of community spirit and connectedness that can be increasingly difficult to find in the city.

But what are some downsides of downsizing...and what tips can help you overcome them?

- The possibility that your Government Age Pension entitlements could be affected. While your principal home

is exempt from means testing, the money you make from the sale of it is not. For instance, if you sell your home for more than the cost of purchasing your new home, the difference may be included in Centrelink's assets test. If that money is invested, it could be included in the income test.

- The costs of buying and selling a home, which may include stamp duty, bridging finance, real estate agent fees and moving costs.
- The impact of leaving behind your family home and not seeing your friends as often as before. Perhaps community groups or classes in your chosen area could be a great way to meet new people.
- Losing access to the larger range of shops, entertainment and services you had in the city. It might be an idea to play 'house' there when it's not holiday season and get to know your potential new home town. Seeing what the town has to offer and more importantly, what it doesn't offer, may help you decide if you could live there all year round.

¹ Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Still on the move: Reflecting a nation: stories from the 2011 Census, November 2012.

MEMBER NOTICES

2015-16 Annual Report online

Our 2015-16 Annual Report will be available to view or download from November from our website oursuperfund.com.au.

A printed report will not automatically be sent to members. If you'd like to receive a copy of this year's report by mail (and continue receiving future reports by mail), please contact us to request a copy free of charge.

If you requested a copy of last year's report by mail, we will automatically send you a printed copy of this year's report (and future reports) once available.

Copies of annual reports from previous years are also available from our website.

Federal Budget update

This year's Federal Budget proposed some of the most significant changes to Australia's superannuation and retirement saving system since 2007.

But with 2016 also a year in which Australians head to the election polls, there remains some uncertainty around whether the Coalition's proposed changes will remain on the radar, or whether further policy change may be introduced by a new Labour government.

The government has also proposed to 'enshrine in law' an objective for the superannuation system, being to provide income in retirement to substitute or supplement the age pension.

Embedding this objective into law will establish an accountability mechanism to ensure that new superannuation legislation (regardless of political party) is considered in the context of the objective.

At the time of printing this newsletter, the federal election is in full swing. Once the outcome of the election, and the likely impact to the superannuation landscape, is known, we'll keep you up-to-date on changes through our website and regular communication channels.

Update on social and ethical investing

Social, environmental and ethical considerations have been increasingly hot topics of discussion and action among investors and broader communities across the globe.

Like many others, our fund considers that sustainable investing concepts and environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors do have an effect on long-term investment outcomes.

Over the last several years we have developed and continue to refine a framework governing how we take ESG factors into account in setting the fund's investment strategy and selecting how and where members' money is invested. We also know from members'

feedback that you expect us to take these factors into account.

Excluding tobacco & controversial weapons from investments

In line with our ESG framework and member and community expectations, we initiated two important changes across our investment portfolios in the March 2016 quarter.

These changes involved a move away from investing in companies whose primary purpose is tobacco manufacturing or the production of controversial weapons. These divestments were made for a combination of financial and social reasons.






These exclusions apply in our direct holdings in listed shares and fixed interest (corporate bonds) portfolios. For indirect holdings (e.g. including derivatives, unit trusts and structures like exchange traded funds), the trustee does not maintain the same degree of control over individual investments, therefore the tobacco and controversial weapons exclusions may not apply to these investments.

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