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AustralianSuper Executive departs for new venture

AustralianSuper Executive, and the Fund's first Chief Retirement Officer, Shawn Blackmore is departing the Fund after 17 years of service. Mr Blackmore will leave the Fund this month to establish a new venture.

AustralianSuper Chief Executive Paul Schroder thanked Mr Blackmore for his services and dedication to helping members achieve their best financial position in retirement.

'Shawn has been a driving force for a wide range of innovations across the Fund and has always maintained a members' first approach in his various roles,' Mr Schroder said.

'As Group Executive, Member Experience, Shawn saw a radical overhaul of the Fund's approach to engaging with members and was instrumental in delivering key digital tools such as the Fund's app, which was accessed by a million members alone last financial year.'

Mr Schroder said Mr Blackmore's hard work and dedication came to the fore during the COVID crisis when members sought to access early release funds.

'During that time Shawn worked tirelessly to ensure we fulfilled our obligations to members in a very stressful time for them and the Fund, when thousand of transactions were completed in line with the government requirements.'

Mr Schroder said that more recently as the Fund's first Chief Retirement Office, Mr Blackmore had transformed the way the Fund and the broader superannuation sector viewed its role in relation to retirement.

'Through his role at AustralianSuper and via various industry events and engagements Shawn has changed the way people view the retirement landscape in Australia,' Mr Schroder said.

'Because of his deep experience and knowledge of the sector and its members he has set a path for the Fund where we have a much greater understanding of how retirement is different and deeply personal for each member.'

'Shawn's contributions to AustralianSuper will be long lasting and I want to thank him on behalf of members and the Board for all the work he has done over the past 17 years.'

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