


Member News

Do you want to make a difference?



One **person** can have an **impact**.
One **decision** can bring **change**.
One **step** can start a **journey**.

As individuals we often feel quite overwhelmed by the BIG issues all around us – like reaching the world for Jesus, caring for the environment, making an impact on our community. But it takes individual decisions to bring together resources and actions that can have a real impact.

About the Brochure

This Member News came to you with a promotional brochure reminding us that, just like a single drop of water, **even the smallest beginning can grow into something big.**

Why did we send this to you? After all, you're already a member of Christian Super and your account with us - whether large or small - is being combined with everyone else's to be invested in ethical ways that are starting to make a real difference in our own backyard and around the world.

But that's exactly why! As a member you are the best person to tell others around you about the impact they can make simply through their superannuation.

We need your help – please pass it on!

Don't waste your copy of the brochure - we urge you to give it to someone close to you and to tell them why they should join.

This is a wonderful opportunity for both you and them to make a difference without it costing anything! It's simply a matter of transferring and investing the existing superannuation into Christian Super so that we in turn have a bigger pool of money to seek out investment opportunities that really make a difference in the world.

Don't miss out on your Government Co-contribution

Are you earning less than \$58,000 a year?

Then you only have until 30 June to make a personal contribution into your super and get \$1.50 extra from the Government for every \$1 you put in. You can get up to \$1,500 from the Government if you contribute \$1,000 and earn below \$28,000.

Limits and some conditions apply - go to www.ato.gov.au/super for details, or call our Helpdesk.

Avoid the payment rush! Call our Helpdesk today for your BPAY code, and then transfer your contribution any time before 30 June, or you can send us a cheque.

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From the CEO

Have you noticed how much has changed with and around superannuation over the past 12 months?

Largely driven by the new Choice of Fund environment in which most Australians can now select their own superannuation fund, you can see a lot more funds advertising. The big decision - which fund to belong to - has shifted from the employer across to you, the individual.

For some, this remains a daunting prospect and even when professional advice is sought the outcome can sadly still not be independent or with your own best interests in mind.

I am pleased to say that Christian Super continues to be a highly attractive and relevant fund for most Christians, with simple yet well performing investment options, low cost insurance, low fees and a strong ethical focus.

If you require personal financial advice you should have a talk with Money Solutions on 1800 068 317. They're really a money coach to help you understand, and they provide advice to you that is not influenced by commissions.

We're glad you've decided to be with Christian Super. Let me encourage you to tell others in your family, church or friendship circles to also take that first step and join our unique Christian based superannuation fund.

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Check out our new website!

Now it's easier than ever to get super information, download forms and sign up.



Simpler Super

In May last year the Government announced far reaching changes to superannuation. Some have already commenced, but most will start from 1 July this year.

Here is a list of the main changes that may affect you. If you want to know more you can find useful fact sheets at www.simplersuper.treasury.gov.au, or call us.

No tax on benefit or pension payments if aged 60 or over

Careful planning will be beneficial if retiring before age 60. Reasonable Benefit Limits will be abolished.

No age limits for superannuation

Contributions can continue up to age 75. Super accounts can continue indefinitely.

New limits for contributions

A maximum of \$50,000pa for employer contributions (including salary sacrifice), with higher limits (up to \$100,000) applying for those who turn age 50 or more in the next 5 years.

Personal (after-tax) contributions limit of \$150,000pa, or \$450,000 if averaged over 3 years. A special \$1million limit applies until 30 June 2007. Such sizeable contributions might arise if you sell other investments or a business, or from an inheritance.

The self-employed will get a full tax deduction on all contributions, and will gain access to the Government Co-contribution scheme.

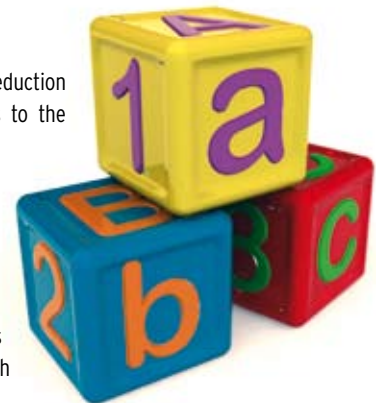
More flexible pensions

Allocated pensions will have lower minimum limits, and all maximum limits will be removed. New Term Allocated Pensions will no longer be offered, although existing ones will need to continue. We expect to launch new pension products from 1 July this year.

Tax File Numbers to be recorded

Even though it still won't be compulsory to quote your TFN, if you don't you could face significant extra tax on your employer and salary sacrifice contributions, and you will not be allowed to make personal contributions or be eligible for the Government Co-contribution.

The Australian Tax Office will attempt to contact anyone who has not yet provided their TFN to their fund. You can use the flyer enclosed with this Member News to tell us your TFN.



Ethics deserve special attention

In order to better recognise and address ethical issues, Christian Super recently created a new Ethics Committee. We would like to give our members some insight into our approach to ethics.

Initially, our Investment Committee considered ethical issues as part of its mandate, but towards the end of last year the Board decided that both the ethical issues we were dealing with and the other investment decisions are highly critical to the Fund, and that they needed the attention that separate committees could give them. Naturally, there is still a fair bit of overlap between the two committees so they maintain close consultation, including combined meetings from time to time.

I was very excited to be appointed Chairman of the Ethics Committee. Its work lies at the heart of what makes us distinctive as a Christian superannuation fund. Naturally, we seek to be ethical in the way run the Fund openly, honestly and with integrity, but we also want to be ethical in the way we invest. In particular, we want to avoid endeavours that engage in or promote unethical practices and to favour those companies that operate in an ethical and sustainable way.

At face value this might seem to be a reasonably simple task. For example, the decision not to invest in companies involved in practices that most Christians believe are wrong - like pornography, gambling, tobacco and embryonic stem

cell research - is fairly simple. However, when we start looking at things like armaments, nuclear energy, alcohol, fast foods, logging and mining the issues are not so simple. For example, armaments may be used by governments to legitimately defend their country but at the same time many weapons are misused and cause a great deal of harm and destruction. Alcohol is used by many people, including Christians, in moderation in a perfectly acceptable way yet causes untold suffering and death every year when abused. In the case of fast food, which in itself may be quite acceptable for special occasions, the issue may be more with the way the product is marketed.

The situation is complicated by the fact that some companies are only involved in these areas in a minor or indirect way, such as providing packaging for tobacco products, producing flight instrumentation for fighter planes, or distributing alcohol as part of a supermarket chain. How much is too much?

On the other hand, we want to "reward" companies with particularly positive environmental, management, industrial and other practices. Companies are ranked depending on their performance in environmental issues, corporate governance, workplace practices, and so on. However, it is not always possible to find out to what extent a company is involved in such practices. Small companies, especially, don't always have the resources to document and report on how they perform in those areas. Should we exclude those we don't know about or include them unless we know something negative about them?

The Ethics Committee, with the help of consultants like Dr Gordon Preece from the Macquarie Christian Studies



Institute and feedback from members, develops policy and investment positions on each ethical area and makes recommendations to the Board. These decisions can range from absolute exclusion, exclusion if involved in more than a certain proportion or preferred investment based on their good record. It may also make recommendations about a specific company based on particular practices that fall outside our normal guidelines. Have a look at the Ethical Investment Library on our web site www.christiansuper.com.au to see some of the outcomes of our deliberations.

We understand that Christians have differing positions and priorities on many of these issues and some may not fully support all our decisions. We also realise that with the limited resources available we cannot do as much as we would like. However, we believe we have made a very significant start to investing in an ethical way, a way that honours God and shows love for our neighbours and care for the creation He has given us. All this within a context of handsome returns on our investments.

We hope you will continue to support us as we seek to serve you, also by giving us feedback and drawing our attention to any research or information which might help us with ethical issues in general or the practices of any company in particular.

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Fund Updates

Investment Returns to 28 February 2007*

Investment Option	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Ethical Shares	12.9%	16.8% pa	8.4% pa
Ethical Growth	11.3%	13.5% pa	8.1% pa
Ethical Balanced	10.4%	11.1% pa	n/a
Ethical Stable	7.7%	8.8% pa	6.8% pa
Ethical Cash	4.5%	4.6% pa	n/a

* All returns are shown after tax and fees. Refer to our website for monthly updates and Pension Options returns.

V8 Utes an odd venture for Christian Super - or is it?



Earlier this year Andrew Fisher, a competitive racing driver in the national V8 Ute series, approached Christian Super for sponsorship.

This initially seemed like an odd venture for us, but as we explored it further we found some great potential benefits:

Huge advertising exposure - over the year the V8 Ute series has a live audience of 1.5 million people as well as a TV audience of 10 million.

Unique Christian alignment - Andrew has effectively created a "Jesus Ute" by giving full naming rights to the Bible Society's "Jesus. All About Life" program. This is a unique witness opportunity that Christian Super can be aligned with.

Environmental balance - although concerned about motor racing's impact on the environment, we are encouraged that a new "V8 Racing Green" program will entirely offset the carbon emissions from the V8 Supercars Championship Series 2007 - a world first in motor sport. Further, a lot of the new environmental technology for cars actually originates from developments in motor racing. Take a look at www.myearthdream.com.

Andrew's Jesus Ute program has already been well received around the country and even overseas. This has provided Christian Super with great brand exposure while helping to celebrate our heritage through the clear promotion of the name of Jesus. To read more go to www.allaboutlife.com.au and follow the V8 Utes link.


We are still to decide how far we will go with this venture - one thing is for sure, this venture is creating an interesting debate. Our CEO would love to hear feedback from our members (email ceo@christiansuper.com.au or call 1800 45 1566).




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Who gets your benefit if you die?

If you die while a member of Christian Super, a benefit becomes payable made up of your account balance plus any insurance cover you have chosen.

The Fund will generally pay your benefit to your dependants (ie spouse, children, or other person financially dependent on you) or to your estate. Note that we are not able to pay directly to non-dependants such as a charity or extended family members.

The Fund keeps a record of any preferred beneficiaries you have nominated, and these were listed on your last Member Statement. You should let us know if your circumstances have changed (contact the Helpdesk). You should also have an up-to-date will. Together, these ensure that we pay your benefit in accordance with your wishes.

If you have more complex family circumstances (eg remarriage, children from a prior marriage) you may prefer to complete a Binding Nomination instead. This will remove any discretion that the Fund has in the payment of your benefit, but can also create inequities if your circumstances subsequently change and you do not change your nomination. Contact our Helpdesk if you would like a Binding Nomination form.



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