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Another great year of returns for AustralianSuper members

Tenth consecutive year of positive returns for Balanced option

AustralianSuper members have benefited from a return of 8.67% for the Balanced option for the 2019 financial year.

Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Investment Officer, Mark Delaney, said this is the tenth year of positive returns for AustralianSuper members.

‘This is an outstanding result for AustralianSuper members,’ Mr Delaney said. ‘It was a testing environment for investors which makes the outcome even more pleasing.’

‘AustralianSuper members have now seen 10 years of strong returns which represents a major boost to their retirement savings.’

The result of 8.67% compares favourably with projections that the median fund return will be 7.1% for the financial year.*

‘While this one year result is pleasing, it is much more important for members to consider consistent long term performance over five or preferably 10 years,’ Mr Delaney said.

AustralianSuper’s Balanced option has returned 10.72% a year over three years, 9.76% a year over 10 years and 8.25% a year over 15 years. Returns for other options and those in the retirement phase are available at australiansuper.com/performance.

For the financial year to 31 May 2019, AustralianSuper’s Balanced option was the top performing fund over 10 and 15 years and in the top 10 over all time periods.† \$50,000 invested with the Balanced option from July 2009 would now be worth \$126,921.^

Mr Delaney said underlying global political and economic uncertainty had created a complex investing environment.

‘There were some tough months during the year and at times it looked like we would see relatively subdued returns,’ Mr Delaney said. ‘However, there was resilience in infrastructure and property markets while falling interest rates also meant fixed interest did well.’

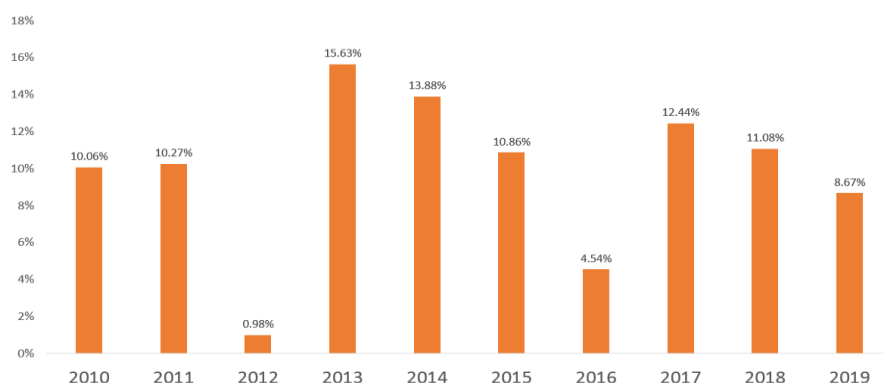
‘Foreign currency rising against the Australian dollar also helped boost returns on overseas assets, with both domestic and international equities having a strong finish to the year.’

Mr Delaney said that long term performance was still the most important consideration for members when it comes to their superannuation.

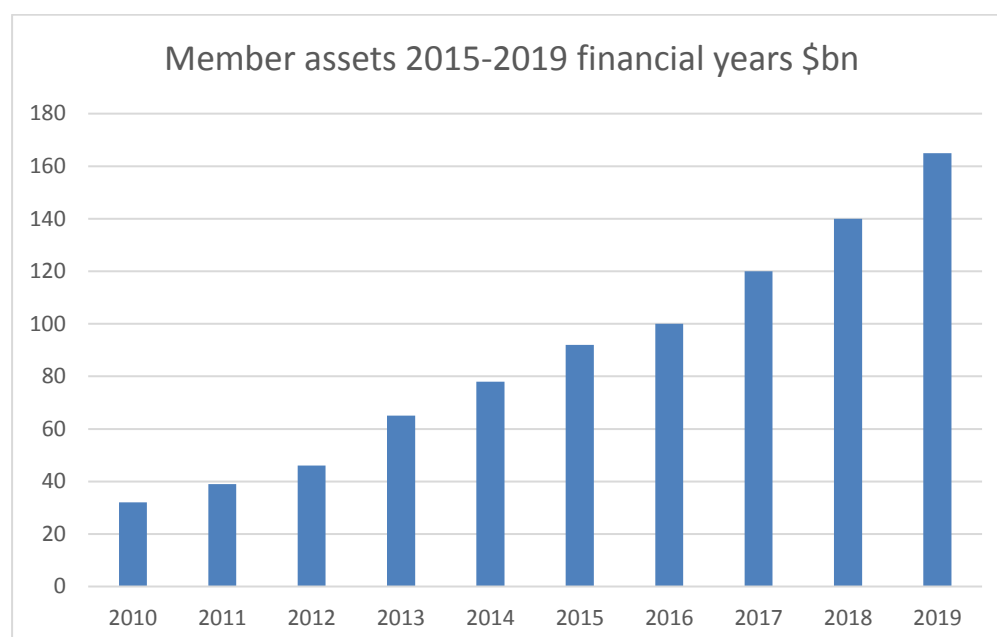
‘We know that at some point in the future the Fund will experience very low or even negative returns,’ Mr Delaney said. ‘As we start to get closer to the end of the current economic growth cycle, members need to prepare themselves for that and not react to short term fluctuations in returns in the future.’

‘Most members are usually better off sticking with their long-term strategy, providing it is right for their goals and circumstances.’

AustralianSuper Balanced option financial year returns to 30 June 2019



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* The Chant West projection is for the median growth fund (61-80%).

† SuperRatings Fund Crediting Rate Survey - SR50 Balanced (60-76) Index, returns to 31 May 2019. The survey results for 30 June were not available at the time of publication and are expected to be released in late July.

^ Based on investment returns which are net of investment fees, costs and taxes, but do not include the impact of administration fees and insurance premiums that are deducted from members' account balances.

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