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## E-BUSINESS

Are you carrying out your superannuation business in the most efficient way? Do you want to help us conserve resources? Have you considered electronic solutions? Catholic Super offers you a range of e-business strategies depending on your needs and the number of members for whom you make contributions.

If you would like to explore the e-business options available, please call us on 1300 550 273 or email [info@csf.com.au](mailto:info@csf.com.au) and you will be contacted to discuss your specific needs.

## CO-CONTRIBUTION SCHEME

Since 1st July 2007, Catholic Super has received \$4,048,895 in Government co-contributions for 3,833 members.

With the end of financial year 2007-2008 fast approaching, members who are eligible for the scheme should make sure that their voluntary after-tax superannuation contribution reaches us well before 30 June. This will ensure that they receive the maximum government matching contribution after they submit their tax return.

## BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENT LIMITS FUTURE CO-CONTRIBUTION ACCESS

One of the changes announced in the recent Federal Budget may have an impact on a number of those members who currently participate in this scheme.

From 1 July 2009, salary sacrificed contributions to super will be included in the salary level used to ascertain eligibility for the co-contribution scheme.

This will be a change from current practice and we encourage members to find out whether they will be affected and discuss strategies for minimising any negative impact by calling 1300 550 273 to talk to one of our financial planners.

## CATHOLIC SUPER'S PLATINUM PENSION

We are very pleased that our Pension has recently been awarded a platinum rating by SuperRatings. In his congratulatory email, Jeff Bresnahan of SuperRatings said "After exhaustive research and analysis, only a limited number of funds have been awarded our prestigious Platinum Rating."

According to this rating, Catholic Super's Pension is a "best value for money" fund. It is well balanced across all key assessment criteria in a robust, secure and proven risk framework. The fund provides features that should assist most to meet their retirement goals.

We are very proud to receive this award and encourage you to find out more by visiting the SuperRatings website on [www.superratings.com.au](http://www.superratings.com.au).



## PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE

Catholic Super was the major sponsor of the PAVCSS Conference which took place at Marysville recently. Our presence at the conference gave us the opportunity to personally engage with those Principals present.

We were very encouraged by the number of Principals who thanked us for our work on their own behalf and that of their staff. We were also able to set up opportunities for them to meet with one of the CSF Financial Services planners at a mutually convenient time and place.

Some Principals asked us about the possibilities of enabling their staff to have access to more information about super. For some, this was best pursued by setting up school based presentations for staff. For others, the provision of a financial planner based at the workplace to enable individual staff appointments was the preferred outcome.

We are certainly happy to provide the best option for any workplace and hope this will lead to very productive relationships in the future. Please call us on 1300 550 273 to discuss any similar need you may have in your workplace.

Congratulations to Sandra Diafas and Gerald Bain-King for winning the prizes of a full Financial Plan each, from CSF Financial Services Pty Ltd. We are sure they will be very useful.

## SALE DIOCESE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS CONFERENCE

Catholic Super was invited to make a presentation to this conference, which was recently held at the RACV resort at Inverloch. Those present also have a dual role in regards to Catholic Super; as members of the fund and as those responsible for much of the administration of contributions on behalf of the employer.

The presentation covered a number of aspects of super including, contributions, salary sacrifice, co-contributions, investment options and performance, insurance options and news of future changes to insurance, as well as transition to retirement opportunities.

Participants took the opportunity to ask questions and raise issues of importance to them in their work. The session appeared to be beneficial to all who took part. Our thanks go to Kirrily Phillips from the Sale Catholic Education Office for arranging it.



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