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# SMART Super Member News

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## Welcome to the new year!

From all at SMART Super, we hope you had a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. This mailing includes your mid-year member statement for the six months 1 July – 31 December 2006. Please take a few minutes to look over it carefully and let us know if any of your details are incorrect.

This statement shows a record of contributions and transactions for six months, but does not include any investment earnings as we allocate those once annually at 30 June. December 2006 contributions were not due to be paid until January 2007, so may not appear on this statement.



## Don't pay too much tax on your super!

The 2006/07 Federal Budget proposed some changes to Tax File Number (TFN) legislation that could have a significant impact on you.

Previously, super fund members were not legally obliged to provide a TFN, however the changes mean tax will apply at 46.5% of total contributions in excess of \$1,000 where a TFN has not been provided.

**This is a more than 30% increase on the current 15% contributions tax rate.**

In addition, personal member contributions may have to be refunded.

We encourage all members to avoid paying too much tax by providing their TFN to SMART Super. This information is kept strictly confidential and is not used for any other purpose except that required by Federal Government legislation.

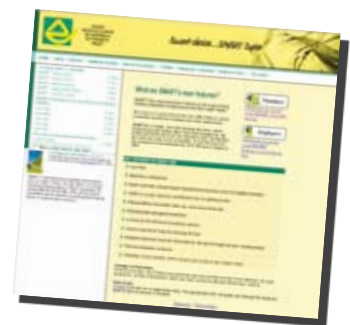
You can provide your TFN over the phone by calling 1800 802 800, or email [smart@aas.kaz.com.au](mailto:smart@aas.kaz.com.au)

## Stay in touch online

You can access all the information you need about SMART online via our website, [www.smartsuper.net](http://www.smartsuper.net)

You can even keep track of your personal account details and balance using our online service called Member Access.

To receive your secure user ID and password, call us on 1800 802 800.



## SMART Super Trustee Board

In October /November 2006, SMART held an election to replace one of our Member Directors, Mr Wal Threlfall, who had indicated his intention to retire from the Board at the end of December 2006.

As no nominations were received, Mr Threlfall confirmed that he would remain on the Board indefinitely. This received the full support of all Directors and we thank Mr Threlfall for his ongoing efforts and dedication to SMART.

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## Don't miss out on \$1,500!

The Federal Government's co-contribution could put an extra \$1,500 in your super, tax-free!

To be eligible, you must make a personal after-tax contribution to your super before 30 June, and meet the following criteria:

- Your total assessable income is less than \$58,000 per annum;
- You are a permanent Australian resident;
- You are less than 71 years of age at 30 June; and
- You must lodge a tax return for the current financial year.

Note that salary sacrifice personal contributions are not eligible as they are made before-tax.

### How does it work?

The co-contribution works on a sliding scale. If you earn \$28,000 p.a. or less, the maximum co-contribution will apply, which is \$1.50 for every dollar of your own voluntary contribution, up to a maximum of \$1,500.

The co-contribution gradually reduces as your income increases, cutting out altogether at salaries of \$58,000 and over. Use the following table as a guide to how much you would have to contribute to receive the maximum co-contribution.

Your assessable annual income	Your personal after-tax contribution	Your maximum co-contribution entitlement
\$28,000	\$1,000	\$1,500
\$34,000	\$800	\$1,200
\$40,000	\$600	\$900
\$46,000	\$400	\$600
\$52,000	\$200	\$300
\$55,000	\$100	\$150

### Example

Joe earns \$40,000 per year. If he makes a personal contribution of \$600, he will receive a co-contribution amount of \$900. Joe can contribute more than \$600, but he will still only receive \$900 as this is the maximum amount allowed under the co-contribution scale for his salary level.

### What should you do now?

There are several easy ways for you to make personal contributions to SMART. You can contribute a lump sum at any time, or you can contribute small regular amounts via payroll deduction or direct debit.

Regular contributions can be much easier on the budget, and it only takes \$20 a week to add up to \$1,000 over a year. Remember that to be eligible for the co-contribution, your personal contribution must be received by SMART before 30 June 2007.

You can make personal contributions in any of the following ways:

1. Send us a cheque with written instructions to deposit the amount to your account as a personal contribution. Please include your member number so we can identify your account quickly and accurately.
2. Ask your employer to deduct a certain amount from your salary each pay period. Your employer will send the personal contribution to SMART each month with their own Superannuation Guarantee contribution.
3. Arrange for a monthly direct debit from your bank or credit union account. Call us for more information and to request a form, on 1800 802 800, or download a form from our website [www.smartsuper.net](http://www.smartsuper.net)

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