

World Financial Disruption

Has AvSuper been affected? Yes, like all super funds we have not been immune from the unprecedented events happening both here and overseas. All Investment Options, with the exception of the Cash Option have shown negative returns for the financial year so far. The returns to 30 September 2008 are shown on the right.

Your Investment Committee and our professional investment consultant are working with each of our investment managers to ensure we minimise the impact of these unprecedented events on your retirement savings. Whilst returns are poor at the moment, the long term investment return on your super savings is still strong and we are ensuring that we remain positioned to take advantage of any upturn in investment markets over the next twelve months.

We have added to our website information we hope you will find useful when confronted with the news headlines we are seeing daily. Please take the time to read these very rational discussions of thoughts and actions which you as a member may be considering.

We will continue to update you on investment progress over the coming months.

David Leggo, Chairman



AvSuper, just like industry funds, seeks to provide outstanding service to members, has strong investment performance, low fees, doesn't pay commissions to financial advisers and is run only to profit members.

Watch for behaviours threatening your financial security

For most investors, recent market volatility has caused some anxiety and concern. However, did you know the most important variable in your investing success - and the only thing you can control - is your behaviour?

As part of our continuing investor education series, we invited AvSuper's professional investment consultant to comment on investor behaviours that might threaten the financial security of AvSuper members. Visit the investments section of our website to find out more about some of the common pitfalls that lead to harmful investment decisions - and how AvSuper members might avoid them.



September 2008 investment performance

If you have an accumulation or income stream account, the investment performance for each AvSuper Investment Option at 30 September 2008 is detailed in the table below. These numbers reflect how each Investment Option performed **after** allowing for tax and investment related expenses. This is important to note because not all super funds deduct these expenses before declaring their performance to members. Of course, these figures relate to what has happened up to 30 September 2008 and may not accurately predict the future performance of any of AvSuper's divisions or Investment Options.

Defined Benefit members are reminded that their benefit is not affected by investment returns as the investment risk is borne by the employer.

Investment Option	Current return for the quarter ending 30 September 2008	Annualised return for the last 3 years
Cash	1.4%	5.5%
Cash (income stream)*	1.7%	6.1%
Stable Growth	-1.8%	4.3%
Stable Growth (income stream)*	-2.0%	4.4%
Growth#	-3.7%	4.0%
Growth# (income stream)*	-4.0%	4.0%
High Growth	-5.0%	1.5%
High Growth (income stream)*	-5.3%	1.7%

* Retirement income stream accounts are generally not subject to tax.

Please note that your money will be invested in the AvSuper Growth Investment Option if you don't make an investment choice.

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Rolling into AvSuper

Many working Australians find themselves with multiple superannuation accounts - often one from each job they've had. By rolling those accounts into one super fund, many people find that:

- they pay less administration fees
- they have less paperwork and administration to manage
- monitoring their retirement savings is quicker and simpler

If you have super in other funds, have you considered rolling into AvSuper?

It is easy to roll into AvSuper - and we don't charge you any fees for it either (but please check if your old fund charges exit fees.)

To transfer your old super to AvSuper:

- visit www.avsuper.com.au
- download a whole balance transfer form
- complete the form and send it to your old super fund
- we'll let you know when we receive your money

Please note that you may need to provide some proof of identification to your old fund before they can release your money.



Nominating your beneficiaries

For many AvSuper members, the biggest financial asset you have outside of your home is your super benefit. You should regularly check that your nominated beneficiaries are up to date as your circumstances change. Your beneficiary will be the person (or people) you nominate to receive your super benefit, including any insurance benefit, in the event of your death.

If you die before you retire, or withdraw your super, the AvSuper Trustee has to make sure your super gets paid to your dependants - the people who are depending on you financially. AvSuper will take your nomination of beneficiaries and your Will into account when determining any distribution of your benefits, however is not always legally bound to follow them.

Are your beneficiaries up to date?

You can view and modify the details of your current beneficiaries via Member Online. You can also nominate your beneficiaries by completing a Nomination of Beneficiaries form and sending it to AvSuper.

Choosing your beneficiaries

Although you can make a nomination of beneficiaries, there are rules about who is and isn't acceptable. Superannuation law currently requires that only a dependant or your legal personal representative can be nominated as a beneficiary.

Your dependants will generally be your spouse (including a de facto spouse), your children, and anyone else who may be financially dependant on you at the time of your death. In some instances this will include persons with whom you have an interdependent relationship, even if they aren't family members. You can find out more about dependants (and interdependents) on our website and in the Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) relevant to your division of membership.

Your personal legal representative is the person who looks after your estate when you die. This will be the executor of your Will or the administrator of your estate if you die without a valid Will in place.

Tax Free Death Benefits

In some instances, your death benefit may be paid to your dependents tax-free if they meet certain conditions. Generally speaking, this will include people who were financially dependent on you at the time of your death, such as your spouse or any children aged under 18.

Do we have your email address?

As a profit-for-members super fund, reducing printing and mail costs directly benefits you. And it can help to reduce environmental impact.

You can provide or update your email address via Member Online or by calling us.

Annual member statements

Member statements were issued to AvSuper members in October 2008, together with a copy of our latest Annual Trustee Report to Members. If you haven't received yours, please let us know and we'll arrange for another copy to be forwarded to you.