

# MFMRF

Manildra Flour Mills Retirement Fund Pty Limited  
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## Newsletter September 2023

The last 18 months have been challenging for the superannuation industry with a bear market in equities, the highest inflation surge since the 1970's and general volatility in the markets due to geopolitical, environmental and other factors. As such, members are reminded that superannuation is a long-term investment and should be looking for a fund with good performance consistency rather than single year results. However, the Trustee believes its investment strategy is well placed to achieve its long-term member objectives and is very pleased to announce its excellent returns for the financial year ending 30 June 2023. The Fund's Earning Rate for the year to 30 June 2023 is 16.0% per annum for non-pension accounts and 16.75% per annum for pension accounts.

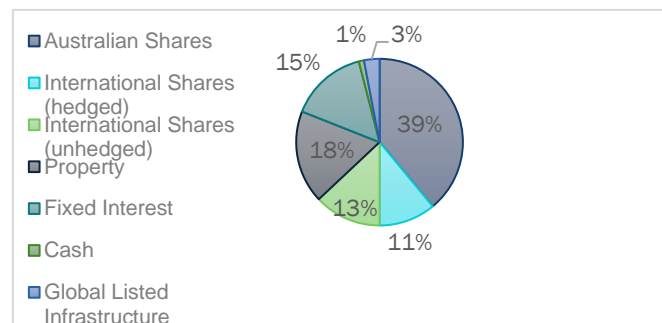
The 2023 Annual Report together with your Annual Member's Statement will be sent to you in early October. We strongly recommend that you read this report and your benefit statement carefully so that you fully understand the operations and benefits of the Fund. Please note that we will be distributing these documents electronically. Therefore, please ensure that you provide our Fund Administrator with your preferred email address. Printed versions of the Annual Report and your Annual Member's Statement are available on request.

### Annual Investment performance:

The Fund's full-year return for the year ending 30 June 2023 was 16.0% (16.75% for pension accounts).

Annualised investment returns (after fees and taxes) to 30 June 2023	Fund Return
3 years	10.92%
5 years	7.37%
10 years	8.21%

### The Fund's asset allocation as at 30 June 2023 is as follows:



**Superannuation is a long-term investment. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Markets go up and down and downturns are a normal part of the economic cycle. The returns shown are net of fees and taxes.**

**Your return may not be the same as the return shown. It will depend on whether you were a member for the entire period, any changes you have made and the timing of those changes. This is due to investment return fluctuations throughout the period.**

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**Disclaimer:** This document does not take into account your financial situation, objectives or needs. No director of the Trustee nor any of its advisers are licensed to provide personal financial advice. Before making any decision about your superannuation, you should obtain advice from a licensed financial adviser, read the relevant Product Disclosure Statement and consider any relevant risk.

## Reminder of key changes to super starting 1 July 2023

- The contributions that your employer is required to make into your super account rose from the rate of 10.5% to 11%.
- The temporary 50% reduction of the minimum pension drawdown rates, introduced during the COVID pandemic, ended on 30 June 2023. The return to the government's standard minimum drawdown rates apply from 1 July 2023.
- The general Transfer Balance Cap increased from \$1.7 million to \$1.9 million. This cap is the maximum amount of your superannuation that can be transferred from super into an income stream, where investment earnings are tax-free.
- The maximum government super co-contribution entitlement remains at \$500, however the lower-income threshold increased to \$43,445 p.a. and the higher-income threshold increased to \$58,445 p.a.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

**Do I have insurance cover under the Fund?** Yes, standard Life Insurance and standard TPD Insurance cover is included at no expense to you. Optional Income Protection Insurance is available at your own expense. Please refer to the [PDS](#) for full details of your entitlements.

**When will I receive my Member's Statement?** Your Annual Member's Statement will be provided to you together with the Fund's Annual Report late September / early October once the Financial Statements have been finalised and approved.

**Can I stay in the Fund after I retire?** Yes, please refer to the [Pension PDS](#) for full details.

**What happens to my super money when I stop work?** If you have reached your Preservation Age and stop working, you have 3 options.

1. You can withdraw all or part of the funds from your current Accumulation Account;
2. You can start a pension account with MFMRF, transfer all or part of your Accumulation Account balance to the Pension Account (subject to a \$1.9 million cap) and close your Accumulation Account; or
3. You can start a Pension Account with MFMRF and also retain an Accumulation Account.

**When can I access my super money?** Once you reach Preservation Age and retire, you have full access to your benefits. Once you reach age 65, you have full access to your benefits. If you have reached Preservation Age but have not retired, you may start a Transition to Retirement (TTR) account which allows you partial access to your benefits. Note that between Preservation Age and age 60, there may be some tax payable on any benefit withdrawals. There is no tax payable on benefit withdrawals once you reach age 60.

**What are my options if I haven't fully retired?** MFMRF offers a pre-retirement pension option which allows you to receive part of your superannuation as a pension while you are still working. You may open a Transition to Retirement (TTR) account once you have reached your Preservation Age; a minimum balance of \$50,000 is required to set up the TTR account. There is a minimum 4% and maximum 10% limit on withdrawals from the TTR. If you have reached Preservation Age but not age 60, there are tax implications (you will need to seek independent tax advice). It should be noted that the normal 15% concessional superannuation tax rate applies to TTR accounts.

## Preservation Age:

Access to super benefits is generally restricted to members who have reached Preservation Age. Your Preservation Age ranges from 55 to 60, depending on your date of birth:

Date of birth	Preservation age (years)
Before 1 July 1960	55
1 July 1960- 30 June 1961	56
1 July 1961 – 30 June 1962	57
1 July 1962 – 30 June 1963	58
1 July 1963 – 30 June 1964	59
After 30 June 1964	60

Once you reach Preservation Age and retire, you have full access to your benefits. If you have reached Preservation Age but have not retired, you may start a Transition to Retirement (TTR) account which allows you partial access to your benefits.

Once you reach 65, you have full access to your benefits.

Between Preservation Age and 60, there may be some tax payable on any benefit withdrawals. There is no tax payable on benefit withdrawals once you reach 60.

## Contribution caps from 1 July 2023:

Contributions	Limits
Concessional Contributions	\$27,500
Non-concessional contributions	\$110,000

From 1 July 2023, the minimum contribution paid by your employer increased to 11% of your ordinary time earnings; it is scheduled to increase progressively to 12% by July 2025.

## Knowing how much super you need

Many people underestimate the amount of super they will need on retirement. The rule of thumb is that two-thirds<sup>1</sup> of a person's (who own their own home) pre-retirement income is needed to maintain their standard of living in retirement. However, how much you need in retirement will depend on the lifestyle that you want.

Some things to consider in understanding how much super you need in retirement:

- Work out how you are currently spending your money with [ASIC's MoneySmart Budget planner](#)
- Estimate what your balance could be at retirement with [ASIC's MoneySmart Superannuation calculator](#)
- If you have multiple super accounts, consider combining them to reduce fees payable.
- For members closer to retirement age, understand your full entitlements – the [Commonwealth Seniors Health Card](#) is a good place to start.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Moneysmart.gov.au

## For more information about the Fund

Refer to [www.super.manildra.com.au](http://www.super.manildra.com.au) for more information about the Fund, relevant forms, PDS and notices.

## Contacts

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