

Notes to your Annual Statement



The Notes to your Annual Statement and your accompanying Annual Statement, combined make up your statement.

The following contains further information relevant to your Super Savings account as well as descriptions of some of the possible items that could appear in a statement. If there are items detailed in these notes that don't appear on your statement, don't be alarmed. This simply means they aren't relevant to you for this year.

If you would like any information on the items which appear in your statement, please contact us on **13 11 84**.

Australian Retirement Trust 2022-23 Annual Report

From November, the Australian Retirement Trust 2022-23 Annual Report will be available at australianretirementtrust.com.au/annual-reports If you would prefer a printed copy free of charge, please visit australianretirementtrust.com.au/contact-us

Correction to Significant Event Notice

In May 2023 we sent an email about important changes. For Super Savings Corporate and Super Savings Business members we need to make a correction to some of the information. The correction is bolded below:

If you leave a Super Savings Corporate or Super Savings Business employer and want to transfer your Income Protection cover to a Super Savings Accumulation account, you'll need to apply to transfer this cover within 60 days **of us being notified that you left your employer.**

Investment returns

		Returns to 30 June 2023 for Accumulation account investment options ¹				
		1 year (% p.a.)	3 years (% p.a.)	5 years (% p.a.)	7 years (% p.a.)	10 years (% p.a.)
LIFECYCLE INVESTMENT STRATEGY	Balanced Pool ²	9.9%	9.5%	7.0%	8.2%	8.4%
	Retirement Pool ²	7.4%	7.0%	5.4%	6.3%	6.4%
	Cash Pool ²	2.9%	1.1%	1.2%	1.3%	1.6%
DIVERSIFIED OPTIONS	Growth	12.0%	12.0%	8.4%	9.8%	9.5%
	Balanced	10.0%	9.6%	7.0%	8.3%	8.4%
	Balanced-Index	10.9%	6.8%	6.0%	6.6%	7.5%
	Socially Conscious Balanced	9.3%	8.3%	6.4%	7.1%	7.1%
	Retirement	7.4%	7.0%	5.4%	6.3%	6.4%
	Conservative	4.9%	4.4%	3.9%	4.6%	4.9%
	Diversified Alternatives ³	5.0%	11.8%	8.6%	n/a	n/a
SINGLE ASSET CLASS OPTIONS	Shares	15.3%	11.1%	8.1%	10.0%	9.6%
	Australian Shares	14.1%	11.6%	7.1%	9.0%	8.8%
	Australian Shares - Index	14.2%	11.2%	7.7%	9.2%	8.8%
	International Shares - Index (hedged)	15.4%	10.8%	7.6%	9.7%	9.7%
	International Shares - Index (unhedged)	20.4%	12.4%	10.1%	11.4%	12.3%
	Emerging Market Shares	6.9%	4.7%	3.5%	6.6%	5.4%
	Property	-0.4%	8.1%	5.9%	6.5%	7.7%
	Australian Property - Index	6.4%	7.4%	3.6%	3.5%	7.2%
	Diversified Bonds	0.8%	-2.2%	0.6%	1.2%	2.1%
	Diversified Bonds - Index	0.1%	-3.2%	0.2%	0.4%	2.2%
	Cash	2.9%	1.2%	1.4%	1.6%	1.9%

¹ Australian Retirement Trust was formed by the merger of Sunsuper and QSuper on 28 February 2022. The Super Savings investment pools and options commenced on 28 February 2022 and adopted the pre-merger investment strategies of the Sunsuper investment pools and options. To show the investment performance of the Super Savings pools and options, we have included the performance history for the respective Sunsuper pools and options over the investment return periods shown. Investment performance is net after investment fees and costs and investment tax.

² The Super Savings Balanced Pool, Retirement Pool and the Cash Pool commenced on 28 February 2022 and adopted respectively the investment strategies of the Sunsuper Balanced Pool, Retirement Pool and Cash Pool that commenced on 4 October 2013. The Sunsuper Balanced Pool, Retirement Pool and Cash Pool adopted respectively the investment strategies of the Sunsuper Balanced Option, Retirement Option and Cash Option which existed prior to 4 October 2013.

³ The Diversified Alternatives investment option commenced on 30 September 2017. Between this date and 30 June 2023 the option returned 8.9% p.a.

For the most recent or historical investment returns visit australianretirementtrust.com.au/investments

Note: Past performance is not a reliable indication of future performance. A super fund's investment performance typically varies over time. Because super is a long-term investment, five and ten-year figures smooth out short-term results — for example, in a given fund over a five year period, a growth option might have a negative return for one year but a positive return for the other four years, giving an overall result that is positive for the five years. The returns shown above are not the returns of your investment in the investment options, and the return on investments held by you individually may differ. The actual return received by individual members will depend on the timing of payments and other transactions and the unit prices that applied on the dates those transactions took place.

Your account at a glance

Balance as at 1 July 2022 or your start date: This is the amount you had in your account at 1 July 2022, or if you opened your account during the financial year, the amount you had in your account when it was opened. Had you left Australian Retirement Trust then, your withdrawal benefit would have been this amount.

Balance as at 30 June 2023: This is the amount you had in your account at 30 June 2023. Had you left Australian Retirement Trust then, your withdrawal benefit would have been this amount. Your balance is calculated by multiplying the number of units you have in each investment option by the unit price for each option. As the unit prices are calculated on a daily basis, the value of your account may change daily. If you are leaving Australian Retirement Trust you should contact us to find out the value of your account at that time.

Investment option returns to 30 June 2023: This section shows the 1, 5 and 10 year return for investment options you were invested in as at 30 June 2023. This is not the returns of your investment in the investment options, as the actual return received by you individually will depend on the timing of transactions and the unit prices that applied on the dates those transactions took place.

The Australian Retirement Trust Super Savings investment options have adopted from 28 February 2022 the pre-merger investment strategies of the Sunsuper investment options. To show the investment performance of the Super Savings options, we have included the performance history for the respective Sunsuper options over the investment return periods shown.

Your statement in detail

Your preservation summary: This section shows when you can access your money. Under current law, preservation age varies according to birth date (see the table below).

Date of birth	Preservation age
Before July 1960	55
1 July 1960 – 30 June 1961	56
1 July 1961 – 30 June 1962	57
1 July 1962 – 30 June 1963	58
1 July 1963 – 30 June 1964	59
After 30 June 1964	60

Your beneficiaries in detail: This lists the people you nominated to receive your Death benefit from your account when you die. If you made a:

- preferred beneficiary nomination, it acts as a guide for the Trustee, who in most cases will pay your benefits to your preferred beneficiary(s), but not always, as the Trustee has a responsibility to make sure your benefits are distributed according to the rules set out in the trust deed.
- binding beneficiary nomination, the Trustee has no discretion and is bound to pay your Death benefit to your nominated beneficiary(s) provided the person(s) nominated is your dependant or legal personal representative, the proportion of benefit to be paid to each person is readily ascertainable, the nomination is valid and less than 3 years old, and there is no contrary court order. You may confirm, amend or revoke a binding nomination at any time.

Unless advised otherwise, nominations shown on your Super Savings Annual Statement apply to your Super Savings account(s) only. Nominations for QSuper accounts with Australian Retirement Trust are managed separately at this time. If you have a QSuper account, details about any nominations on there would be shown on your QSuper Annual Statement.

It's important to regularly review your nominated beneficiaries as your life changes. For more information on the types of beneficiaries you can nominate please refer to the latest Super Savings Accumulation Guide, visit australianretirementtrust.com.au/beneficiary or contact us.

Your investments: How your money was invested: This section shows you how your money was invested at 30 June 2023.

How money paid to your account will be invested in the future: This section shows your investment options as at the date your statement was generated. Future money allocated to your account will be invested in these options. You can change your investment options at any time through australianretirementtrust.com.au/memberonline

Net investment earnings: This section shows the amount of money your investment has made, or lost, over the year, after investment fees and costs, transaction costs and where applicable, investment taxes.

Contributions: This section lists any contributions that have been made directly into your account, including contributions made by your employer, you or the Government. Contributions shown under the Employer compulsory contributions section include amounts advised by your employer that are required to be paid under your employment agreement. If you would like more information on ways to contribute to your account or information on any maximum contribution caps that could apply visit australianretirementtrust.com.au/caps

Transfers and roll-ins: This section lists any roll-ins or transfers we have received for you from other superannuation funds or other accounts held with Australian Retirement Trust.

Investment earnings distribution: If you were transferred automatically into an Australian Retirement Trust Super Savings account from another fund and later received an additional allocation following the wind-up of your former fund, this has been shown in your Annual Statement as an 'Investment earnings distribution concessional' or 'Investment earnings distribution'. You would have been notified separately if this applied to you.

Insurance proceeds: This section lists the proceeds of any insurance claims paid into your account.

Withdrawals and transfers-out: This section lists any withdrawals or transfers out of your account including any payments made to the ATO (for example, for amounts in excess of contribution caps or withdrawals under the First Home Super Saver Scheme). Note that any payments you may have received under the COVID-19 early release scheme are shown in this section as "compassionate grounds".

Tax: This section lists tax deducted from your account but does not include withdrawal tax or investment tax.

No tax file number (TFN) tax: If you did not provide us with your TFN, a 32% No TFN contributions tax is applied to your employer contributions, including salary sacrifice, and will be shown in the tax section of your statement. If you provide us with your TFN, we may be able to claim this amount back from the ATO and refund it to your account. Any refund will be shown as 'No TFN tax rebate'. To provide your TFN call us on **13 11 84**.

Additional explanation of fees and costs

Further details of fees and costs are available in the Super Savings Accumulation Guide.

Tax benefits: Australian Retirement Trust can claim tax deductions for certain costs of operating the Fund. We pass on the benefit of tax deductions received via a tax adjustment, which reduces the contributions tax you paid. Rounding variations in the calculation of contributions tax may also be reflected as tax adjustments in the contributions section of your Annual Statement. If there have been adjustments on your account for any fees and costs, or insurance premiums, this may be reflected as a negative tax adjustment amount. If no contributions were made, the tax deduction benefit is not applicable to you, instead the tax benefit is applied to help offset any expenses we incur while we look after your super.

Insurance premiums and fees: Insurance premiums in Super Savings (Tailored Income Protection only), Super Savings – Business and some Super Savings – Corporate plans include an insurance fee to offset Australian Retirement Trust's costs of providing the cover. Refer to the relevant Insurance Guide, available at australianretirementtrust.com.au/pds or your employer's Australian Retirement Trust microsite for more information.

Administration fees and costs: Administration fees are generally deducted weekly. The Administration fees and costs table shows the total Administration fees deducted from your account over the 2022/23 year. To view a detailed list of transactions on your account, log in to australianretirementtrust.com.au/memberonline

Low balance fee cap refund: If your account balance at the end of a financial year is less than \$6,000, certain administration and investments fees and costs are capped at 3% of the account balance and you'll be refunded any amount you pay over this cap. If you have multiple Super Savings accounts, your eligibility for a low balance fee cap refund is determined on your total balance across all Super Savings accounts you hold.

Other fees and costs deducted from your account: This amount includes any advice fees you have consented to pay your financial adviser for personal advice received about your Super Savings account. Please check that the advice fees shown in your statement reflect the advice services you have received. If you think that any of your advice fees are incorrect, or need help understanding them, please contact your financial adviser or call us on **13 11 84**. Please see below for an explanation of the various types of advice fees.

One-off advice fees are paid as a lump sum and may be described as an initial advice fee, a review advice fee, or a lump sum fixed term advice fee.

- Initial advice fees are paid for the provision and implementation of new personal advice (for example, via a Statement of Advice)
- Review advice fees are paid for personal advice associated with the review of your circumstances (based on previous personal advice) and implementation of any changes, where you are not engaged under an ongoing fee arrangement or a fixed term arrangement.
- Lump sum fixed term advice fees are paid for personal advice services provided under the terms of a fixed term arrangement that is for a period of less than 12 months. This arrangement may be terminated by you at any point during the period for which it's in place. You can notify either your adviser or us of this, and we will take the appropriate steps to refund you the equivalent amount for the future advice services that you will no longer be receiving.

Monthly advice fees are paid on a monthly basis, and are either ongoing or fixed term.

- Ongoing monthly advice fees are paid under the terms of an ongoing fee arrangement, that is, a fee for personal advice services for a period of more than 12 months. You have the option to cancel this at any time by notifying us in writing or by calling us on **13 11 84**.
- Fixed term monthly advice fees are paid under the terms of a fixed term arrangement, that is, a fee for personal advice services for a period of less than 12 months. You have the option to cancel this at any time by notifying us in writing or by calling us on **13 11 84**.

If required, we may adjust the payment of your monthly advice fee to account for the difference between an old or new advice fee arrangement, and so the amount debited each month may differ from the arrangement you have with your financial adviser.

Advice fee refunds: If at any time an advice fee refund is required due to cancelled advice services or overpaid amounts, we will credit your account with the agreed amount.

Investment fees and costs: Investment fees are charged by the underlying investment manager with whom Australian Retirement Trust have a mandate/agreement to manage funds. Australian Retirement Trust estimates investment fees to match expected investment fees for the year ahead. These investment fees are estimated based on recent experience and our current long-term expectations for ongoing investment fees. These fees are not deducted directly from a member's account, instead they are deducted from investment returns prior to the calculation of daily unit prices. Investment costs are incurred by the underlying investment managers as part of managing investments, in addition to investment fees. These costs are not paid by Australian Retirement Trust, but rather are incurred indirectly by our managers and as such are included in the net investment returns.

Transaction costs: Transaction costs are incurred by the underlying investment manager as part of managing investments, in addition to investment fees and costs. For example, if a member's funds are invested in real property, a transactional cost could be stamp duty for the purchase of that property. These costs are not paid by Australian Retirement Trust, but rather are incurred indirectly by our managers and as such are included in the net investment returns.

Costs met from reserves: We maintain a general reserve to help meet our operating expenses and help manage operational risks. We hold the fees we deduct from you to administer your account within the general reserve. Costs met from this reserve represent the operating expenses that are more than the administration fees we collect from members within the financial year.

Your insurance at 1 July 2023

This section shows your amount of insurance cover and the cost applicable to your insurance cover (if any) as at 1 July 2023. You might like to take this opportunity to review your insurance and australianretirementtrust.com.au/contact-us if you would like to apply for cover, or change, or cancel the cover you have. Insurance cover shown on the Annual Statement is subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the PDS, Insurance Guide and group life policy documents in effect at the effective date of your Annual Statement. This cover may be based upon certain assumptions in relation to you which may not be factually correct and as a consequence may result in you being ineligible to claim insurance benefits or being ineligible for different levels of cover. These eligibility conditions include, but are not limited to, employment status, cover type and the receipt of employer contributions. Premiums are calculated weekly and normally deducted from your account each month. It's also important to remember that changing employers or redirecting your superannuation guarantee contributions to another fund can impact your insurance so make sure you check with us.

For more information about insurance cover and how you can apply for more, call us on **13 11 84**.

Your Death benefit: Your Death benefit consists of your account balance (at the time the benefit is paid) and your insurance benefit if you have active cover through your Australian Retirement Trust Super Savings account at the time of your death.

Your Total & Permanent Disability benefit: Your Total & Permanent Disability benefit consists of your account balance (at the time your benefit is paid) and your insurance benefit if you have active cover through your Australian Retirement Trust Super Savings account at the time the disablement occurs. It's important to note that if you have Total & Permanent Disability Assist cover (Super Savings account and certain Super Savings – Corporate plan members only), your insurance benefit may be paid as up to a maximum of six support payments rather than a lump sum.

Additional insurance information: It is important you keep your level of Income Protection cover up to date. If your income or employment changes and you would like to increase your level of cover, you will need to apply for any additional increase in the level of Income Protection cover you require – providing new income details alone does not increase the cover. Your application must be accepted by the insurer. You can apply for an amount up to 85% of your Income (75% of your Income plus 10% superannuation contribution) but not more than \$30,000 per month. Income is defined in your relevant Super Savings Insurance Guide.

Super Savings members — your level of cover or amount of premium may change on your birthday each year. If you have insurance cover through your Super Savings account, and leave your current employer, your cover will generally continue until you cancel it, or until it stops in the circumstances specified in the Super Savings Insurance Guide (including automatic cancellation as outlined below).

Super Savings – Business members — your cover is calculated on a monthly basis, usually on the first day of the month. The amount of insurance will be based on your latest salary as advised by your employer to Australian Retirement Trust. The premium is based on this cover and may vary during the year. Your Income Protection cover generally stops when you stop working for your employer. If you start employment with another employer within 60 days, your Income Protection cover may re-start without evidence of health, if you provide proof acceptable to the insurer of your new employment and occupational status.

When you stop working for your current employer, it's important to let us know. Refer to your latest PDS and Plan Information Factsheet to determine what insurance cover is available to you, and what happens if you leave your current employer.

Super Savings – Corporate members — your Income Protection cover generally stops when you stop working for your employer. If you start employment with another employer and advise us within 60 days of ceasing employment with your old employer, your Income Protection cover may re-start without evidence of health, if you provide proof acceptable to the insurer of your new employment and occupational status. When you stop working for your current employer, it's important to let us know. Refer to your latest PDS and Corporate Insurance Guide to determine what insurance cover is available to you, when cover and premiums change and what happens if you leave your current employer.

Automatic Cancellation: Insurance cover will stop if your account has not received an Eligible Contribution¹ in the past 12 months and you have not elected in writing to keep your cover, or if there is not enough money in your account to pay the premium and it remains unpaid for 4 months. Where we have valid contact details, we will contact you advising the date your cover will stop and letting you know what you need to do if you want it to continue. It is possible that even though your statement shows you had insurance cover at 1 July 2023 your cover may have stopped on or before 1 July 2023 or between 1 July and the date we have provided you your Annual Statement. If this applies to you, you will have already received, or should shortly receive confirmation of this.

Need to make a Claim?

It's important you contact us at australianretirementtrust.com.au/contact-us immediately, so we can make the process as easy as possible and support you. Contact us on **13 11 84** - We're here to help. Australian Retirement Trust's experienced Claims Representatives will guide you through the claims process. Alternatively, visit australianretirementtrust.com.au/claims for more information on the process.

Additional information

We are obliged to provide you with any information on Australian Retirement Trust you reasonably require to understand your benefit entitlements. If you have any questions about your Super Savings account or Annual Statement, or if you would like more information on your benefit entitlements, investment options, insurance cover and options, or contribution options, call us on **13 11 84** or visit australianretirementtrust.com.au

MySuper Product Dashboard

The MySuper Product Dashboard is designed to provide key information to help you compare Australian Retirement Trust Super Savings Lifecycle Investment Strategy's investments and fees with other MySuper products and make an informed choice about your super. Our latest MySuper Product Dashboard for the Lifecycle Investment Strategy is available on our website, visit australianretirementtrust.com.au/dashboard

Superannuation contribution follow up

We do not know whether a contribution is due for you because we do not have sufficient information about your employment status or other relevant personal circumstances. Please check your statement to make sure all your employer and other contributions are listed.

Talk to your employer or Australian Retirement Trust if you believe any payments may be missing. If you make personal member contributions to Australian Retirement Trust, your employer has 28 days from the end of the month the contributions were taken out of your pay, to send them to us.

Concerns and complaints

If you have a complaint in relation to Australian Retirement Trust, including about any financial products or services we've provided, we want to know about it as soon as possible. Here's how you can lodge a complaint with our Complaints Manager:

Phone: **13 11 84**

Email: australianretirementtrust.com.au/contact-us

In person: Refer to our Complaints Handling Guide at australianretirementtrust.com.au/contact-us/email-us/complaint for more information on how to contact us by post or in person.

If you're unhappy about the outcome of your complaint and believe an issue has not been resolved, you can lodge a complaint with the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA). AFCA provides fair and independent complaint resolution for financial services, and their service is free to use. You can contact AFCA by:






Phone: **1800 931 678** (free call)

Post: Australian Financial Complaints Authority

GPO Box 3 Melbourne VIC 3001

Website: www.afca.org.au

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We make every effort to ensure that the information shown on this statement is correct. Australian Retirement Trust reserves the right to make adjustments for any errors, misprints or omissions.

We are committed to respecting the privacy of personal information you give us. Our formal Privacy Policy sets out how we do this. If you would like a copy of Australian Retirement Trust's Privacy Policy, please let us know. We have also published our Privacy Policy on our website australianretirementtrust.com.au/privacy-policy

If you have both a Super Savings and QSuper account, this means you have more than one account with Australian Retirement Trust. In addition to this statement you will also receive a separate statement for your QSuper account.

¹ Includes Superannuation Guarantee, additional employer contributions, personal contributions (including voluntary contributions, and contributions made by a spouse), rollovers and automatic transfers from other funds. They do not include co-contributions or the low income super tax offset.

Your 2023 Annual Statement was prepared as at the date indicated on the final page of your statement. It is based on information we held and transactions we had processed up to 30 June 2023, except for your personal details, nominated beneficiaries and future contribution investment allocation which is based on information held when your statement was prepared.

Australian Retirement Trust Pty Ltd, ABN 88 010 720 840, AFSL No. 228975, is the issuer and Trustee of the Australian Retirement Trust, ABN 60 905 115 063, USI 60 905 115 063 003.

These Notes to your Annual Statement were prepared 27 July 2023.

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