

# 2023 Annual Report

The Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia



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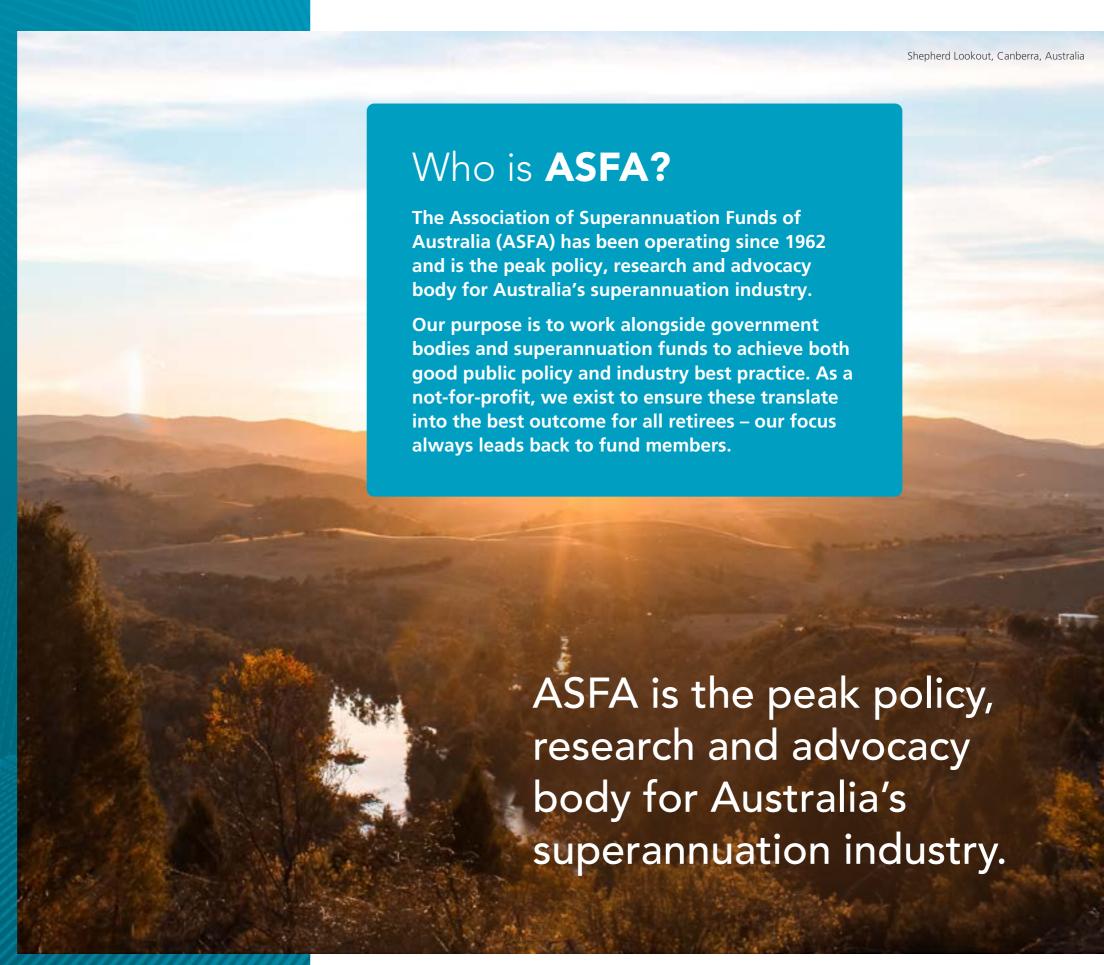
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## Fighting hard for the reforms that matter most

I am pleased to present the 2022/23 ASFA annual report on behalf of the Board. The recently released Intergenerational Report (IGR) provides a timely reminder of the crucial role played by Australia's superannuation system in supporting the living standards of future generations of retirees and in easing the future cost burden of the Age Pension.

Back in 2002 when the first IGR was published, expenditure on the Age Pension was projected to reach 4.6 per cent of GDP by 2041-42. That figure is now expected to drop to 2 per cent of GDP by 2062-63, the lowest in the OECD and a substantial contribution to the sustainability of the Budget.

Superannuation is playing an increasingly important role in the economic lives of Australians as the system matures and levels of retirement savings grow over time. More and more people are now achieving a dignified retirement through superannuation. This is a fantastic achievement and something for us all to be proud of but never take for granted.

There is a greater responsibility than ever before to continuously improve and evolve as we strive to achieve the best possible retirement outcomes for members. This can take many forms including delivering sound long-term investment returns, efficiently handling insurance claims, providing quality financial advice, and supporting the growing cohort of members in the retirement phase with innovative, fit-for-purpose solutions.

Against this backdrop it is no surprise that retirement income policy has been a significant area of focus for the

Federal Government over the past year. The pervading themes underpinning reform conversations are around improving member outcomes, ensuring an equitable and sustainable system now and into the future, and fulfilling the objective of the system to deliver income for a dignified retirement.

The introduction of payday super will mean thousands of dollars more in retirement for millions of Australians and improve superannuation guarantee (SG) compliance so that more people receive the superannuation they are entitled to. ASFA persistently advocated for these reforms over the course of many years and through our ASP Services arm will continue to participate in the consultation process to drive their successful implementation.

The emerging threat to institutions and individuals from cyber-security incidents and fraud is a growing area of scrutiny following recent high-profile data breaches in major corporate entities. ASFA has worked with stakeholders including government and regulators across multiple forums to help strengthen industry resilience, improve control frameworks, and protect members' savings.

The Government has also proposed a greater role for superannuation funds in the provision of financial advice particularly for members approaching and in retirement. These reforms will increase access to advice and provide a unique opportunity for funds to support members and improve their retirement outcomes. ASFA has advocated strongly to increase the number of members receiving simple, affordable, and accessible advice without diluting

consumer protections.

There is a deep pipeline of consultation ahead of us on critical issues including the retirement phase and lifting service standards for consumers. ASFA will continue to advocate for measures to close the retirement savings gender gap and improve equity in the system, as well as extension of the SG to gig economy workers and the self-employed.

We remain humble and remind ourselves that positive change is rarely affected without grit, determination, and persistence. The increase in the SG rate to 12% is in its final stages following the rise to 11% on 1 July this year. The ASFA team remains committed to fighting hard for the reforms that matter most.

On a final note, I would like to thank and acknowledge Dr Martin Fahy for his seven years of service as CEO of ASFA. Martin provided outstanding leadership and ensured that ASFA played a pivotal role in addressing the policy and regulatory changes that occurred during his tenure.

I look forward to continuing to work with our members and the ASFA Board to drive the development of credible, evidence-based policy that informs the debate to improve outcomes for fund members.

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**Gary Dransfield** ASFA Chair



## ASFA

## Purpose, Mission & Vision



## **Our Purpose**

To help achieve the best retirement outcome for superannuation fund members through influencing and developing good public policy and driving excellence collaboration and innovation across the broader superannuation industry



## **Our Mission**

To continuously improve the system, so ASFA members can better help Australians have a dignified retirement



## **Our Vision**

To ensure all Australians are financially confident and have a dignified retirement

## Policy **Principles**



ASFA is evidence-based and informs the debate to improve outcomes for fund members



ASFA considers and weighs up the impact of policy on equity, efficiency, simplicity, sustainability, adequacy, and fund members' confidence in the system



It is a strategic priority and ASFA actively considers the diverse and valid range of views across the ASFA membership



ASFA is likely to be percieved as constructive, apolitical, credible and balanced in advocating a position that also considers the broader social, economic and political environment.



# Policy, research and advocacy focused on key issues affecting the superannuation industry

During the 2022/23 financial year, the ASFA Policy and Research team undertook evidence-based advocacy to influence public policy and ensure improved outcomes on behalf of its member organisations and the Australian public.

The ASFA policy team lodged 40 policy and technical submissions, prepared 8 research papers and research notes, and consulted widely with members through Policy Councils, Forums and Committees; and issuespecific Working Groups.

#### **Advocacy focus**

The ASFA Policy team played an active role in advocating on various matters, including:

- Superannuation system settings
- Adequacy of retirement savings, especially for women
- Continuing to support the Superannuation Guarantee legislated increase
- Removing inefficient regulation
- Support for better enforcement of Superannuation Guarantee obligations, including the introduction of payday superannuation
- The role of advice in superannuation
- Collaborating to improve investment policy settings, including in regard to ESG
- Improving cybersecurity and resilience
- Research into the adequacy and equity of the system, including operation of tax provisions
- Research into developments in account balances
- Research into developments in the structure of the industry
- Updating and continued promotion of the ASFA Retirement Standard
- Investigating consumer attitudes to superannuation
- Using industry data in research and advocacy, and providing support on regulatory data transformation programs

#### Tax advocacy

Through its Tax Specialist Advisory Committee, ASFA responds to consultations that raise significant tax issues for APRA regulated superannuation funds, and also proactively raises areas of concern with the Government, Treasury, the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), the Inspector General of Taxation and the Board of Taxation (BoT).

During the financial year, this has included submissions on matters such as:

- amendments to the non-arm's length expense rules for superannuation funds, calling for a complete carve-out from the rules for large APRA-regulated funds and exempt public sector schemes
- multinational tax integrity reforms, to ensure they do not impact adversely on large superannuation funds as global investors
- expansion of the tax treaty network, to ensure superannuation and superannuation funds are appropriately reflected when Australia is negotiating new tax treaties.

#### Cyber security issues

ASFA has continued to play a strong advocacy role in relation to responding the challenges of Cyber for Superannuation Funds.

Throughout 2022-23 ASFA conducted a series of working group meetings providing members with a collaborative forum to work through the key issues affecting superannuation funds.

#### **Your Future, Your Super Performance Test**

ASFA has undertaken a range of advocacy in regard to the performance test including in regard to how to make it more relevant to various investment categories. ASFA advocacy led to the use of more and better indices for evaluating performance.

#### **Advice Review**

ASFA worked closely with its members to develop submissions in response to the Quality of Advice review and the Government's response to the Review.

The submissions have focused on increasing the scalability of providing information and advice.

The recommendations included:

- Expanding the scope of collectively charged advice to include retirement products and associated topics
- Making it easier to provide limited advice.

#### Non-arm's length expenses (NALE)

Throughout 2022-23, the secretariat and the Tax Specialist Advisory Committee maintained our advocacy with the Government, Treasury and the ATO to prevent unintended impacts from the NALE rules on large APRA-regulated funds. ASFA's advocacy was influential in securing the Government's 2023-24 Budget announcement to carve out large APRA-regulated funds (and exempt public sector schemes) from the NALE rules in relation to both general and specific expenses.

ASFA's advocacy continued after the Budget, with a view to ensuring the carve-out from the NALE applies back to the date the rules were introduced. The Bill introduced to the Parliament makes it clear that the carve-out is retrospective.

#### **Superannuation Guarantee compliance**

ASFA has consistently highlighted the detrimental impact of unpaid superannuation on retirement outcomes and recommended paying superannuation with wages, improving data matching utilising the enhanced reporting provided by funds, stronger ATO enforcement against non-compliant employers and greater transparency of the ATO's progress in recovering outstanding amounts.

The 2023 Budget decision to introduce payday super and to enhance the ATO's compliance activities is in line with ASFA advocacy.

#### **Operational Risk Management**

During 2022-23, ASFA's Operational Risk Management Working Group contributed to an extensive submission on the draft of APRA's prudential standard CPS 230. The final version of the standard includes some key changes that were called for in ASFA's submission, including:

- a significantly deferred commencement date and the inclusion of transition arrangements for existing service provider arrangements
- a materiality threshold for material service provider arrangements

#### **ASFA Public Opinion Research**

In a survey conducted in February 2023, members of superannuation funds reported overwhelming support for Australia's system of compulsory superannuation.

98 per cent of respondents considered that the current coverage of compulsory superannuation is about right or should be extended (with the majority of superannuation fund members thinking that the system should be extended). 80 per cent of respondents considered that self-employed people should be brought into the compulsory superannuation system.

Around two-thirds of respondents considered that they would need annual expenditure consistent with, or exceeding, the ASFA Comfortable Standard to maintain their desired living standard in retirement.

#### Pre-Budget 2023/24 submission

We provided our Pre-Budget 2023/24 submission to Treasury where we suggested that:

- SG payments at the same time as wages
- The ATO provide greater transparency and analysis in relation to the composition of the SG gap
- The ATO be permitted to alert employees where it detects potential SG non-payment
- Regulators explore the use of new director IDs to identify employers which are likely to be noncompliant with SG requirements
- Unpaid SG entitlements be included in the definition



- of unpaid 'employment entitlements' for the purposes AFCA's jurisdiction of the Fair Entitlements Guarantee
- The Government require SG contributions be made in regard to all paid parental leave payments.
- The upper threshold for the LISTO be increased to \$45,000 a year and the maximum amount be \$700 a year
- The Division 293 tax on superannuation contributions apply to individuals who have taxable income plus superannuation contributions equalling the threshold for the top marginal personal tax rate plus \$20,000
- Members aged 65 or older with a total superannuation balance as at 1 July 2023 in excess of \$5 million, whether in accumulation, pension phase or a combination, should be required to withdraw the excess out of superannuation or in the alternative pay tax at the top personal income tax rate on the investment returns attributable to the amount of the superannuation balance over \$5 million

#### Policy and technical submissions

ASFA made 40 policy and technical submissions in the 2022/23 year. These submissions were published on the ASFA website: 2023 - ASFA (superannuation.asn.au)

Some of the key issues addressed included:

- Legislating the objective of superannuation
- The Financial Accountability Regime
- Climate-related financial disclosure
- Non-arm's length expense rules for superannuation funds

- The Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financial regime
- MySuper product performance histories
- Better targeted superannuation concessions
- Protecting Worker Entitlements
- Multinational tax integrity
- Modernising APRA's prudential architecture
- Strengthening operational risk management
- The review of Your Future, Your Super measures
- The Performance Test treatment of faithbased products
- Compensation scheme of last resort
- Quality of Advice Review.

#### **Policy and Research Team**

- The Policy and Research Team:
- Produced weekly ASFA Actions that provided an update on key regulatory and legislative change
- Contributed material to a range of ASFA media releases, including quarterly updates on ASFA Retirement Standard budgets
- Produced a monthly InFocus newsletter that provides a summary of key activities ASFA have been involved in from submissions to media and training
- Published the weekly ASFA Regulatory Watchlist, tracking developments in legislation, inquiries, consultations and other regulatory announcements relevant to superannuation.

#### Research and reports

The Policy and Research team produced eight reports and research notes since 1 July 2022 to help shape public policy around superannuation and demonstrate that our super system is working exceptionally well in terms of providing benefits to fund members and investing in the economy.

1	The COVID related early release of superannuation
2	Equity and superannuation
3	YFYS and asset exclusion: ASFA Research Note
4	The Australian superannuation industry
5	2023 Super Fund Member Survey
6	Current super balances across Australia
7	Superannuation and the economy: Energy infrastructure
8	The cost of pensions across advanced economies





## Impact of advocacy efforts

Consistent with ASFA's recommendations, the Government or regulators adopted the following policy positions and/or amended the regulatory regime governing superannuation.



#### **New measure**

## Introduction of payday superannuation

The Budget decision was in line with ASFA advocacy for improved compliance measures in regard to payment of the Superannuation Guarantee.

## Better targeted superannuation concessions

ASFA's Pre-Budget submission called for a cap on concessionally taxed superannuation benefits. The Government's Budget decision to introduce a higher rate of taxation on the investment earnings of balances over \$3 million is consistent with ASFA advocacy.

#### Objective of superannuation

ASFA has advocated for the adoption of an objective of superannuation. The proposed legislated Objective places preservation, retirement income, equity, sustainability and a dignified retirement at the heart of superannuation policy while recognising the ongoing role of the Age Pension.

#### Provision of advice

Consistent with ASFA's advocacy, the Government's *Delivering Better Financial Outcomes* package will improve the regulatory framework so that superannuation funds can provide more relevant advice to members in the lead up to and during retirement, improving access to financial advice and retirement outcomes.



## Non-arm's length expenses (NALE)

ASFA's advocacy was influential in securing the Government's 2023-24 Budget announcement to carve out large APRA-regulated funds (and exempt public sector schemes) from the NALE rules in relation to both general and specific expenses.

This outcome will avoid the risk of a fund incurring a disproportionate tax penalty because of arrangements entered into with the good faith intention of minimising costs.

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## Your Future, Your Super performance test

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#### **Extension of Calculator relief**

ASFA successfully sought an extension of current retirement estimates and calculator relief in ASIC Class Order CO 11/1227 to 31 December 2022.

This provided trustees with a more orderly transition period for retirement projections in periodic statements and for adjusting calculators on websites.

#### Crimes Amendment (Corrupt Benefits for Trustees) Bill 2023 (NSW)

Recent court decisions raised concerns with the breadth of the *Crimes Act 1900 (NSW)* in the context of a retiring trustee receiving a benefit, such as an indemnity, in connection with their retirement. As a result of the advocacy of ASFA and others legislation was introduced limiting the offence to the offer or receipt of benefits that are 'corrupt', with retrospective effect.

## More time to report information

As a result of ASFA advocacy the proposal to reduce the timeframe for providing 'annual fund information' to three months was reverted to the existing six months.





## Industry collaboration for and by **Administration Practitioners**

ASFA-ASP Service's unique collaboration model, which brings together superannuation administrators, software providers and regulators, to co-design complex regulatory change programs continued to serve members well.

For the 2022/23 financial year, ASFA-ASP Services have supported members to:

- successfully advocate for a number of changes to the interim and future APRA Superannuation Data Transformation reporting
- continue to identify irritants and raise these with the ATO as opportunities for efficiency in order to reduce red tape administration where possible.
- articulate industry concerns regarding Rollover version 3 to the ATO and the SMSF providers
- develop a "Know Your Client" matrix to allow for the more timely and smoother processing of Rollovers to SMSFs and therefore a better member experience
- collaborate on the early design of the Better targeted superannuation concessions measure
- better understand the complexity of designing and implementing the Government's proposed Payday super measure.

ASFA-ASP Services introduced a new APRA Connect Working group in 2022/23 to provide a collaborative space and create a regular feed of information between APRA and ASP Members including advance warning around Superannuation Data Transformation standard and system changes. The group meets monthly and occasionally have APRA representatives attending.

ASFA-ASP Services continued with the Fraud Forum in 2022/23 to collaborate on mitigating new and emerging Cyber and Fraud Crime risks. Through this collaborative forum, ASFA-ASP Services facilitates threat sharing data and information between members to prevent, detect and respond to ever increasing fraud risk.

This number of regulatory change programs implemented this year and planned for next year continues to be significant. This ongoing challenging environment continues to affect everyone in the industry, introduces new risk, additional cost and the potential to negatively impact the superannuation fund member experience. Payday super, where employers must pay superannuation at the same time as pay and which was announced by the Government in May 2023, will be a multi-year project requiring significant attention and resources for the whole industry to ensure successful implementation by 1 July 2026.

By collaborating with key stakeholders to identify the most efficient and compliant way to implement these regulatory changes, ASFA-ASP Services played a lead role in bettering outcomes for ASFA members and superannuation members alike.

#### Strong partnerships improve outcomes for members

ASFA-ASP Service's partnership with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), which has been developed over the past 10 years, continues to be very strong and productive in bettering outcomes for ASFA members and superannuation fund members alike. ASFA-ASP members saw tangible benefits from early engagement in codesigning solutions with the ATO in response to these following reforms:

- Informed interpretation and design decision making
- Reduced risk and cost
- Fraud mitigation through information sharing
- Better member experience
- Greater certainty as quickly as possible.

Our partnership with Services Australia also continues to develop strongly. ASFA-ASP Services members report superannuation account balances to Services Australia twice a year, and as a result of collaboration through workshops, data quality has improved significantly resulting in an improved super fund member experience as their pension entitlements can be calculated automatically, removing the need for the involvement of the member. Services Australia has reported considerable positive impact to their clients as a result of the collaboration.

Our partnership with APRA specifically focussing on the Superannuation Data Transformation project, is constructive and continues to develop. ASP began an informal fortnightly meeting with APRA to share and exchange practical feedback from ASP members on design, implementation and operation for the purpose of gaining early insights.

ASFA-ASP Services works closely with the Gateway Network Governance Body (GNGB) to ensure superannuation data is transacted efficiently through the super ecosystem. ASFA is a co-sponsor member in relation to the GNGB's role in managing the integrity, security and effectiveness of the Superannuation Transaction Network through a Memorandum of Understanding made with Gateway Operators in the superannuation industry.

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## Quality content and thought leadership delivered rain, hail, and shine

Following the successful February ASFA Conference, delegates based in Melbourne welcomed the opportunity to network with industry peers in August at the VIC State Forum, curated with the support of the National Member Engagement Committee and delivered in a member venue.

ASFA's popular 'Spotlight' series again attracted strong attendee numbers and partner support. The June 'Spotlight on Insurance' event brought to light new ways of thinking about Menopause and psychedelics on early retirement and the impact on the insurance claim experience. This Spotlight event will return to its traditional February occurrence in 2024.

ASFA hosted a budget briefing luncheon series, following a change in the Federal Government, with October events held in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. End of year luncheons with a focus on inspirational stories were added to the calendar occupying the normal ASFA Conference November timeslot.

In the wake of May 2023 Federal Budget, the ASFA team staged a live simulcast Budget briefing event between Sydney and Brisbane, featuring speakers in both locations with live crosses between the presentation parts of the event. Future expansion of this style of simulcast event delivery will be further explored in 2024.

The ASFA Studio remains an exciting focus for the team in co-creating professional video content for our members, streaming high-quality virtual events to our audiences and generating sponsored and partner opportunities.

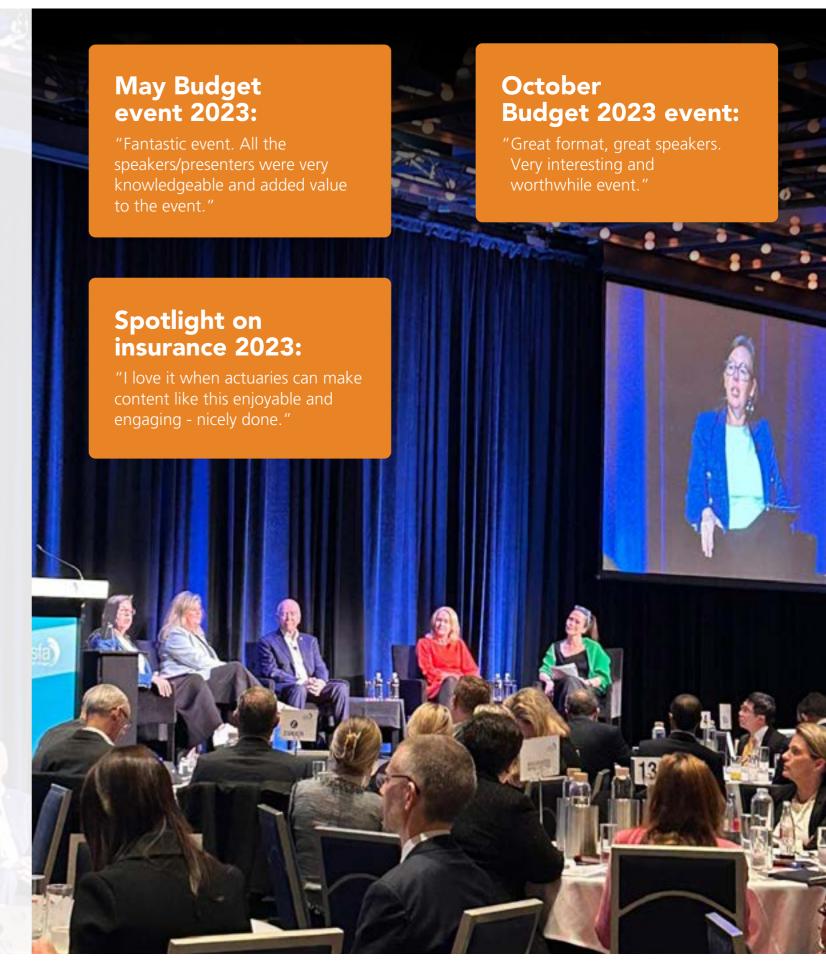
The Hon. Minister Stephen Jones and his office collaborated with ASFA on two separate events, including announcing the Government's highly anticipated response to the Quality of Advice Review, streamed live from the ASFA Studio.

ASFA's webinar series proved popular as an opportunity for members and attendees to engage directly with speakers via the online event platform. For instance the

AUSTRAC webinar which highlighted key information around meeting AML/CTF obligations. In addition to paid live and virtual events and studio activity, ASFA delivered small round table events targeted at Senior leaders of the industry. These included a briefing with Lord Dominic Johnson (UK Government's Minister of Investment), a roundtable breakfast in Canberra with Minister Jones, along with key partnered events facilitated by the ASFA CEO.









## ASFA Conference February Continuing to Inspire Excellence

The first of two 2023 conferences

The November 2022 Conference, originally scheduled for November 2022, took place in Brisbane in February 2023. This timing was a departure from the typical delivery timeframe, chosen to facilitate a return to our usual November timeslot in 2023. Despite ongoing industry consolidation, the conference received robust support from both delegates and partners, comparable to the previous event held on the Gold Coast. This strong support reflects the esteem for the event and the opportunity it provides for connecting over inspiring and thought-provoking content.

The conference maintained its format of two full days, featuring 10 keynote speaker sessions and 15 parallel sessions. Key topics covered included financial advice, cybercrime, data and technology, net zero investment strategies, retirement demographics, and long-term interest rates, among others.

The pre-conference day featured three partnered Masterclass sessions focusing on the future of financial advice in super, trustee resilience, holistic capital management, and cyber threats and operational resilience.

The Leadership Symposium was led by Ashby Monk, Executive & Research Director at the Stanford Research Initiative on Long-Term Investing and was attended by senior industry leaders.

Stan Grant, the former ABC News international affairs analyst and a highly respected journalist, returned to host the keynote sessions. Viktor Shvets, a renowned economist and geopolitical expert, opened the conference with his insights into the major economic drivers of change and their impact on today's world.

Troy Hunt, an Australian Security Researcher and founder of Have I Been Pwned, emphasized to the audience that "if you can count, you can hack," focusing on some of the simple vulnerabilities that make organisations susceptible to hacking. Ashby Monk also returned to the main stage to share his views on portfolio resilience and long-term investing.

Other notable keynote speakers included Adam Alter, Professor of Marketing at NYU Stern School of Business, Laureate Professor Veena Sahajwalla, the inventor of "green steel," national treasure John Bell, Director and Founder of the Bell Shakespeare Company, and Michelle Levy, the author of Treasury's recent Quality of Advice Review.

Additionally, celebrated Financial Times journalists Robin Harding (Asia Editor) and Josephine Cumbo (Global Pensions Correspondent) joined the speaker roster.

All conference content was available on demand to the delegate audience for 30 days following the event, enabling delegates to earn a total of 23.5 CPD points if they engaged with both live and on-demand conference content.

With two conferences scheduled in the 2023 calendar year, there was a slight decrease in participation from partners and exhibitors due to budget constraints. Partner levels across platinum, gold, and silver categories increased to 24; however, there was a minor decrease in exhibitors to 23. The Exhibition Hall accommodated 35 exhibitor and partner stands.

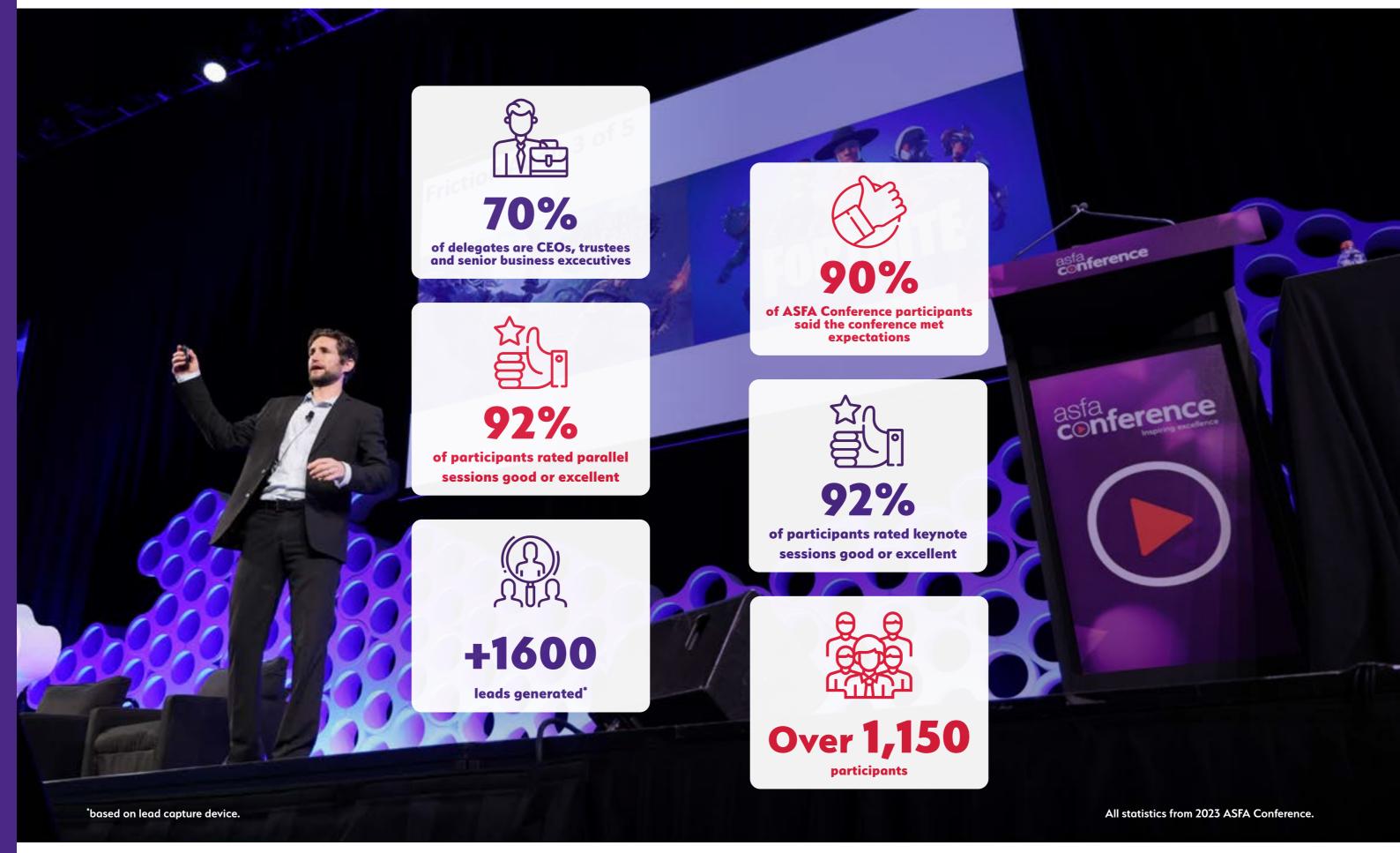
The exhibition provided a valuable environment for delegates, sponsors, exhibitors, and speakers to network and connect with their colleagues, clients, and peers. The conference dinner on Thursday night was sponsored by Allianz Retire+ and was well attended.

The top three motivators for attending the conference were networking with peers, professional development, and the desire to become better informed.





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Top 3 posts with highest engagement

Silver Partnership 6.36%

Silver Partnership 6.25%

Platinum Partnership **6.11%** 



**5.65%** Average engagement rate during February

LinkedIn engagement rate benchmark: 0.4% An engagement rate above 2% is considered good.

## **Social media during Conference**

Top 3 posts with highest engagement

QMV ASFA Repost 15%



2 Daily Highlights 14.85%



3 11.75%



**February post** impressions

Statistics current as of 21 March 2023





## Overall performance summary

LinkedIn during February 2023.

**Page impressions** 

Up **737%** from prévious month **Engagements** 

Up **2357%** from previous month Page views

Up **257%** from previous month







**Emails** 



emails sent leading up to the ASFA Conference

Open rates (promotional): 22% Open rates (informational): 49% Open rates (invitations): 46%

**Video Development** 



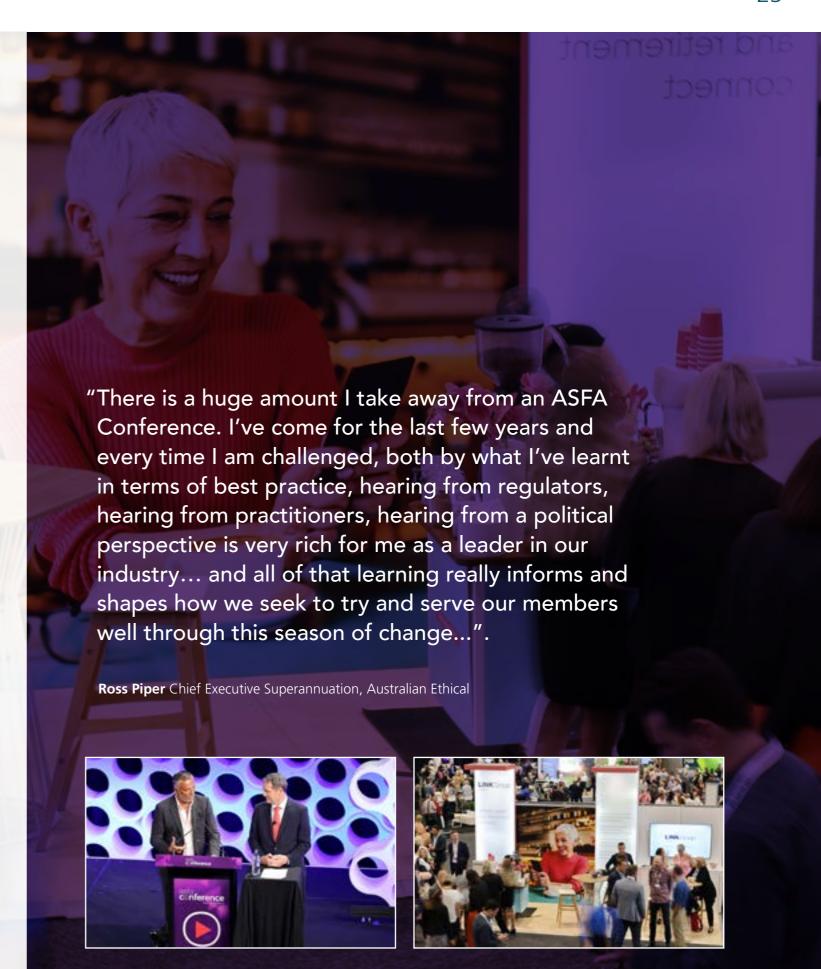
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featuring key partners

Website visitors from 1 June 2022 - 24 February 2023

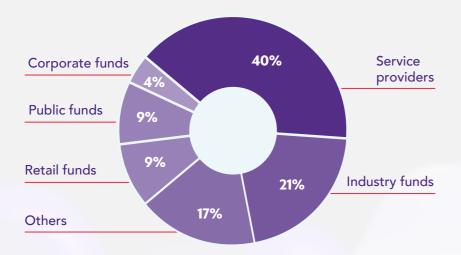












43% of the delegate audience came from the super fund industry

40% of the audience stemmed from the industry service providers

17%

of the audience have been categorised as others and include:

- Media
- Government representatives
- Life members
- Individuals (trustees)
- Speakers





## Leading

## superannuation education

ASFA Learning provides world-class superannuation education and continuing professional development solutions that build the capabilities of superannuation professionals at all stages of their career. We work with leading industry experts, the ASFA Policy team, and industry stakeholders such as regulators to ensure our learning products are designed to meet our members unique needs. As we're immersed in superannuation, we're close to the 'action' and can provide frontline insights and in-depth expertise.

## Empowering our members and enhancing their expertise

FY23 was a year of progress and achievement for ASFA Learning, despite another year of significant change for the superannuation industry and the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic which affected the participation of face-to-face workshops. Our focus on providing our members with premier compliance courses, targeted workshops on key topical and regulatory issues, and increased online learning opportunities and continuing professional development (CPD) meant we delivered world-class superannuation education to more than 3,200 superannuation professionals from more than 220 organisations.

Over 700 industry professionals commenced the superannuation industry's premier compliance course, ASFA's *RG 146 Superannuation* course, whilst over 450 industry professionals in specialist and senior level roles attended *Super Professional* virtual workshops covering topics of critical interest to our members including cyber security, greenwashing, financial crime and fraud, breach reporting, the financial accountability regime (FAR), design and distribution obligations (DDO), inflation, mergers, successor fund transfers, critical infrastructure and internal dispute resolution.

When confidence and appetite for face-to-face learning returned in early 2023, we hosted *Superannuation Governance Masterclasses* for more than 100 trustees and senior leaders on information security, operational resilience, insurance, advice, and holistic capital management, helping them achieve governance best practice through leading industry expert knowledge and the use of case study scenarios and real-life examples.

We expanded our course offering through the release of an *Essentials Series* of concise bite-sized stand-alone online courses, each one targeting a single specific critical superannuation topic including investments, insurance, claims handling, contributions, benefits, internal dispute resolution and retirement.

We also provided specialist knowledge, practical guidance, targeted topical insights and thought leadership to over 900 superannuation professionals through our flagship CPD solutions, *SuperCPD and SuperCPD Trustee*.

#### Continuing to lead super education

To ensure we continue to meet our members professional development and education needs in FY24 and keep them up to date with the reforms that are reshaping the superannuation environment, ASFA Learning will remain steadfast in:

- 1. Delivering our core products to our usual high standards education, CPD and thought leadership.
- Engaging and consulting more deeply with our members to provide tailored solutions to their education needs and the best possible learning experience.
- 3. Being at the forefront of technology via a new LMS system and website to maintain our position as leaders of the digital education space in superannuation and make us easier to engage with and provide a more seamless experience when undertaking our learning.





## Advocating for greater system equity

ASFA continued to advocate for greater system equity and measures to improve the retirement outcomes of Australians, driven by evidence-based research and analysis.

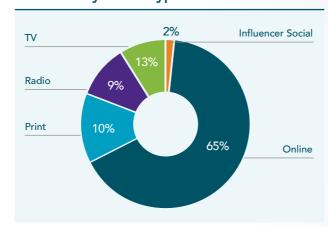
#### Media focus

- Promoting engagement with retirement savings and the importance of funding a dignified retirement through the quarterly release of the ASFA Retirement Standard
- Improving system equity and closing the gender super gap – advocating for measures to improve super balances for women and low-income workers
- Highlighting the important role superannuation is playing in deploying capital to aid the national transition to a net zero economy
- Advocating for the removal of the \$450
   Superannuation Guarantee (SG) threshold to deliver better retirement outcomes for more Australians.

#### Media highlights

ASFA maintained and built on its strong media presence over the financial year, generating **3,709** media mentions, across TV, radio, print and online news platforms as well as influencer social media.

#### Mentions by media type



#### Media headline highlights

"Super early access delayed unemployed returning to work" AFR, September 15

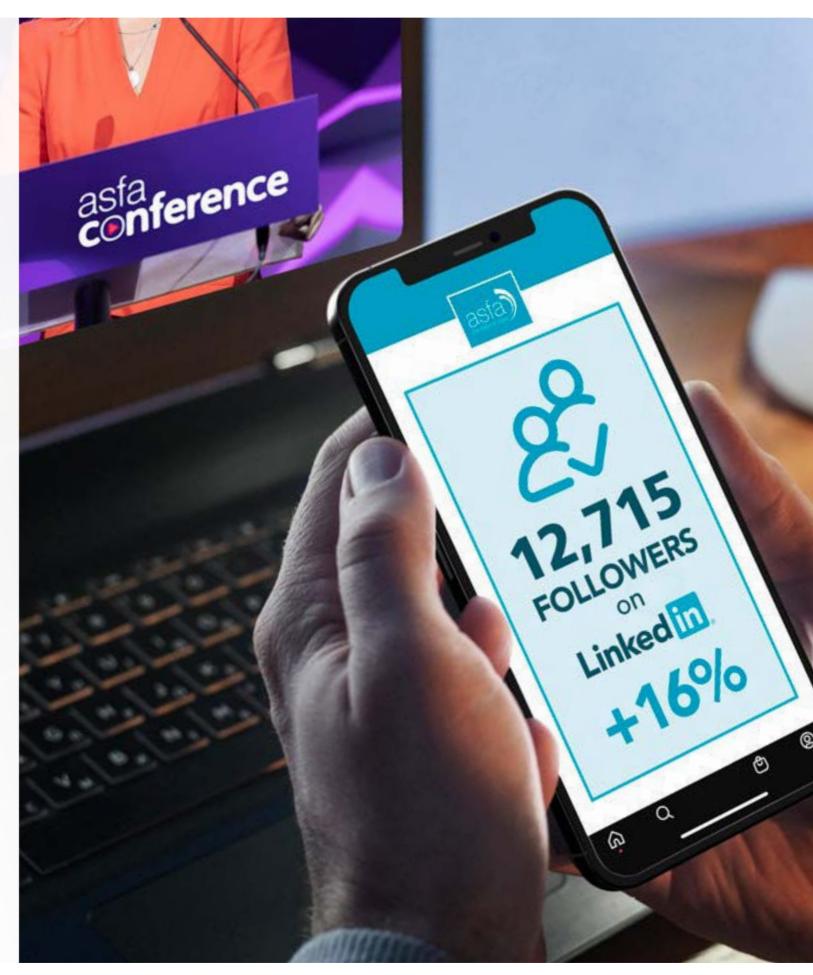
"APRA heatmaps raise concerns among industry groups" Super Review, December 20

"These 'two simple measures' would close super gender gap by 2050" AFR, March 8

"Use revenue from \$3m cap to close gender gap: ASFA" Super Review, March 9

"Retirement costs rise sharply, and so does the lump sum needed" News Ltd, March 21

"Budget 2023: Thumbs up from super but missed opportunities" Super Review, May 10





## Putting key information at people's fingertips













## Solid financial performance

#### Financial performance

The combined effect of a successful face-to-face conference and cost- cutting measures meant that by year end, ASFA was able to achieve a positive financial result and maintained its strength in its balance sheet and cashflow.

#### Risk management

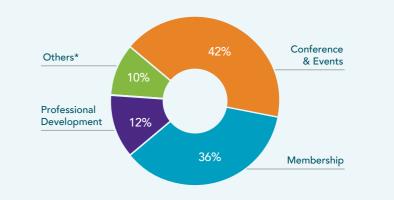
The ASFA Board continues to set a low level of risk tolerance and monitors risk management practice throughout the year.

#### Governance

We are committed to leading the superannuation industry by example through good corporate governance policies. The leadership team and the Board ensure that these policies are adhered to.

#### Revenue stream

The mix of revenue for the 2022/23 financial year was as follows:

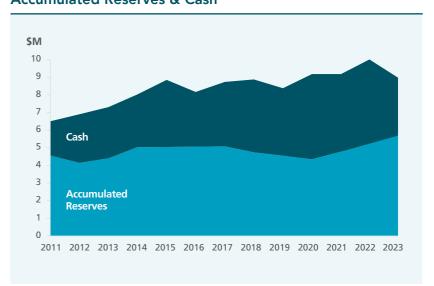


\*Includes ASP membership, SF magazine, consulting and interest income.

#### Management of reserves

ASFA manages its reserve position in accordance with its reserve policy, which requires that we have sufficient reserves available to meet balance sheet liabilities, property lease commitments and other contingencies. This policy was adhered to during 2022/23 financial year. Both balance sheet and cash reserves were maintained to be well above reserve requirements. The accumulated reserves and cash positions at the end of June 2023, relative to prior year are as follows:

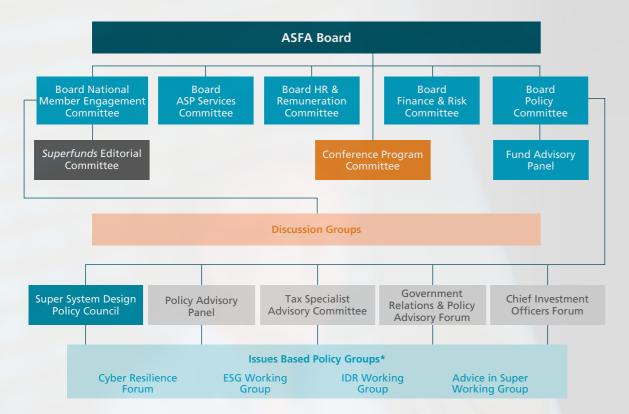
#### **Accumulated Reserves & Cash**





## Our Governance Structure

ASFA ensures it has effective governance by providing all categories of ASFA members with an opportunity to contribute. The ASFA Board and state executive committees have an election process and the Board has an Independent Chair.



<sup>\*</sup>Only major issues based policy groups shown.

## Gender Diversity Profile

		2016 %	2017 %	2018 %	2019 %	2020 %	2021 %	2022 %	2023 %
VCEV CT-ft	FEMALE	72	67	58	67	69	63	62	65
ASFA Staff	MALE	28	33	42	33	31	37	38	35
Doord	FEMALE	18	18	36	45	45	46	33	45
Board	MALE	82	82	64	55	55	54	67	55
Leadership	FEMALE	57	43	43	50	57	57	57	57
	MALE	43	57	57	50	43	43	43	43





## Board of **Directors**

(as of 30 June 2023)



Gary Dransfield
Independent Chair

Appointed 23 February 2022

- Policy Committee member
- Finance & Risk Committee member
- Human Resources
   Remuneration
   Committee member



Debby Blakey Industry Fund Representative Chief Executive Officer – HESTA

Appointed 28 August 2020

- Policy Committee member
- Human Resources
   & Remuneration
   Committee Chair



Andrew Boal
Service Provider
Representative
Partner, Actuarial
Consulting – Deloitte

Appointed 14 November 2019

- Policy Committee member
- Finance & Risk
   Committee Chair
- Human Resources
   & Remuneration
   Committee member



Vicki Doyle

Industry Fund Representative
Chief Executive Officer – Rest
Super

Appointed 18 July 2022

- Policy Committee member
- Human Resources
   & Remuneration
   Committee member



Frank Lombardo

Additional Director
Chief Operating &
Technology Officer –
Insignia Financial Ltd

Appointed 3 November 2020

Policy Committee member



Edwina Maloney
Retail Fund Representative
Director, Platforms – AMP
Services Limited

Appointed 1 September 2022

• Policy Committee member



Andrew Spence
Corporate Fund
Representative
Chief Investment Officer
- Qantas Superannuation

Elected 17 November 2022

Limited

• Policy Committee member



Deanne Stewart

Public Fund Representative
Chief Executive Officer –
Aware Super

Appointed 30 November 2018

- Policy Committee member
- National Member Engagement Committee Chair



Nadine Flood

Corporate Fund
Representative
Director – Telstra Super
Pty Ltd

Elected 17 November 2022

• Policy Committee member



Andrew Fraser

Additional Director

Chair – Australian Retirement
Trust

Appointed 3 November 2020

• Policy Committee member



Adam Gee
Service Provider
Representative
Deputy CEO/Chief Strategy
Officer – GROW Inc

Appointed 11 November 2021

- Policy Committee member
- Finance & Risk Committee member



Damian Hill
Public Sector Fund
Representative
Chief Executive Officer –
Commonwealth
Superannuation Corporation
Appointed 13 July 2020

• Policy Committee member

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## 2022/23 Board changes

There were several changes to the composition of the ASFA Board during the 2022/23 financial year.

These changes are listed below.

- The appointment of Vicki Doyle on 18 July 2022.
- The appointment of Edwina Maloney on 1 September 2022.
- The appointment of Nadine Flood on 17 November 2022.
- The appointment of Andrew Spence on 17 November 2022.
- The departure of Michael Clancy on 17 November 2022.
- The departure of Chris Davies on 17 November 2022.
- The departure of Kelly Power on 19 May 2023.

## Farewell to outgoing **Board members**

We extend sincere thanks to our four outgoing Directors for the valuable contributions they made during their time on the ASFA Board



**Michael Clancy Corporate Fund** Representative Chief Executive Officer -**Qantas Superannuation** Appointed December 2015

• Policy Committee member



**Chris Davies Corporate Fund** Representative Chief Executive Officer -**Telstra Super Pty Ltd** Appointed November 2014

- Policy Committee member
- Human Resources & Remuneration Committee Chair



**Kelly Power Retail Fund Representative Chief Executive Officer** Superannuation -**Colonial First State** Appointed November 2019

Policy Committee member

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(commenced June 2023) GROW Inc.

**David Short** 

(resign date June 2023)

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Margie Kerr

(commenced November 2023)

Deloitte **Paul Curtin** 

(resign date November 2022)

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#### **SMSF**

Liz Westover (co-chair)

Naree Brooks (co-chair)

(commenced July 2023)

#### INVESTMENT

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(resign date June 2023) HESTA

#### **NEW SOUTH WALES**

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(commenced May 2023)

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Individual member

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#### **GENERAL**

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Colin Coplin **Sharyn Cowley** Insignia Financial

Peter Cox Ian Croshaw Lara Cseh

Australian Executor Trustees Limited

Lisa Cumberland

**Building Unions Superannuation** Scheme (Qld)

Susanne Dahn Spirit Super **Bernard Daly** 

Australian Retirement Trust

**Brendan Daly** Rest Super Ken Dance **Noel Daniell** 

Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Bill Davis Jose De Freitas **Brian Delaney** Silas Dingiria Spirit Super Sarah Drury

BT Financial Group Michael Dwyer Jon Echevarria BT Financial Group **David Elia** Hostplus Rebecca Ellis

AIA Australia

Joe Farrugia

**Bill Esslemont** 

**Emery Feyzeny** 

**REI Super Peter Foxton Katie Frazer** Link Group

Steven Gaffney smartMonday Solutions

Dawn Garrett Mercer

Philip Gellie **AMP Services** Darren Gilby

Spirit Super **Maged Girgis** Minter Ellison Lawyers

Michael Gomersall **Trevor Gordon** Dean Gorey

Zorica Gorgievski Catherine Gowing

Rest Super **Brett Grant** Togethr Trustees Warren Gray Michelle Grech

Mercer Colin Grenfell Julie Guettler

Michelle Guinan

**EMERGENCY SERVICES & STATE SUPER** 

**Geoffrey Hall AMP Services Graeme Hall** Insignia Financial **Robert Halley-Frame Equity Trustees Limited Greg Halliday** 

Terri Hamilton Australian Retirement Trust

Mark Harrington **EMERGENCY SERVICES & STATE SUPER** 

TelstraSuper

Michelle Harris UniSuper Management

**Robin Harris** Scott Hartley **AMP Services** Sarah Harvey **AMP Services Greg Hassett AMP Services** Alan Hauserman **Greg Healy** 

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#### Fellows of ASFA continued

Karen Henricus

Mercer

**Damian Hill** 

Commonwealth Superannuation

Corporation

**David Holston** 

**Melinda Howes** 

KPMG Jim Ioannidis

Jim Ivester

**AMP Services** 

Maxine Jacona First Super Pty Limited

**Murray Jamieson** 

**Christopher Jensen** 

**Bruce Jones** 

**Katharine Jordan** 

Mercer

**Anthony Keir** 

ASFA Noelle Kelleher

Vision Super

Carol Keller

Prime Super Alan Kent

SA Metropolitan Fire Service Superannuation Scheme

Nicole Killen

Mine Super Skye King

NGS Super Pty Limited

**George Kogios** 

Prime Super

**Nick Kouteris** 

Philip La Greca

Noel Lacey

Cbus Super Paul Lau

Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Bernadine Lawrence

Vision Super David Levy

TelstraSuper

Maria Li

Insignia Financial

Ellen Liondis

Mercer Ken Lockery

lan Lorimer UniSuper Management

**Andrew Lovett** 

Mercer

Paul Lynch

Australian Catholic Superannuation

and Retirement Fund

Peter Lynch Tay MacNabb

AustralianSuper **Russell Mason** 

Deloitte

**Louise Matthews** 

Hostplus

John McCrory Murray McKay Stephen McKay

Australian Retirement Trust

**Antony Mian** 

State Street Australia Limited

Steven Miller TelstraSuper

**Brenda Mills** Rest Super

lain Muir Rest Super

**Peter Nancarrow** Catholic Super

Mark Newman

Vision Super

**Andrew Nunn** MLC Australia

**Nicole Oborne** 

PwC

Kym O'Brien

**Bernard O'Connor** 

NGS Super Pty Limited **David Orford** 

Optimum Pensions

Jane Panton

UniSuper

**Anthony Pawson** 

Carol Peacock

Australian Retirement Trust

**Geoff Peck** 

**REI Super Cindy Pedersen** 

AIA Australia

**Gary Peirce** 

Fire and Emergency Services Super Fund

Ian Pepper AustralianSuper

**Dawson Petie** 

**Howard Prott** Robert Putnam Ratna Ratnakumar

**Peter Robertson** 

Maritime Super **Howard Rosario** 

**Dean Rose** 

Legal Super Julie Roughley

BT Financial Group **Stephen Rowbottom** 

Mine Super **Peter Rowe** 

**Optimum Pensions** 

**Darren Royals** SA Metropolitan Fire Service

Superannuation Scheme

Michael Ruffin **AMP Services** 

**Shirley Schaefer** 

**BDO Services Anthony Schiavo** 

Mercer

James Scott AMG Super

Naomi Scott

Colonial First State

Jonathan Sedawie

Cbus Super

**Stephen Sefton** Munich Reinsurance Company

of Australasia Limited

Jon Shevket

Mine Super Mark Sladden

**AMP Services** 

Philippa Smith **Cora Speed** 

Certane

Sai Srinivasan

JANA Investment Advisers

Julie Steed Insignia Financial

Jonathan Steffanoni

**QMV** Solutions

Sara Stidworthy

Joe Storto

Mercer

Fellows of ASFA continued

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**Neale Sturt** 

Australia Post Super Scheme

Wayne Sullivan

Frontier **Barrie Sundstrom Bradley Tallents** 

MLC Australia Lewis Tassone

Simone Thompson

**Arthur Antonellos** 

Callan Applebee

Telstra Super Pty Ltd

Mark Butterworth

**Anthony Campbell** 

Vanguard Investments Australia Ltd

Australian Catholic Superannuation and

Stuart Campbell

MLC Australia

Chris Claessen

**TWUSUPER** 

Justin Colley

Retirement Fund

Australian Retirement Trust

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**Shannon Cox** 

Link Group

Rachel Dale

Mark Drury

ST Consult

Hostplus

Thanh Bui

Cbus Super

MLC Australia

Hostplus

Wendy Tse MetLife Australia

**Patrick Twomey** Australian Retirement Trust

**Grant Tyndall** 

Iress Nathan Urbanski

Pauline Vamos

Hans Van Daatselaar

Peter Venn

Rosemary Vilgan Paul Watson

Hostplus Peter Webster Owen Weeks

Juliet Wenden Kaye Wheatley-Brown

Legal Super **Chris White David Wiener** 

Janine Wright

Mercer

**Associates of ASFA** 

Simon Eade

AustralianSuper

Paul Gabrielli **AMP Services Limited** 

Renee Gantner ASFA Limited

Matthew Grech

Mercer Sreenatha Guthi

Insignia Financial Ltd

Matthew Halfacree **AMP Services Limited** 

**Anneliese Hughes** Link Group

**David Keating** 

AustralianSuper Sally Kotsa

Kevin Lee

Guild Trustee Services Pty Limited Sinead McKechnie NGS Super Pty Limited

**Heather-Ann Morris** 

**AMP Services Limited** 

**Andrew Murray AMP Services Limited Mark Owens** 

Zurich Financial Services Australia Limited

**Neville Pearce** Link Group **David Peterson** 

AMP Services Limited **Damon Purkiss** Aware Super

Jenna Russell Mercer Paul Shen

Iress **Margaret Soutter** 

Mercer **Angela Thurstans** 

APRA Patricia Villareal

Rest Super Charmaine Wadhwani

Michael Wagner **AMP Services Limited** 

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#### **Trustee Associates of ASFA**

Laura Langan **Adam Nettheim** Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation

#### **Trustee Fellows of ASFA**

Kerry Adby Jodie Baker **Ronald Beard** Diversa Trustees Limited **Matthew Condon** Togethr Trustees **Neil Costley David Doolan** Togethr Trustees **Christine Feldmanis** Scott Hawker Perpetual Limited

Justine Hickey Togethr Trustees Jennifer Leslie Tom May Australian Ethical Superannuation

John O'Donnell Mercy Super Brendan O'Farrell **Gerard Parlevliet** Prime Super Jane Paskin Roslyn Ramwell **Belinda Tallis** Simon Tennant Cbus Super Janet Torney Perpetual Limited



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#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

In respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2023 the directors submit the following report made out in accordance with a resolution of the directors:

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#### **Directors**

The following persons were the Directors of the Company at any time during or since the end of the current financial year to the date of this report:

- Adam Gee
- Andrew Boal
- Andrew Fraser
- Andrew Spence (appointed 17 November 2022)
- Chris Davies (resigned 17 November 2022)
- Damian Hill
- Deanne Stewart
- Debby Blakey
- Edwina Maloney (appointed 1 September 2022)
- Frank Lombardo (resigned 1 July 2023)
- Gary Dransfield
- Kelly Power (resigned 19 May 2023)
- Michael Clancy (resigned 17 November 2022)
- Nadine Flood (appointed 17 November 2022)
- Vicki Doyle (appointed 18 July 2022)

Further details are included elsewhere in this annual report.

The Board consists of one independent chair and two directors from each of the following membership categories: Industry Funds, Corporate Funds, Public Sector Funds, Retail Funds (one of the Retail fund representative positions was vacant on 30 June 2023) and Service Providers and two additional directors.

#### **Principal activities**

ASFA is the peak policy, research and advocacy body for Australia's superannuation industry. It is a not-forprofit, sector-neutral, and non-party political national organisation whose aim is to advance effective retirement outcomes for members of funds through research, advocacy and the development of policy and industry best practice. There was no significant change in the nature of those activities during the year. Further details of the Company's activities during the year are contained elsewhere in this report. At this time, the directors are not aware of any developments likely to cause a significant change in the nature of the Company's activities.

#### Review of operations and results

The surplus of income over expenditure for the year amounted to \$129,717 (2022, surplus \$744,064), which resulted in an increase in the accumulated surplus from \$5,531,267 to \$5,660,984.

#### Significant changes in the state of affairs

There have been no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company during the course of the year.

#### Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

Following Dr Martin Fahy's departure on 5 June 2023, Gary Dransfield was the Acting Interim CEO. Mr Dransfield was appointed into the role of Interim CEO on 4 July 2023 until a permanent CEO is found. Mr Dransfield retained his role as Independent Director on the ASFA Board.

Damian Hill was appointed on 4 July 2023 as Interim Chair while Mr Dransfield acted as Interim CEO. It is intended that once Mr Dransfield resumes his role as the Chairperson, Mr Hill will step down as the Interim Chairperson and continue in the role of Director.

The directors are not aware of any other matters or circumstances not otherwise dealt with in the directors' report or financial report that has significantly or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of these operations or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial years.

#### Likely developments and expected results of operations

The directors consider that the Company will continue its principal activities being the promotion of the interests of ASFA members and the education of ASFA members generally in superannuation matters.



In respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2023 the directors submit the following report made out in accordance with a resolution of the directors:

#### **Environmental regulation**

The Company is subject to normal State and Federal environmental legislation and does not operate within an industry with specific environmental guidelines or limits. To the best of the directors' knowledge, there have been no breaches of environmental legislation.

## Strategy, objectives and measuring performance

ASFA's mission is to provide effective retirement outcomes for members of funds through research and advocacy and to serve ASFA members by providing a range of services.

ASFA has four critical success factors. Under each critical success factor it has two strategic themes for the 2023 financial year.

#### **Thought Leadership**

- Influence Government Reviews and Implementation
- Drive four Policy Pillars of:
- Enhanced retirement outcomes
- Informed and engaged members
- Industry efficiency gains
- Effective governance and regulation

#### **Confidence in Industry**

- Develop industry best practice standards: governance, transactions, risk management
- Linking ASFA members to consumers

#### **Member Engagement**

- Put ASFA members into the drivers' seat
- Support and deliver industry benchmarking

#### **Financial Sustainability**

- Products and services that meet changes
- Plan for industry change and consolidation

#### **Corporate Governance Statement**

The directors are responsible to the ASFA members for the performance of the Company in both the short and the longer term and seek to balance these sometimes competing objectives in the best interests of the Company as a whole. Their focus is to ensure the Company is properly managed, to protect, promote and advance the interests of Australia's superannuation funds, their trustees and their members. The board draws on relevant corporate governance best practice principles to assist it to contribute to the performance of the Company.

Day to day management of the Company's affairs and implementation of corporate strategy and policy initiatives

are delegated by the board to the Chief Executive Officer and management team.

The functions of the board include:

- setting corporate strategies
- review and approval of the annual budget and financial plans
- overseeing and monitoring organisational performance and the achievement of the Company's strategic goals and objectives
- monitoring financial performance including approval of the annual and quarterly financial reports and liaison with the Company's auditors
- appointment of, setting the remuneration of, and assessment of the performance of, the Chief Executive Officer
- ensuring there are effective management processes in place and approving major corporate initiatives that arise throughout the year
- ensuring the significant risks facing the Company have been identified and appropriate and adequate control, monitoring and reporting mechanisms are in place.

A description of the Company's main corporate governance practices is set out herewith. All these practices, unless otherwise stated, were in place for the entire year.

#### The Board of Directors

The board operates in accordance with the broad principles set out in the Company's constitution including that:

- the board is comprised of non-executive directors.
   Further information about the directors is set out in the directors' report under the heading "Information on directors"
- the Chair of the board is elected by the full board and meets regularly with the Chief Executive Officer
- there is a mix of directors on the board from different sectoral backgrounds as required under the Constitution with complementary skills and experience.

The board has established a number of committees to assist in the execution of its duties and to allow detailed consideration of complex issues. Current committees of the board are Finance and Risk, Human Resources and Remuneration, National Member Engagement, and Policy.

All four committees include directors. The committee structure and membership is reviewed on an annual basis.

Each of these committees has its own written charter setting out its role and responsibilities and the manner in which the committee is to operate. All substantial matters determined by committees are submitted to the full board as recommendations for board decision.

The Company's Constitution specifies that all directors must retire from office no later than the second annual general meeting (AGM) following their last election. Where eligible, a director may stand for re-election.

#### Commitment

The board meets at least on a quarterly basis during the year. Additional corporate strategy workshops are also scheduled on a biennial basis (with the timing appropriate to other significant external events).

The number of meetings of the Company's board of directors and of each board committee held during the year and the number of meetings attended by each director is disclosed elsewhere in this report.

#### **Conflict of interests**

All directors are regarded as independent. The Company defines "independent" as independent of the executive management.

#### Independent professional advice

Directors and board committees have the right, in connection with their duties and responsibilities, to seek independent professional advice at the Company's expense. Prior written approval of the Chair is required, but this will not be unreasonably withheld.

#### Remuneration

The Human Resources and Remuneration committee (comprising at least three directors including the Chair and Chair of the Finance and Risk Committee) makes specific decisions on remuneration packages and other terms of employment for senior executives.

Remuneration packages are set at levels that are intended to attract and retain executives capable of managing the Company's diverse operations and achieving the Company's strategic objectives.

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for keeping the Chair informed of all relevant issues associated with management succession planning, including the implementation of appropriate executive development programmes and ensuring adequate arrangements are in place, so that appropriate candidates are recruited for later promotion to senior positions.

#### Non-executive directors

Gary Dransfield received a chairman's fee of \$100,000 for the period of 01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Mr Dransfield was Interim CEO during Dr Martin Fahy's leave of absence between 3 April 2023 to 12 May 2023 and since Dr Martin Fahy's departure on 2 June 2023. Mr

Dransfield didn't receive additional remuneration for his role as Interim CEO.

Damian Hill was appointed as Interim Chair of the ASFA Board on 4 July 2023. It is intended that Mr Hill will not receive any remuneration for acting as Interim Chairperson.

No fees were paid to other directors of the Company.

#### Audit

The oversight of this function is included in the responsibilities of the Finance & Risk Committee.

The other main responsibilities of the Finance & Risk committee are to:

- provide recommendations and advice to the board on the financial management of ASFA
- review in detail the annual Budget as prepared by the Secretariat to ensure its financial soundness and adequacy in providing services to the ASFA members as determined by the Board
- review in detail the management accounts prepared periodically by the Secretariat including reports against Budget and Cash Flow analysis
- review in detail the Balance Sheet as prepared periodically by the Secretariat to ensure that it is financially sound and that adequate reserves are being maintained to meet recorded and possible future liabilities to ensure continuity of activity
- review the treasury management by the Secretariat to ensure the safe and timely investment of surplus funds
- identify and manage risk through ensuring the establishment and review of the effectiveness of internal control systems
- oversee compliance by ASFA with appropriate laws and regulations
- oversee compliance with ASFA Reserving Policy, Financial Delegation and Approval Policy and Cash and Financial Management Policy
- appoint the external auditors and oversee the audit process
- oversee the effective operation of the risk management framework

In fulfilling its responsibilities, the committee receives regular reports from management and the external auditors. It also meets with the external auditors at least once a year - more frequently if necessary and reviews any significant disagreements between the auditors and management, irrespective of whether they have been resolved. The external auditors have a clear line of direct communication at any time to either the Chair of the committee or the Chair of the board. It is the policy of the external auditors to provide an annual declaration of their independence to the committee.



HR & REMUNERATION

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#### **INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS**

#### **Gary Dransfield**

#### Appointed 23 February 2022

for the year ended 30 June 2023

- Independent Chair
- Policy Committee member
- Finance & Risk Committee member
- Human Resources & Remuneration Committee member

#### **Adam Gee**

#### Appointed 11 November 2021

- Service Provider Representative
- Deputy CEO/Chief Strategy Officer – GROW Inc
- Policy Committee member
- Finance & Risk Committee member

#### **Andrew Boal**

#### Appointed 14 November 2019

- Service Provider Representative
- Partner, Actuarial Consulting Deloitte
- Policy Committee member
- Finance & Risk Committee Chair
- Human Resources & Remuneration Committee member

#### **Andrew Fraser**

#### Appointed 3 November 2020

- Additional Director
- Chair Australian Retirement Trust
- Policy Committee member

#### **Andrew Spence**

#### Elected 17 November 2022

- Corporate Fund Representative
- Chief Investment Officer -**Qantas Superannuation Limited**
- Policy Committee member

#### **Damian Hill**

#### Appointed 13 July 2020

- Public Sector Fund Representative
- Chief Executive Officer -Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation
- Policy Committee member

#### **Deanne Stewart**

#### Appointed 30 November 2018

- Public Fund Representative
- Chief Executive Officer -Aware Super
- Policy Committee member
- National Member Engagement Committee Chair

#### **Debby Blakey**

#### Appointed 28 August 2020

- Industry Fund Representative
- Chief Executive Officer HESTA
- Policy Committee member
- Human Resources & Remuneration Committee Chair

#### **Edwina Maloney**

#### Appointed 1 September 2022

- Retail Fund Representative
- Director, Platforms AMP Services Limited
- Policy Committee member

#### Frank Lombardo\*

#### Appointed 3 November 2020

- Additional Director
- Chief Operating & Technology Officer – Insignia Financial Ltd
- Policy Committee member
- \*Note: Frank Lombardo resigned from the Board on 1 July 2023.

#### **Nadine Flood**

#### Elected 17 November 2022

- Corporate Fund Representative
- Director Telstra Super Pty Ltd
- Policy Committee member

#### Appointed 18 July 2022

Vicki Doyle

- Industry Fund Representative
- Chief Executive Officer Rest Super
- Policy Committee member
- Human Resources & Remuneration Committee member

#### **DIRECTORS RESIGNED**

#### **Chris Davies**

#### Appointed 13 November 2014

- Corporate Fund Representative
- Chief Executive Officer Telstra Super Pty Ltd

#### **Kelly Power**

#### Appointed 14 November 2019

- Retail Fund Representative
- Chief Executive Officer Superannuation – Colonial First State

#### **Michael Clancy**

#### Appointed 10 December 2015

- Corporate Fund Representative
- Chief Executive Office Qantas Superannuation Limited

#### **COMPANY SECRETARY**

#### Jielin Jin (Stella Jin)

Appointed 2 March 2017

#### officers extends to the payment of all costs and expenses incurred in defending an action that falls within the scope of the indemnity. The Company is only liable to indemnify a director or officer to the extent that the director's or officer's liability is not covered by a policy of insurance taken

During the financial year the Company paid insurance premiums totalling \$7,800 (2022: \$7,800) in respect of directors' and officers' liability insurance. The policy does not specify the premium for individual directors and officers.

**Directors' Meetings** 

**Andrew Boal** 

**Andrew Spence** 

**Edwina Maloney** 

Michael Clancy

**Gary Dransfield** 

**Debby Blakey** 

**Andrew Fraser** 

**Kelly Power** 

Vicki Doyle

Frank Lombardo

**Deanne Stewart** 

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**Insurance of Officers** 

**Directors' Benefits** 

**Chris Davies** 

**Nadine Flood** 

**Damian Hill** 

Adam Gee

The directors' and officers' liability insurance provides cover against all costs and expenses involved in defending legal actions and any resulting payments arising from a liability incurred by the Company's directors and officers to other

persons where that liability was incurred by the director or officer in their position as a director or officer unless the conduct involved a wilful breach of duty or fiduciary obligation.

POLICY

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#### Constitution

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The number of directors' meetings and meetings of committees of directors held in the period each director held office

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**FINANCE & RISK** 

NATIONAL MEMBER

No.

Available

to attend

during the financial year and the number of meetings attended by each director is:

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BOARD MEETING

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Attended

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For the year ended 30 June 2023, no director of the

of a contract made by the Company and the director,

The Company's constitution provides indemnities for

directors and officers of the Company and its related

bodies corporate against all liabilities to other persons

(other than the Company and its related bodies corporate)

which arises out of the performance of their normal duties

as directors or officers of the Company unless the liability

indemnity provided by the Company to its directors and

relates to conduct involving a lack of good faith. The

a firm of which the director is a member or an entity in

Company has, since the end of the previous financial year,

received or become entitled to receive a benefit by reason

which the director has a substantial financial interest, with

the exception of the benefits that may be deemed to have

arisen in relation to transactions entered into in the ordinary

In accordance with the Constitution, every member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the property of the Company in the event of the Company being wound up while they are a member or within one year after they cease to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company (contracted before they cease to be a member) and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves, such amount as may be required, but not exceeding twenty dollars (\$20) per member (\$5,360 in total, \$5,160 in 2022).

#### Auditors independence declaration

A copy of the auditors' independence declaration as required under section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 is set out on page 58 in this report.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors.



**Andrew Boal** Finance and Risk Committee Chair

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Sydney, 16 August 2023



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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME



#### Auditor's Independence Declaration

As lead auditor for the audit of The Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia Limited for the year ended 30 June 2023, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Blugett.

BSS Tompsett
Partner
PricewaterhouseCoopers

Sydney 16 August 2023

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	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$	
Revenue from continuing operations	4	10,979,227	11,301,580	
Other Revenue	4	304,706	1,709,826	
Expenses from continuing operations	4	11,154,215	12,267,342	
Operating (deficit)/surplus before Income Tax	4	129,718	744,064	
Income Tax expense	2(g)	_	_	
Operating (deficit)/surplus after Income Tax attributable to members		129,718	744,064	
Other comprehensive income		-		
Total comprehensive income for the year		129,718	744,064	

The above should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7(a)	2,362,562	2,628,988
Term Deposits	7 (b)	6,759,116	7,368,076
Receivables	6	2,617,929	2,457,959
Other assets	8	483,489	306,541
Total Current Assets		12,223,096	12,761,564
Non-Current assets			
Plant and equipment	9	1,142,403	653,988
Lease Right-of-Use Asset	12	1,342,687	1,932,971
Other Assets	8	-	_
Total Non-Current Assets		2,485,090	2,586,959
Total Assets		14,708,187	15,348,523
Current Liabilities			
Payables	14	445,708	824,776
Provisions	10	520,745	563,973
Lease Liability	15	757,965	731,320
Fees and income in advance	11	6,125,817	5,769,743
Total Current Liabilities		7,850,235	7,889,812
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions	10	107,273	110,362
Lease Liability	15	1,089,694	1,817,082
Total Non-Current Liabilities		1,196,967	1,927,444
Total Liabilities		9,047,203	9,817,256
Net Assets		5,660,984	5,531,267
Equity			
Accumulated Surplus		5,660,985	5,531,267
Total Equity		5,660,985	5,531,267

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY** for the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Total equity at the beginning of the financial year	5,531,267	4,787,203
Operating (deficit)/surplus for the year	129,718	744,064
Total comprehensive income for the year	129,718	744,064
Total equity at the end of the financial year	5,660,985	5,531,267

The above should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from operations		10,950,787	13,502,997
Payments to creditors and employees		(10,615,264)	(11,916,837)
Interest received		289,265	18,350
Net cash flows from operating activities	16	624,788	1,604,510
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for plant and equipment		(736,390)	(12,914)
Net cash flows from investing activities		(736,390)	(12,914)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of borrowings ROU Assets		(700,743)	(700,373)
Interest paid ROU Asset		(63,040)	(83,710)
Net cash flows from financing activities		(763,783)	(784,083)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(875,385)	807,513
Cash at the beginning of the year		9,997,064	9,189,551
Cash at the end of the year	7	9,121,679	9,997,064

The above should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

#### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

for the year ended 30 June 2023

#### 1. General Information

This financial report covers the Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia Limited as an individual entity and is presented in Australian currency.

The Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia Limited (the Company) is a company limited by guarantee. In accordance with the Constitution, every member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the property of the Company in the event of the Company being wound up while they are a member or within one year after they cease to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company (contracted before they cease to be a

member) and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves, such amount as may be required, but not exceeding twenty dollars (\$20) per member (2023: \$5,360 in total, 2022: \$5,160 in total). The financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors on 16 August 2023. The directors of the Company have the power to amend and reissue the financial report.

The operations of the Company are conducted in Australia only.

#### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These principles have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### a) Basis of preparation

This general-purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

#### Compliance with IFRSs

The financial report of the Company also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

#### Historical cost convention

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and unless otherwise stated do not take into account current valuation of noncurrent assets.

#### Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates.

The notes to the financial statement set out areas involving higher degree of judgement or complexity such as:

- Revenue refer to note 2(d)
- Leases refer to note 2(m)
- Impairment management uses judgement on whether assets are impaired

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including reasonable expectations of future events. Management believes the estimates used in preparing this financial report are reasonable.

#### b) Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are depreciated over their expected useful lives to the Company using the straight-line method. The expected useful lives are 3 to 5 years.

The cost of improvements to leasehold properties is amortised over the unexpired period of the lease. Gains and losses on disposal are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount and are included in the statement of comprehensive income. The expected useful life of leasehold improvements is 10 years.

Furniture and fittings are depreciated over 5 years.

Where Government Grants have been secured to purchase plant and equipment, they are brought to account in the balance sheet as deferred income and amortised over the same period that the plant and equipment is being depreciated.

#### c) Capitalised software

Costs incurred in developing or acquiring software and licences that will contribute to future benefits are capitalised at cost and amortised from the point at which the asset is ready to use on a straight-line basis over their expected useful lives. The expected useful lives are 3 to 5 years.

#### d) Revenue recognition

AASB 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers and AASB 1058: Income for Not-for-profit Entities, which establishes a comprehensive framework for determining whether, how much and when revenue is recognised and is mandatory for the Company's 2023 financial statements.

Under AASB 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers, revenue is recognised using the 5 steps approach outlined below to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services.



The following 5 steps have been applied in analysing transactions to determine when revenue is recognised:

- Step 1 Identify the contract with a customer.
- **Step 2 –** Identify the separate performance obligations in the contract.
- **Step 3** Determine the transaction price.

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- **Step 4 –** Allocate the transaction price to the separate performance obligations in the contract.
- **Step 5** Recognise revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation.

The adoption of AASB 15: Revenues from Contracts with Customers did not have any other impact on the measurement or timing of revenue recognition on other revenue from contracts with customers.

#### (i) Conference/Events registration revenues

Performance obligation of the Conference/Events registration are satisfied at the time conference/ event takes place and Conference/events registration revenues are recognised accordingly at the time.

#### (ii) Workshop revenues

Income and expenditure arising from the workshop is brought to account in the same period as the workshop is delivered. There were no performance obligations related to the revenue established which takes place after learning workshops are delivered.

#### (iii) Membership revenues

Annual membership period commences on 1 July and ends on 30 June and all performance obligations are satisfied by the end of the financial year. Hence full annual membership fees are recognised on a straightline basis during the financial year.

#### (iv) Self-paced online qualifications

Performance obligations are satisfied at the time online learning is provided to customer. Fees are deferred and recognised over the period in which it is estimated that the online training services will be provided.

#### (v) Conference sponsorship revenues

Performance obligations are satisfied over the period in which the sponsorship is provided by ASFA up to and including the date of the conference. As some components of the sponsorship agreement are delivered before the conference/event takes place, the related portion of the sponsorship revenue will be recognised at the time those obligations are performed.

Other revenues are recognised in the period to which they relate on an accrual basis.

#### e) Receivables

Receivable amounts are generally received within 30 days of being recorded as receivables. Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. An impairment allowance account (doubtful debts provision) is used when there is objective evidence that the Company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables based on an assessment of past events, current conditions and future economic conditions. The allowance considers a range of possible outcomes and their probability of occurring. Significant financial difficulties of the debtor, probability that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, default or delinquency in payments (more than 30 days overdue) and negative forecasts of future economic conditions are considered indicators that the trade receivable is impaired. Bad debts are written off during the period in which they are identified.

The amount of impairment loss (bad debt) is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income within other expenses. When a trade receivable for which an impairment allowance had been recognised becomes uncollectable in a subsequent period, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### f) Employee benefits

#### (i) Wages and salaries and annual leave

Liabilities for wages and salaries and annual leave in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date are measured at the amount expected to be paid when the liabilities are to be settled.

#### (ii) Long service leave

A liability for long service leave is recognised and is measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Consideration is given to the expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at 30 June 2023 on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match as closely as possible the estimated future cash outflows.

#### g) Income tax

The Company is exempt from income tax in accordance with section 50-5 of the Income Tax Act (1997).

#### h) Foreign currency translation

#### (i) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of the company are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the company operates ('the functional currency'). The functional currency is Australian Dollars (AUD).

#### (ii) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing

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at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### i) Cash

For the purposes of the statement of Cash Flows, cash includes deposits at call, which are readily convertible to cash on hand and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

In the Cash Flow statement, the term deposits which have the maturity greater than three months are included in cash but they are separately identified as Term Deposits item in Balance Sheet.

#### i) Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

#### k) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included with other receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities, which are recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

#### I) New accounting standards and interpretations

There are no standards, interpretations, or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 July 2022 that have a material impact on the amounts recognised in the prior periods or will affect the current or future periods.

#### m) Leases

The Company has adopted AASB 16: Leases from 1 July 2019 using the modified retrospective approach and electing to measure the Right-of-use asset equal to the Right-of-use liability at the date of adoption, less any portion of the Right-of-use asset that was reclassified to lease receivables.

Under AASB 16: Leases, ASFA's operating leases with a term of more than 12 months, unless the underlying asset is of low value, is recognised on the balance sheet as "Right-of-use Asset" and "Lease Liability". The depreciation of the Right-of-use asset and interest on lease liability will replace the previous straight lining of rent expense practice.

#### **Financial Statement impacts**

As of 30 June 2023, ASFA ROU lease assets' carrying amount is \$1,342,688, liability is \$1,847,659. which is discounted by the principal payments of \$700,743 and interest expense of \$63,040.

#### n) Reclassification of prior year balances

Certain comparative balances may be reclassified to ensure consistency with changes to current period presentation and classification.



#### 3. Revenue from contracts with customers

#### a) Disaggregation of revenue

ASFA derives its revenue from the transfer of services over time and at a point in time. The following table provides a breakdown of revenue by the timing of when performance obligations are satisfied and by major business line.

	Services satisfied at	Services satisfied	
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2023	a point in time	over time	Total
Conference and events registration (February 2023 Conference)	4,589,307	_	4,589,307
Membership	_	3,972,220	3,972,220
ASP membership	_	922,500	922,500
Self-Paced Online qualification	_	389,998	389,998
Workshops (Online and face-to-face)	522,387	354,096	876,483
Superfunds Magazine		2,737	2,737
Consulting	_	225,982	225,982
Total Revenue from contracts with customers	5,111,694	5,867,533	10,979,227
Other Revenue			
Interest income	289,265	_	289,265
Government subsidies	_	_	-
Payroll tax Refund	_	_	-
Others	15,441	_	15,441
Total Revenue	5,416,400	5,867,533	11,283,933

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2022	Services satisfied at a point in time	Services satisfied over time	Total
Conference and events registration (April 2022 Conference)	4,385,789	-	4,385,789
Membership		4,036,364	4,036,364
ASP membership		990,000	990,000
Cyber Forum		500,000	500,000
Self-Paced Online qualification		317,966	317,966
Workshops (Online and face-to-face)	530,728	397,184	927,911
Superfunds Magazine		6,089	6,089
Consulting		137,461	137,461
Total Revenue from contracts with customers	4,916,517	6,385,063	11,301,580
Other Revenue			
Interest income	-	_	18,350
Government subsidies		_	434,460
Payroll tax Refund		_	1,247,510
Others		_	9,506
Total Revenue	4,916,517	6,385,063	13,011,406

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#### 4. Operating surplus/(deficit)

The following specific revenue and expenses have been included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

	2023 \$	2022
Membership fee income	3,972,220	4,036,364
ASP Membership fee income	922,500	990,000
Cyber Forum income	_	500,000
Conference and Events	4,589,307	4,385,789
Professional development and education	876,483	927,911
Self-Paced Online qualification	389,998	317,966
Superfunds magazine	2,737	6,089
Consulting	225,982	137,461
Total Revenue from continuing operations	10,979,227	11,301,580
Interest income	289,265	18,350
Government subsidies	_	434,460
Payroll Tax Refund	_	1,247,510
Others	15,441	9,506
Total Other Revenue	304,706	1,709,826
Total Income	11,283,933	13,011,406
Auditors remuneration – audit services	(63,724)	(54,946)
Auditor's remuneration – non-audit services	(19,635)	(668,633)
Bad and Doubtful Debts	3,132	(3,044)
Depreciation – Plant and equipment	(130,774)	(167,601)
Amortisation – Leasehold improvements	(117,201)	(116,571)
Amortisation – Right-of-use Assets	(617,045)	(590,284)
Provision for long service & annual leave	61,151	47,420
Rental expenses	(59,880)	(51,700)
Employee costs	(6,429,424)	(6,665,332)
Director fee	(100,000)	(123,718)
Direct cost of Revenue	(2,444,879)	(2,633,359)
IT expenses	(370,259)	(380,882)
Lease Interest expenses	(63,040)	(83,710)
Other expenses	(802,638)	(774,982)
Total Expenses	(11,154,215)	(12,267,342)
Total Comprehensive Income	129,718	744,064



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#### 5. Remuneration of Auditor

During the year, the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by PricewaterhouseCoopers Australia (PwC) as auditor of ASFA.

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Audit fees	63,724	54,946
Other Non-Audit services		
Governance Advisory	19,635	41,606
Tax Advisory	_	225,050
Cyber Forum Advisory	_	347,031
Total Remuneration of PwC	83,359	668,633

PwC assisted ASFA in conducting Board Election in FY2023. The governance advisory amount paid is associated with this service.

#### 6. Receivables

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Trade receivables	2,427,816	2,458,200
Less: Doubtful Debts Provisions	_	(3,132)
	2,427,816	2,455,068
Accrued interest	190,113	2,891
	2,617,929	2,457,959

The FY2023 trade receivables include FY2024 Membership subscriptions and FY2024 event invoices raised prior to 30 June 2023.

#### 7. Cash, cash equivalents and term deposits

a)	)	Casr	ı, ca	ash	equ	ıva	en	ts

	\$	2022 \$
Cash at bank and in hand	1,954,991	2,628,988
Short-term Deposits	407,571	_
	2,362,562	2,628,988

#### b) Term deposits

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Term Deposits	6,759,116	7,368,076
	6,759,116	7,368,076

Term deposits are held with ANZ Bank.

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#### 8. Other assets

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	2023 \$	2022 \$	
Current			
Conference costs carried forward	299,971	56,166	
Prepayments	148,758	211,402	
Current Rent Deferral Prepayment	_	32,579	
Accrued income	34,760	6,394	
	483,489	306,541	
Non-current			
Non-current Rent Deferral Prepayment	_	_	
	-	-	

#### 9. Plant and equipment

	соѕт			ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION		NET BOOK VALUE	
	2023 \$	2022 \$	2023 \$	2022 \$	2023 \$	2022 \$	
Capitalised software	1,951,654	1,215,264	1,215,264	1,215,264	736,390		
Plant and equipment	1,245,653	1,245,653	1,149,490	1,018,716	96,163	226,937	
Leasehold improvements	1,152,512	1,152,512	842,662	725,461	309,850	427,051	
	4,349,820	3,613,429	3,207,416	2,959,441	1,142,403	653,988	

Reconciliations of the carrying amounts of each class of plant and equipment at the beginning and end of the current financial year are set out below.

	Capitalised software \$	Plant and equipment \$	Leasehold improvements \$
Carrying amount at 1 July 2022	-	226,937	427,051
Additions	736,390	_	-
Disposals	-	_	_
Depreciation/amortisation expense	-	(130,774)	(117,201)
Carrying amount at 30 June 2023	736,390	96,163	309,849
Carrying amount at 1 July 2021	728	335,215	543,622
Additions	-	196,598	_
Disposals	-	(138,003)	-
Depreciation/amortisation expense	(728)	(166,873)	(116,571)
Carrying amount at 30 June 2022	_	226,937	427,051



#### 10. Provisions

	2023 \$	2022
Current		
Provision for employee benefits	520,745	563,973
	520,745	563,973
Non-current		
Provision for employee benefits	107,273	110,362
	107,273	110,362
Employee numbers (full-time equivalent)	34	36

#### 11. Fees and income in advance

	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASFA Membership Fees	3,757,020	4,061,210
Conference revenue carried forward	1,115,799	420,618
ASP Membership Fees	902,500	855,000
Invoices raised for Learning, Events and others	350,498	432,915
	6,125,817	5,769,743

#### • Significant changes in fees and income in advance:

Fees and income in advance at 30 June 2023 increased by \$356,074 compared to 30 June 2022 due to increased sale of ASFA November 2023 Conference tickets.

#### • Revenue recognised in relation to fees and income in advance:

The following table shows how much of the revenue recognised in the current reporting period relates to carried-forward fees and income in advance and how much relates to performance obligation that were satisfied in a prior year:

	Amount
Opening balance of deferred revenue 1 July 2022	5,769,743
Invoiced in FY2023	11,065,683
Revenue recognised in FY2023	(10,709,609)
Closing balance of deferred revenue 30 June 2023	6,125,817

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#### 12. Right-of-use Asset – Lease

	2023 \$	2022
Carrying amount at 30 June 2022	1,932,972	2,523,255
Additions	_	_
Disposals	_	_
Depreciation/amortisation expense	(590,285)	(590,284)
Carrying amount at 30 June 2023	1,342,687	1,932,972

Right-of-use asset is measured at cost comprising the following:

- the amount of the initial measurement of lease liability,
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any incentives received,
- · any initial direct costs, and
- restoration costs.

Right-of-use asset is generally depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis.

At 30 June 2023, the carrying amounts of Right-of-Use photocopier lease and office lease were \$10,733 and \$1,331,954 respectively.

#### 13. Capital commitments

The Company has contracted with Fusion5 for Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system upgrade. The remaining capital commitment on this project is \$127,895.

#### 14. Current Liabilities - Payables

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Trade payables	88,394	257,498
Accrued creditors	204,727	372,174
GST payable	51,207	(20,633)
Other payables	101,380	215,737
	445,708	824,776



#### 15. Lease Liabilities

	2023 \$	2022
Current	757,965	731,320
Non-current	1,089,694	1,817,082
	1,847,659	2,548,402

Under AASB 16: Leases, the Company has recognised a lease liability with opening balance of \$2,548,402 that is reduced during the year by both principal repayments and interest expense.

As of 30 June 2023, the lease liability amount is \$1,847,659.

They are measured on a Net Present Value of the remaining lease payments which is discounted using the lessee's incremental borrowing rate at 1 July 2019 as per details below:

- Fixed payments, less any lease incentives receivable
- The lease is discounted using the incremental borrowing rate 2.84% which is determined by:
- the most economic available rate that ASFA would have to pay on borrowing from third party financing banking institution
- use a build-up approach that starts with a risk-free interest rate adjusted for credit risk for lease held by ASFA Limited
- make adjustments specific to the lease, e.g., term, country, currency and security.

On 1 July 2020, ASFA recognised a Right-of-Use Asset Photocopier and Lease Liability of \$71,302 as an addition. This has been reduced to \$13,703 with net principal repayments of \$19,923 and interest of \$921 during the period as of 30 June 2023.

As of 30 June 2023, the amount of \$763,783 relating to lease is recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss as shown below:

	2023 \$	2022 \$	
Depreciation charge of Right-of-use assets	590,284	590,284	
Year to date depreciation adjustment	26,761	_	
Total depreciation	617,045	590,284	
Interest expense (included in finance cost)	63,040	83,710	
Repayment of borrowings Right-of-use Assets	700,743	700,373	
The total cash outflow for lease in FY2023	763,783	784,083	

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#### 16. Reconciliation of net cash flows from operating activities

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Operating (deficit)/surplus after income tax	129,718	744,064
Depreciation and amortisation	247,975	238,492
Depreciation and amortisation Right-of-use Asset	590,284	590,284
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase) decrease in net interest accrued	(187,220)	(1567)
(Decrease) increase in Provision for Doubtful Debts	(3,132)	2,360
Decrease (increase) in debtors	30,383	(524,980)
Decrease (increase) in other assets	(176,948)	1,678,764
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and provisions	(362,346)	(561,982)
Increase (decrease) in fees and income in advance	356,074	(560,925)
	624,788	1,604,510

#### 17. Related party information

#### a) Transactions with related parties

During the current year, the Company provided membership, conference and other educational services to the directors and director related entities within normal customer relationships on terms and conditions no more favourable than those available in similar arm's length dealings. There were no other transactions with directors and no material transactions with other related parties during the year ended 30 June 2023.

#### b) Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Company are the directors and executive officers who had authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling activities of the Company for the year. The following individuals were the key management personnel who held office during the year.

#### **Non-executive Directors:**

- Adam Gee
- Andrew BoalAndrew Fraser
- Andrew Spence (appointed 17 November 2022)
- Chris Davies (resigned 17 November 2022)
- Damian Hill
- Deanne Stewart
- Debby Blakey

- Edwina Maloney (appointed 1 September 2022)
- Frank Lombardo (resigned 1 July 2023)
- Gary Dransfield
- Kelly Power (resigned 19 May 2023)
- Michael Clancy (resigned 17 November 2022)
- Nadine Flood (appointed 17 November 2022)
- Vicki Doyle (appointed 18 July 2022)

#### **Executive key management personnel**

- Martin Fahy, Chief Executive Officer (resigned 2 June 2023)
- Glen McCrea, Deputy CEO and Chief Policy Officer
- Gary Dransfield, Independent Chair, Interim CEO (3 April 2023 to 12 May 2023, 5 June 2023 to the date of the report)

#### c) Key management personnel remuneration

Gary Dransfield received a chairman's fee of \$100,000 for the period of 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Mr Dransfield was the Acting Interim CEO since Dr Martin Fahy's departure on 5 June 2023 and was appointed into the role of Interim CEO on 4 July 2023. Mr Dransfield did not receive additional remuneration for his role as Interim CEO.

No fees were paid to other directors of the Company.



Details of the remuneration of executive key management personnel are set out in the following table:

			FIXED REMUNERATION		VARIABLE REMUNERATION		
Name	Year	Cash Salary	Non- monetary benefits	Annual and long service leave	Post- employment benefits	Cash Bonus	Total
Executive KMP remuneration expensed*	2023	1,120,703	-	87,079	51,638	100,000	1,359,420
Executive KMP remuneration expensed	2022	956,056	-	(9,557)	48,948	100,000	1,095,447

\*Note: CEO termination payment of \$95,982 was included in FY2023 KMP remuneration amount.

#### d) Service Agreements

Remuneration and other terms of employment for the CEO, Interim CEO and Deputy CEO is formalised in service agreements.

#### 18. Financing arrangements

The financing arrangements with WBC include the corporate card and Bank Guarantee. Access was available at balance date to the following bank facilities:

	2023 \$	2022
Corporate Card Limit	100,000	100,000
Unused at balance date	89,602	98,157
Bank Guarantee	402,325	402,325

Bank Guarantee provided by Westpac in favour of Abacus Property Group for the premise lease at Level 11, 77 Castlereagh Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

#### 19. Financial Risk Management

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including interest rate risks and price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The Company's overall risk management program seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Company. The Company uses different methods to measure different types of risk to which it is exposed. These methods include monitoring of the investment and banking arrangements and ageing analysis for credit risk.

Risk management is carried out by management with oversight by the Finance and Risk Committee. The Finance and Risk Committee reviews and updates the risk management register annually covering specific areas.

The Company holds the following financial instruments:

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Financial Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,362,562	2,628,988
Trade and other Receivables	2,617,927	2,457,960
Total Financial Assets	4,980,489	5,086,948
Financial Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	(445,708)	(824,776)
Total Financial Liabilities	(445,708)	(824,776)

The carrying amounts of trade receivables and payables approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature.

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#### Fair Value Measurements

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities must be estimated for recognition and measurement for disclosure purposes.

#### Market risk

#### Price risk

Market price risk is the risk that the value of an instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, the issuer of that investment or all factors affecting all financial instruments traded in the market.

ASFA does not hold any investments subject to price risk.

#### Interest rate risk

The Company's main interest rate risk arises from cash and cash equivalents and distributions from investments, which expose it to risks associated with the effects of fluctuations in market interest rates. The Company monitors the level of cash maintained and the impact of changes in interest rates on expected levels of return.

Based on the balance as at 30 June 2023, if the interest rates had changed by -/+ 100 basis points from the year end rates with all other variables held constant, the operating surplus would have been \$91,217 lower/higher (2022: +/- 100 basis points +/- \$99,971 lower/higher surplus) as a result of lower/higher interest income from these financial assets.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that another party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment it has entered into with the Company.

Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents, deposits with banks and financial institutions and trade receivables. There is no independent rating of financial assets. The company assesses the credit quality of the customer, taking into account its financial position, past experience and other factors. Invoices are required to be settled within trading terms and the aged debtors are closely monitored.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying amount of receivables and term deposits (refer Note 6 and 7, respectively).

#### Liquidity risk

Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and marketable securities, the availability of funding through an adequate amount of credit facilities and the ability to close out market positions. The Company manages liquidity risk by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows and matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities. The financial liabilities are predominantly due within 1 month.

#### 20. Events occurring after the reporting period

Following Dr Martin Fahy's departure on 5 June 2023, Gary Dransfield was the Acting Interim CEO. Mr Dransfield was appointed into the role of Interim CEO on 4 July 2023 until a permanent CEO is found. Mr Dransfield retained his role as Independent Director on the ASFA Board.

Damian Hill was appointed on 4 July 2023 as Interim Chair while Mr Dransfield acted as Interim CEO. It is intended that once Mr Dransfield resumes his role as the Chairperson, Mr Hill will step down as the Interim Chairperson and continue in the role of Director.

The directors are not aware of any other matters or circumstances not otherwise dealt with in the director's report or financial report that has significantly or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of these operations or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial years.



- a. The Financial statements and notes set out pages 59 to 75 are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-forprofits Commission Act 2012 including:
  - i. Complying with Accounting Standards, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
  - ii. Giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as of 30 June 2023 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date, and
- b. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable, and
- c. The financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

**Damian Hill** Interim Chair

Sydney, 16 August 2023

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**Andrew Boal** 

Finance and Risk Committee Chair



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#### Independent auditor's report

To the members of The Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia Limited

#### Our opinion

#### In our opinion:

The accompanying financial report of The Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia Limited (the Company) is in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) Act 2012, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year then ended
- complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2012.

#### What we have audited

The financial report comprises:

- the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023
- the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended
- the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- the notes to the financial statements, which include significant accounting policies and other explanatory information
- the directors' declaration

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Independence

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

#### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2023, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon through our opinion on the financial report.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Responsibilities of management and the directors for the financial report

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) Act 2012* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, Management is responsible for assessing the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless Management either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\_responsibilities/ar3.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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BSS Tompsett Partner Sydney 16 August 2023

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