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## ARIA welcomes new CEO

Lochiel Crafter has joined ARIA as its new CEO. Lochiel has extensive experience in the financial services industry. He has previously worked for Westpac Investment Management, Commonwealth Investment Management, Mercury Asset Management and State Super Investment and Management Corporation.

For the past seven years Lochiel has worked in various roles with State Street Global Advisers including, until recently, Chief Investment Officer, Asia Pacific located in Singapore.

## Current topics

### Investment update

For the latest news about PSSap investment performance visit the **PSSap monthly investment performance online**.

### Budget 2008 super news

No major superannuation changes were announced in the 2008/09 Budget. There were no changes to the existing 'Better Super' system and no amendments on current contributions, taxation or transition to retirement arrangements.

#### Changes to same sex legislation

Legislation to remove differential treatment of same-sex couples and their children will be introduced in a number of areas including superannuation.

Amendments to the Commonwealth super schemes will likely be effective as of 1 July 2008. Full details of this proposal are not available, however, once the necessary legislative and/or rule amendments are finalised we will inform you in future editions of *Aspire*.

See the budget information on this proposal outlined [here](#).

#### Comprehensive review of the tax system

The government has announced a comprehensive review of Australia's tax system. This review is to commence in July 2008 and is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2009. The review will examine the taxation of savings, assets and investments, including superannuation.

We will monitor this review for any implications relating to compliance, unit pricing and earnings rate issues, after-tax performance and the taxation of contributions and benefits.

#### Access to tax free lump sums for persons with a terminal medical condition

As the government previously announced, the measure to make superannuation lump sum benefits tax free for people with a terminal medical condition will be back-dated to 1 July 2007.

## How to bump up your super with co-contributions

If you earn less than \$58,980, for every \$1 you put in to your super, the government offers you seconds up to \$1.50\*



### Why turn down something as sweet as a second helping?

All you need to do to get your second helping is:

- > check your eligibility on our website
- > make an after-tax contribution to your PSSap super account
- > lodge an income tax return.

### How big will your second helping be?

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#### Step 1

See if you're eligible. You may be eligible for the super co-contribution in a year of income if:

- > you are an Australian resident or New Zealand resident working in Australia
- > your 'total income' (assessable income plus reportable fringe benefits) is less than \$58,980 (this may be different to your taxable income)
- > 10% or more of your total income is from eligible employment
- > you do not hold an eligible temporary resident visa at any time during the year
- > you lodge an income tax return for the year of income and
- > you are less than 71 years old at the end of the year of income.

Your 'total income' is your assessable income plus your reportable fringe benefits.

Reportable fringe benefits are non-cash benefits provided with employment, for example, a car or accommodation.

To find out more about the government's super co-contribution, go to the **Super Co-contributions and your PSSap super fact sheet** or check out the ATO website [www.ato.gov.au/super/](http://www.ato.gov.au/super/) where you will also find a handy calculator.

#### Step 2

Make an after-tax contribution to your super. With the PSSap it's as easy as doing your online banking, thanks to BPAY. Just:

1. Log into **Your account**
2. Click on **My contributions** and simply follow the prompts from there.

If you don't have an access number, call us on **1300 725 171** and we can give you one over the phone.

#### Step 3

Lodge your income tax return with Australian Taxation Office (ATO). The ATO uses your tax return to confirm your eligibility and calculate the co-contribution amount. If you're eligible, the ATO deposits it directly into your PSSap super account. It's that easy.

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*\* The Australian Taxation Office determines eligibility for the government's super co-contribution based upon the tax return you submit.*

## Keep your address details up-to-date to get your Annual Member Statement

Your 2007/08 Annual Member Statement will be sent to you from late September. If we have your correct postal address, we will be able to post it directly to you. If you haven't yet provided us with your address details you can provide or update your details by:

- > using the secure **Your account** area (use your access number – if you don't have an access number just call us to be issued with one)
- > emailing your postal address, name, membership/AGS number and date of birth to [members@pssap.gov.au](mailto:members@pssap.gov.au); or
- > calling us on **1300 725 171**.

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