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SMC SUPER SUMMIT 2026

Supercharging Members' Futures

Program – Wednesday 9 September

The annual SMC Super Summit is conducted under Chatham House rules

From 8.00am | Registration

Theatrette Foyer, Australian Parliament House

8.45am | Welcome

Elysse Morgan, MC

8.50am | Opening remarks

Ann Sherry AO, Chair, Super Members Council

9.10am | Inside retirement

Misha Schubert, CEO, and Matt Linden, Executive General Manager Strategy and Insights, SMC
Audience Q&A moderated by Elysse Morgan
Unveiling compelling new research on how retirees spend their super, its broader economic benefits, and what the new insights mean for future retirement policy settings.

10.00am | Government update

The Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP, Treasurer of Australia
Insights from the Treasurer on economic and superannuation priorities.

10.15am-10.45am | MORNING TEA

10.50am | Consumer protection spotlight

Keynote: Peter Kell, former ASIC Commissioner and consumer advocate
Panel: Chaired by HESTA CEO Robbie Campo in dialogue with Peter Kell, Rest Super CEO Vicki Doyle, and SMC Deputy CEO Nick Coates
Keynote reflections and a leadership dialogue on the need for strong universal consumer protections in a compulsory super system.

11.30am | AI and the future economy

Chaired by Elysse Morgan in dialogue with Ambassador Jeffrey Bleich, International Special Envoy at Anthropic and former U.S. Ambassador to Australia; IFM Investors CEO David Neal
A conversation on the opportunities, challenges and choices emerging as AI develops at pace.

12.15pm | In conversation with the Shadow Treasurer

The Hon Tim Wilson MP, Shadow Treasurer
With Elysse Morgan
A discussion with the Shadow Treasurer on economic and superannuation priorities.

12.30pm-1.45pm | LUNCH

1.50pm | ATO in focus

ATO Second Commissioner Law Design and Practice Kirsten Fish; Acting ATO Deputy Commissioner Usha Narain (Payday Super Program); ATO Deputy Commissioner Ben Kelly (Superannuation and Employer Obligations)
With SMC CEO Misha Schubert
A focused discussion on the ATO's role in supporting the integrity, administration and future direction of Australia's super system.

2.10pm | In conversation: Regulator perspectives

ASIC Chair Sarah Court and APRA Deputy Chair David Bradbury
With SMC CEO Misha Schubert
An opportunity to step back from the day-to-day operational interactions with the regulators and reflect on the bigger picture, what kind of retirement system we want to build for future generations and the safety features it must have.

2.40pm | Safeguarding and strengthening Australians' super

Panel: Chaired by SMC Chair Ann Sherry AO, in dialogue with AustralianSuper CEO Paul Schroder; Australian Retirement Trust CEO Kathy Vincent; SMC Employer Forum Convenor and Australian Hotels Association CEO Stephen Ferguson and ACTU Assistant Secretary Joseph Mitchell
A leadership dialogue exploring the next strategic tasks to safeguard and strengthen Australians' super, drawing on insights from the CEOs of Australia's two largest super funds, employers and employees.

3.20pm-3.45pm | AFTERNOON TEA

3.50pm | In conversation

The Hon Dr Daniel Mulino MP, Assistant Treasurer; The Hon Kevin Hogan MP, Shadow Assistant Treasurer
With SMC CEO Misha Schubert
A policy conversation with the Assistant Treasurer and Shadow Assistant Treasurer on the issues shaping the future of super.

4.20pm | Closing session: Group reflection on key themes and takeaways

Facilitated by Elysse Morgan
A facilitated wrap-up to reflect on the day's main themes, insights and practical takeaways.

PARLIAMENTARY NETWORKING EVENT

5.00pm | Parliamentary networking event, in conjunction with the Parliamentary Friends of Superannuation

Theatrette Foyer, Australian Parliament House

This event will provide an opportunity for parliamentarians to meet and interact with Summit attendees and other super sector stakeholders.

Dinner, Hyatt Hotel Canberra

7.00pm for 7.30pm-9.30pm

An evening networking dinner featuring U.S. Congressman Michael McCaul, Representative from Texas, co-chair, Friends of Australia Caucus and Chairman Emeritus, House Foreign Affairs Committee and the Hon. Ambassador Joe Hockey (Ret.), Founding Partner & President, Bondi Partners in dialogue with Cath Bowtell, Chair, IFM Investors.

Note: Congressman McCaul will be in Australia leading a U.S. Congressional Delegation. Several members of the delegation will also join us for dinner along with Co-Chairs of the Australian American Leadership Dialogue, Julie Singer Scanlan AO and former Australian House of Representatives Speaker the Hon Tony Smith.

Chairs' breakfast, Hyatt Hotel Canberra

Thursday 10 September, 7.30am

Special guest speaker, Jenny Wilkinson PSM, Secretary of the Department of the Treasury Chaired by SMC Chair Ann Sherry AO

**Exclusive to Fund Chairs/their delegates*. The working breakfast, under Chatham House rules, is an opportunity for Chairs to discuss the collective challenges and opportunities in advancing the interests of our 12 million super members, through the governance lens of Chairs and Boards.*

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Speaker biographies

Elysse Morgan, Master of Ceremonies



Elysse Morgan is the Head of Client Solutions Australia at Stafford Capital Partners. In this role, she leads relationship management, business development and capital raising efforts across the region.

Prior to joining Stafford, Elysse built a distinguished 15-year career in journalism, as the editor and presenter of the ABC's business television program The Business and as the network's economics correspondent. Elysse is a former trustee director of Media Super.

Ann Sherry AO – SMC Chair



Ann is one of Australia's leading business executives with a career that spans Government, Banking and Cruise Tourism. She is an active philanthropist with a passion for improving opportunities and removing barriers for women in STEM and sport and supporting opportunities for Indigenous Australians. Ann is the Chancellor of Queensland University of Technology and a Non-executive Director of National Australia Bank. She is the Chair of Queensland Airports Limited, Circa Contemporary Circus and Co-Chair of the Climate Leaders Coalition. Ann is a Member of Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.

Misha Schubert – SMC CEO



Misha Schubert is CEO of the Super Members Council. Misha's career has combined deep expertise in public policy debates and policy advocacy, executive leadership, board directorships and governance, Government relations, member and stakeholder engagement, speechwriting, communications, and journalism.

She previously worked as CEO of peak industry body Science & Technology Australia and in senior executive roles in the not-for-profit sector and for major media outlets including The Australian, The Age, the Sunday Age, commercial radio, and the ABC. She is an AICD-qualified Board Director.

Matthew Linden – SMC Executive Strategy and Insights



Matt has traversed the intersection between policy, politics, and public affairs over the past 25 years as a senior treasury official, economic adviser to a former Treasurer, and in superannuation heading Industry Super Australia's Canberra office.

Matt is responsible for evaluating the constantly changing environment in super and identifying strategies and value creating activities across the organisation to enhance and protect the retirement savings of members. Working closely with the CEO and SMC's policy, advocacy, and business operations teams, Matt helps ensure SMC is focused and impactful in securing a better retirement for millions of Australians.

Speaker biographies (cont.)

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The Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP



Jim Chalmers is the Treasurer of Australia.

He has been the Member for Rankin in the House of Representatives since 2013. He served as Shadow Treasurer from 2019 to 2022, and Shadow Minister for Finance from 2016 to 2019.

Prior to Jim's election to Parliament, he was the Executive Director of the Chifley Research Centre and Chief of Staff to the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer.

He has a PhD in political science and international relations from the Australian National University and a first class honours degree in public policy from Griffith University, and is a qualified company director.

Ambassador Jeffrey Bleich, International Special Envoy at Anthropic and former U.S. Ambassador to Australia



Jeff Bleich is currently International Special Envoy at Anthropic.

He served as the 24th U.S. Ambassador to Australia (2009–2013), and his ties to Australia have continued since, including as Chair of the Board of the Centre for Democracy and Disruptive Technology at Flinders University in South Australia. Before his ambassadorship, he was Special Counsel to President Obama in the White House.

Over a legal career spanning more than 30 years, Jeff has been Chief Legal Officer of Cruise, CEO of Dentons Diplomatic Solutions, and a longtime litigation partner at Munger, Tolles & Olson. He has chaired the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board three times and served as board chair of PG&E Corporation.

He holds degrees from Amherst College, Harvard, and UC Berkeley, and clerked for U.S. Chief Justice William Rehnquist at the Supreme Court.

David Neal, CEO, IFM Investors



David Neal is the Chief Executive Officer of IFM Investors. Since joining IFM in March 2020, he has led the firm's global growth strategy, overseeing investment businesses spanning Infrastructure, Debt, Listed Equities, Private Equity and Real Estate, with operations across multiple international markets. Under his leadership IFM has significantly expanded its global platform, leadership structure, strengthened its investment capabilities and deepened relationships with investors around the world.

Prior to joining IFM, David spent 13 years at Australia's Sovereign Wealth Fund, the Future Fund. Before the Future Fund, David spent 15 years with Willis Towers Watson, beginning his career in the United Kingdom before relocating to Australia.

David holds a Master of Arts (Honours) in Engineering from Oxford University's St Edmund Hall.

Peter Kell



Peter has been a significant contributor to regulation and policy in Australia through leadership roles in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors, with a particular focus on the finance sector.

Peter spent seven years as Deputy Chair and Commissioner at the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. Prior to this Peter was Deputy Chair of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission. He was a Special Adviser to the Australian Treasury on the implementation of the Royal Commission into Banking and Financial Services. Peter also has extensive experience in consumer policy and was the CEO of CHOICE. More recently, Peter was Australian Managing Director of Promontory Financial Group, a leading financial services consultancy with expertise in regulation, culture and governance.

Peter is Chair of the Financial Counselling Industry Fund and has recently been appointed as the Chair of Superannuation Consumers Australia.

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Robbie Campo, CEO, HESTA



Robbie Campo is the CEO of HESTA, Australia's $105 billion superannuation fund for health and community services workers, with more than 1.05 million members across Australia.

She has worked as an executive in the superannuation industry for over two decades and was previously CEO of Emergency Services and State Super, a profit-to-member fund serving Victorian emergency services and state employees.

Robbie is passionate about the fundamental purpose of superannuation; to maximise the retirement outcomes of Australians and ensure that hard-earned contributions made throughout their working lives create financial security in their post-working years. A key priority for her is to see systemic improvements for women's economic and retirement outcomes and women's equal participation in the superannuation system

She is also Chair of Women in Super.

Vicki Doyle, CEO, Rest Super



Vicki joined Rest as Chief Executive Officer in May 2018, bringing more than 20 years' senior executive leadership experience in superannuation, life insurance, wealth management and banking.

Vicki holds an Executive MBA from the Australian Graduate School of Management and a diploma from the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Vicki has served as an Executive Director on Trustee Boards. She is a Director of The Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia

Vicki's experience includes executive leadership roles at some of Australia's leading organisations, such as AMP, BT, Suncorp and Commonwealth Bank of Australia. She has an extensive background in distribution, strategic marketing, digital, fund operations and contact centres, customer strategy and design and product management.

Nick Coates, Deputy CEO and Executive General Manager Policy Reform and Regulation, SMC



Nick brings more than 25 years of experience working in the profit-to-member superannuation sector. His expertise covers a broad range of areas derived from work across policy, advocacy, regulation, risk management, stakeholder engagement, and government relations.

As Deputy CEO and Executive General Manager Policy Reform and Regulation at SMC, Nick leads the development of policy and engagement strategies that unite SMC's members, regulators, and government departments. A member of the Executive Leadership Team, he oversees research and consultation workstreams to shape policy that delivers better retirement outcomes for working Australians.

Tim Wilson MP, Shadow Treasurer



Tim Wilson is the Federal Liberal Member for Goldstein and Shadow Treasurer. Since 2016, he has fought to ensure the community's voice influences Australia's future. He has served as Assistant Minister to the Minister for Industry, Energy and Emissions Reduction, and Chair of the House Economics Committee. Tim's time in public service has been marked by historic moments, including defeat in 2022 and an historic comeback in 2025; but his focus has remained the same: to lead nationally and deliver locally.

Before entering Parliament, he served as Australia's Human Rights Commissioner, championing equality before the law and advancing rights for all Australians. He is a lifelong advocate for freedom, equality, opportunity, and community empowerment.

His career spans international development, public advocacy, small business and media, and he holds a Master of Diplomacy and Trade along with postgraduate qualifications in energy and carbon studies.

Speaker biographies (cont.)

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Kirsten Fish, Second Commissioner Law Design and Practice, ATO



Kirsten Fish is the Second Commissioner of the Law Design and Practice Group with overall responsibility for the ATO's law practice.

The Law Design and Practice Group ensures the tax and superannuation laws are informed, understood, administered and applied with confidence and integrity. It is respected and trusted as the authoritative voice of the Commissioner on matters of law and revenue analysis.

Kirsten joined the ATO in 2014 and the ATO's Chief Tax Counsel from 2015, one of the highest legal authorities within the ATO, leading the Tax Counsel Network and providing technical leadership in relation to significant tax issues, cases and rulings. Kirsten was acting Second Commissioner for 12 months before being formally appointed to the role in October 2021.

Prior to joining the ATO, Kirsten was a tax Partner at Clayton Utz with a focus on the financial services industry and providing finance and investment transaction advice.

Usha Narain, Acting Deputy Commissioner Payday Super Program, ATO



Usha Narain is the Acting Deputy Commissioner for the Payday Super Program within the Australian Taxation Office.

Usha has worked in the ATO for over 20 years in a wide variety of legal and compliance related roles across the organisation. She has experience in leading complex projects and collaborating with government and industry stakeholders to ensure successful implementation and is recognised for her expertise in superannuation, employer obligations, and driving system-wide change. Usha is committed to building trust in the tax and superannuation system through strong partnerships and practical solutions. She also strives to foster and champion an open and inclusive workplace, where we embrace all individuals and their diversity.

Ben Kelly, Deputy Commissioner Superannuation and Employer Obligations, ATO



Ben Kelly is the Deputy Commissioner of Superannuation & Employer Obligations within the Australian Taxation Office. He joined in September 2025 after four years in the role of Deputy Commissioner, Policy, Analysis & Legislation in the ATO's Law Design & Practice Group.

Prior to this, Ben worked in a variety of legislation development, law interpretation and operations roles across the ATO, as well as being seconded to Treasury's Law Design Practice. Ben has also worked in ATO enabling and corporate roles, including being the ATO's Chief Risk Officer and Chief Internal Auditor.

After completing a combined Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Laws (with Honours) degree at the Australian National University, Ben joined the ATO as a graduate in 1995 and has remained with the organisation ever since.

Sarah Court, Chair, ASIC



Sarah Court commenced as ASIC Chair on 1 June 2026. Prior to her appointment, Sarah was Deputy Chair of ASIC where she led an uplift in ASIC's enforcement approach to protect consumers and investors and safeguard Australia's financial system.

Sarah represents ASIC in key national economic and law enforcement forums including the Council of Financial Regulators, Serious Financial Crime Taskforce and the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission. Internationally, Sarah participates in the International Organisation of Securities Commissions (IOSCO), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Committee for Financial Markets and Corporate Governance Committee.

Before joining ASIC, Sarah was a Commissioner at the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) for three terms. Sarah has also held senior positions at the Australian Government Solicitor. Sarah has held board positions with the Law School and Centre for Regulation and Market Analysis at the University of South Australia.

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David Bradbury, Deputy Chair, APRA



David Bradbury was appointed APRA's Deputy Chair and APRA Executive Board Member with responsibility for superannuation on 1 September 2026.

Immediately prior to joining APRA, Mr Bradbury was the Chair of the Board of Taxation from April 2026 to August 2026 and was a partner in KPMG Australia's Consulting Division from August 2024 to June 2026. For more than 10 years to 2024, Mr Bradbury was a senior executive at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, where he was the Head of the Tax Policy and Statistics Division and the Deputy Director of the Centre for Tax Policy and Administration.

Mr Bradbury was a member of the House of Representatives in the Australian Parliament from 2007 to 2013 and served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer between 2010 and 2013.

The Hon Dr Daniel Mulino MP



Daniel Mulino is the Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Financial Services.

He has been the Member for Fraser since 2019. Between 2022 and 2025, Daniel chaired the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Economics.

Daniel is an economist by training, with a PhD from Yale University and he has lectured at Monash University.

Before entering the Australian Parliament, Daniel served the Victorian community as a member of the Victorian Parliament. He was Parliamentary Secretary to the Victorian Treasurer between 2014 and the 2018.

The Hon Kevin Hogan, MP



Kevin is the Shadow Assistant Treasurer, Shadow Minister for Financial Services and the Federal Member for Page since 2013.

After completing an Economics degree he forged a successful career in finance in Sydney, before moving with his wife Karen, back to the Northern Rivers and Karen's home town of Lismore.

Kevin became the Investment Officer of the Catholic Superannuation and Retirement Fund, operated a small business and ran his own farm. Kevin also took up teaching at St Mary's High School in Casino, teaching Business Studies and serving, for a time, as Deputy Principal.

Paul Schroder, CEO, AustralianSuper



Paul Schroder leads the largest pension fund in Australia, and the 17th largest in the world. As Chief Executive of AustralianSuper, he oversees the management of $430 billion on behalf of 3.6 million Australians.

Paul joined AustralianSuper in 2007 after a successful career in the trade union movement, including as National Secretary of the Finance Sector Union. During his time at AustralianSuper, he has held various senior executive roles and was appointed the fund's first Chief Risk Officer in 2019 before his appointment as Chief Executive in 2021.

Paul is a member of the Treasurer's Investor Roundtable, the Executive Cyber Council and Champions of Change Coalition. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce from The University of Melbourne.

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Kathy Vincent, CEO, Australian Retirement Trust



Kathy Vincent is the Chief Executive Officer of Australian Retirement Trust, having joined in December 2023. With over 30 years' experience in the finance industry, Kathy has held executive roles spanning product, operations, advice, and strategy at organisations including BT, Macquarie Group, MLC, and NAB.

Prior to her CEO role, she was ART's Chief Operating Officer and previously Chief of Retirement at ART. Kathy holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of NSW. Her leadership and expertise in superannuation and retirement have been central to ART's growth and strategy.

Stephen Ferguson, CEO, Australian Hotels Association



Stephen Ferguson is the CEO of the Australian Hotels Association (AHA), the national voice of Australia's vibrant hotel industry. The AHA is an employer peak body in the hotel and hospitality industry registered under the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009.

Prior to his role with the AHA, Stephen was CEO of the Brisbane Racing Club, the owner of Doomben and Eagle Farm Racecourses. BRC's core business is thoroughbred horse racing, supported by a diverse portfolio including property development, gaming, hospitality and events.

Joseph Mitchell, Assistant Secretary, ACTU



Joseph was re-elected as Assistant Secretary at the ACTU Congress in June 2024.

Joseph joined the ACTU in 2016, where he has been Political Director and a Policy Officer, as well as working with the Innovation and Growth Taskforces.

Most recently he led the ACTU Centre for Workers' Capital.

Joseph grew up in Canberra and like many young Australians was a waiter through high school and university at local cafes and restaurants.

Joseph has a Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Arts from Australian National University and a Graduate Certificate in Applied Finance from the University of NSW.

Cath Bowtell, Chair, IFM Investors



Cath is the Chair of IFM Investors; Industry Super Holdings (ISH); the Federal Government's Jobs & Skills Ministerial Advisory Board; and Parkville Youth Mental Health & Wellbeing Service. She is also a Director of Industry Fund Services (IFS) and of the Melbourne Arts Precinct Corporation.

Cath has worked for many years in senior roles in both the superannuation industry and union movement. She was the Chief Executive of IFS and Chief Executive of the Australian Government Employees Superannuation Trust (AGEST) from 2010 until its merger with AustralianSuper in 2013. Prior to this, Cath was a Senior Industrial Officer at the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU). She has held a number of directorships and committee positions throughout her career, including Director of AustralianSuper, Director of AGEST Super and Director of Ausgrid.

Congressman Michael T. McCaul



Congressman Michael T. McCaul is currently serving his eleventh term representing Texas' 10th District in the United States Congress. The 10th Congressional District of Texas stretches from Lake Travis to the Brazos Valley and includes Austin, Bastrop, Brazos, Burleson, Colorado, Fayette, Grimes, Lee, Madison, Travis, Washington, Waller, and Williamson Counties.

Congressman McCaul previously served as the Chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security, and during the 118th Congress, he served as the first Texan to chair the Foreign Affairs Committee, which considers legislation that impacts the diplomatic community.

Prior to Congress, Congressman McCaul served as Chief of Counter Terrorism and National Security in the U.S. Attorney's office, Western District of Texas, and led the Joint Terrorism Task Force charged with detecting, deterring, and preventing terrorist activity. McCaul also served as Texas Deputy Attorney General under current U.S. Senator John Cornyn, and he served as a federal prosecutor in the Department of Justice's Public Integrity Section in Washington, DC.

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The Hon. Ambassador Joe Hockey (Ret.), Founding Partner & President, Bondi Partners



Before founding Bondi Partners, Joe served as Australia's Ambassador to the United States of America, taking up his posting in Washington in January 2016. Notably, Joe was responsible for Australia's relationship with the U.S. during the final year of President Obama's tenure and the first three years of President Trump's first term.

As Ambassador, Joe emphasized the importance of a free and fair trade and investment partnership between the U.S. and Australia, while promoting innovative infrastructure investment throughout America.

Previously, as the elected Treasurer of Australia, Joe was responsible for all aspects of the Australian economy, helped shape the modern financial system in Australia and chaired the highly successful G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meetings in 2015. Joe was an elected member of the Australian Parliament for nearly 20 years and was appointed to numerous Cabinet roles including Minister for Workplace Relations and Minister for Human Services.

Jenny Wilkinson PSM, Secretary to the Australian Treasury



Jenny Wilkinson PSM became the Secretary to the Treasury in June 2025.

Before that, she was the Secretary of the Department of Finance from August 2022 to June 2025.

Jenny has served in the Australian Public Service for more than three decades. In addition to leading the Parliamentary Budget Office, she has held senior roles across several Commonwealth departments.

In 2021, Jenny won a Public Service Medal for her work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jenny studied at Princeton University, where she earned a Master's degree in Public Affairs. She also has a Bachelor of Economics with Honours from the Australian National University.