



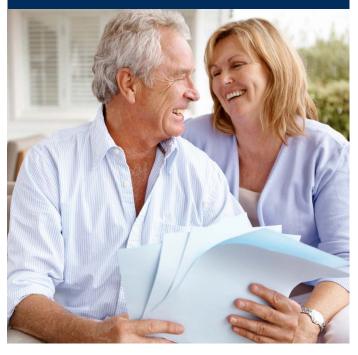
# SUMMARY OF HOSTPLUS RETIREMENT INCOME STRATEGY

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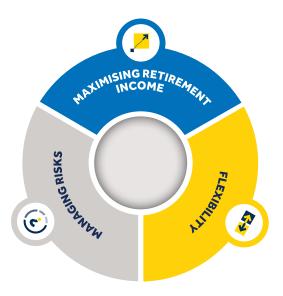
While superannuation has been an essential part of Australia's retirement income system, especially for the past 30 years after the introduction of the Superannuation Guarantee for the majority of workers, the focus over this time has largely been on accumulation and growth (pre-retirement).

However, with the maturity of the superannuation system and the increasing role superannuation now plays in the makeup of Australians' retirement incomes, the Federal Government recently introduced a Retirement Income Covenant (RIC), which came into force on 1 July 2022. The RIC requires super funds to develop a Retirement Income Strategy (RIS) with a view to improving the retirement outcomes for their members.



# RETIREMENT **INCOME STRATEGY**

Hostplus has developed its retirement income strategy, which outlines how the fund intends to assist members who are retired, or approaching retirement, achieve and balance the following key retirement income objectives:



### **Maximising Retirement Income**

Maximise expected retirement income over the period of retirement.

This includes income from your superannuation and any Age Pension entitlements.

### **Managing Risks**

Managing expected risks to the sustainability and stability of expected retirement income, including but not limited to longevity risks, investment risks, and inflation risks.

### **Flexibility**

Having flexible access to expected funds over the period of retirement.

Key risks to the sustainability and stability of expected retirement income.



**Longevity risks** – the risk that you may outlive your retirement savings.



Investment risks – the risk of variable or negative investment returns and that the order and timing of your investment returns are unfavourable, resulting in less money for your retirement.

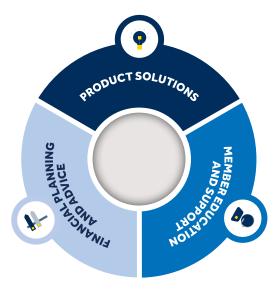


Inflation risks – the risk that cost-of-living increases outpace the performance of your retirement savings, reducing your purchasing power and standard of living over time.

# **HOSTPLUS RETIREMENT INCOME STRATEGY**

Each Hostplus member is likely to have their own distinctive retirement goals and preferences, including how they intend to achieve their retirement income objectives and outcomes. Hostplus' RIS aims to leverage and utilise its products, member education and support tools and financial planning and advice solutions to assist members in planning for and optimising their retirement outcomes.

Our strategy is based around a holistic, three-pillar approach, which integrates with the Age Pension and other sources of retirement income to help members in seeking to maximise their retirement income, manage risks, and provide flexible access to their retirement savings.



To learn more about each of these three pillars, please view the solutions below:

#### **Product Solutions**

#### **Available Products**

#### Retired

· Hostplus Pension account

#### Approaching retirement

- Hostplus Super account
- Hostplus Transition to Retirement account

### **Member Education and Support**

### **Available Tools and Resources**

- Retirement projection calculator
- Retirement income statement projections
- Hostplus website
- Hostplus app
- Webinars
- Retirement symposiums and forums
- Ongoing personalised communication

### **Financial Planning and Advice**

#### **Available Services**

- Online DIY advice SuperAdviser tool
- Phone-based advice about your Hostplus account
- Specialist retirement planning advice





# **PRODUCT SOLUTIONS**<sup>^</sup>

### If you're retired

#### **Hostplus Pension account**

The Hostplus Pension account is our core retirement income product with the following features:

- Regular pension payments decide how much and how often you want to receive a regular income. Payments can be used to supplement a full or partial Age Pension or to self-fund your retirement.
- Flexible withdrawals take out extra money when required to meet unexpected costs or large expenses.
- Comprehensive choice of investments tailor your investment approach through a wide variety of investment options.
- Choiceplus investment option actively manage your retirement investment strategy through this investment option which offers greater flexibility and choice. Visit hostplus.com.au/choiceplus for more information
- CPIplus investment option give yourself greater certainty in retirement through this investment option which aims to deliver steady and reliable returns above the level of inflation (rises in the cost of living as measured by the Consumer Price Index, or CPI). Visit hostplus.com.au/cpiplus for more information.

Though returns above inflation are predetermined annually, Hostplus may adjust the rate of return with at least 30 days' notice.

### If you're approaching retirement

### Hostplus super account

With flexible investment and insurance options and a low administration fee<sup>1</sup>, a Hostplus super account can help you grow your retirement savings if you've still got some work ahead of you.

1. Other fees and costs apply. Refer to the Hostplus Pension PDS for more information, available at hostplus.com.au

#### Hostplus Transition to Retirement account

If you're not ready to fully retire and you've reached your preservation age (the age at which you can access your super), our Transition to Retirement (TTR) account can help. It gives you restricted access to your super via regular pension payments. By putting your savings into a TTR account and drawing an income, you can:

- supplement your income to reduce your work hours.
- boost your super and save on tax while you keep working full time.

^ Consider the Hostplus Pension Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) available at hostplus.com.au and your objectives, financial  $\,$ situation and needs, which are not accounted for in this information, before deciding if Hostplus is appropriate for you. For a description of the target market, please read the Target Market Determination (TMD), available at hostplus.com.au

# MEMBER EDUCATION **AND SUPPORT**

To help our members who are approaching retirement or who have already retired, we provide a range of member education and support services. Below is an overview of the current services offered:



#### Retirement projection calculator

Use our calculator to estimate your income in retirement and how long your super could last. It can also help you understand how factors like super contributions and investment choice can impact your future<sup>1</sup>.

The calculator is simple to use – there's even a short instruction video to help you get the most out of it.

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#### Ongoing communications

We'll keep you updated on the tools and services we offer, so you can get the most out of your retirement.

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- 2. Provided to eligible members.

### FINANCIAL PLANNING AND ADVICE

How do you decide what investment options or retirement strategies might be right for you? Planning for your retirement can be daunting, but you don't have to do it alone. We're here to help take the stress out of the unknown. Our experienced and licensed financial planners can give you the confidence, guidance, and clarity you need to set up, and meet, your retirement objectives.



#### Online DIY personal advice

Our SuperAdviser tool can be accessed by logging in to Member Online. It's easy to use and provides simple personal advice that can be implemented directly through your online account.

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### Phone-based advice about your Hostplus account

Our licensed superannuation advisers can provide advice on your super with Hostplus; including advice on selecting the right investment option for your super or pension account, contributions to boost your super, and choosing the right insurance options. Best of all, this type of advice is available at no extra cost to you. For a fee, they can also help with consolidating your super, insurance outside your Hostplus super account, or to see how you can use the First Home Super Saver Scheme (FHSSS).

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## THE ROLE OF THE AGE PENSION

The Age Pension is intended to provide income support to older Australians who need it, while encouraging pensioners to maximise their overall incomes.

Although not everyone will be eligible to receive the Age Pension (as there are age, residency, and assets and income test requirements), most Australians will receive either a partial or full pension at some stage of their life. As such, our retirement income strategy is designed to work alongside the Age Pension scheme.

To understand how age, residency, and assets and income test requirements apply to you, visit Centrelink (Services Australia). The table below illustrates how a combination of a Hostplus Pension account and the Age Pension can help members maximise their retirement income, manage risks, and provide flexible access to their retirement savings.

Retirement income option	Maximising Income	M	Flexibility		
		Longevity	Investment	Inflation	
Hostplus Pension	Choice of drawdown strategy	Ability to manage longevity via a considered investment and drawdown strategy.	Wide range of investment options including Choiceplus and CPIplus	<ul> <li>Ability to index pension payments in line with CPI or fixed rate</li> <li>Inflation protection via CPIplus</li> </ul>	High flexibility
Age Pension	N/A	Paid to end of life	Given the asset test, payments may increase when other assets fall in value	Indexed	No flexibility

# **HOW HOSTPLUS'** RETIREMENT INCOME STRATEGY CAN HELP YOU

Our strategy has been designed to provide tailored information and support to members approaching, entering, or in retirement, separated into the following member groups:

- You're approaching retirement; you're 45 or over and starting to plan retirement
- You're retired but under the eligibility age for the Age Pension
- · You're retired and likely to receive the full Age Pension
- You're retired and likely to receive a part Age Pension
- · You're retired and ineligible for the Age Pension
- You're likely to have retired

View the page below that best describes your situation to find out how the three pillars of our strategy could help you.

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#### **Product solutions**

### Hostplus Super account

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### Financial planning and advice

While you're still in the workforce, there's no better time to start planning your future. We offer the following options to ensure you get the right level of advice to suit you:



### Online DIY personal advice

Our SuperAdviser tool can be accessed by logging in to Member Online. It's easy to use and provides simple personal advice that can be implemented directly through your online account.

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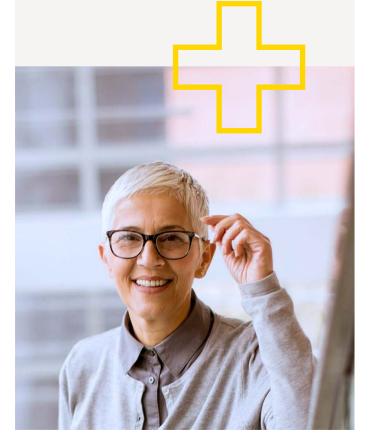


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# YOU'RE RETIRED BUT UNDER THE ELIGIBILITY **AGE FOR THE AGE PENSION**

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#### **Product solutions**

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Your retirement	How you can	How this ca	Flexibility		
income option	maximise your income	Longevity	Investment	Inflation	
Hostplus Pension	Choice of pension payment strategy	No inbuilt protection from Age Pension until it commences (if eligible). Ability to manage longevity via a considered investment and drawdown strategy.	Wide range of investment options including Choiceplus and CPIplus	<ul> <li>Ability to index pension payments in line with CPI or fixed rate</li> <li>Inflation protection via CPIplus</li> </ul>	High flexibility

### Member education and support



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# YOU'RE RETIRED AND LIKELY TO RECEIVE THE FULL AGE PENSION

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#### **Product solutions**

A Hostplus Pension account can help you maximise your retirement income, manage risk, and give you flexible access to your savings.

Your retirement	How you can	How this can manage retirement risks			Flexibility
income solution	maximise your income	Longevity	Investment	Inflation	
Full Age Pension and Hostplus Pension	Choice of pension payment	Protection via the Age Pension.  Ability to manage longevity via a considered investment and drawdown strategy.	Wide range of investment options including Choiceplus and CPIplus	<ul> <li>Ability to index pension payments in line with CPI or fixed rate</li> <li>Inflation protection via CPIplus</li> </ul>	High flexibility - choice of pension payments and ability to make withdrawals

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# YOU'RE RETIRED AND LIKELY TO RECEIVE A PART AGE PENSION

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#### **Product solutions**

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Your retirement income solution	How you can maximise your income	How this can manage retirement risks			Flexibility
		Longevity	Investment	Inflation	
Partial Age Pension and Hostplus Pension	Choice of pension payments	Protection via the Age Pension.  Ability to manage longevity via a considered investment and drawdown strategy.	Wide range of investment options including Choiceplus and CPIplus	Ability to index pension payments in line with CPI or fixed rate Inflation protection via CPIplus	High flexibility - choice of pension payments and ability to make withdrawals

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# YOU'RE LIKELY TO HAVE RETIRED

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If you're 65 or over and retired, a Hostplus Pension account can help you maximise your retirement income, manage risk, and give you flexible access to your savings. It can also help you save tax, as investment earnings in a pension account are received tax-free. Speak with one of our specialist retirement planning advisers who can help you decide if this is the right option for you, or read the Hostplus Pension Guide.

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# WHAT ARE WE **DOING NEXT?**

Our Retirement Income Strategy will evolve as we better understand our member needs and preferences, which will help us enhance and tailor our products, member education and support tools, and financial planning and advice solutions.

Over the next 24 months we intend to:

- undertake further research to better understand our members' needs and the key factors influencing their retirement decisions
- introduce information packs to provide additional guidance; this could include detailed projections, case studies, and fact sheets to assist with retirement and retirement planning
- investigating the use of lifetime income products to help manage longevity risk
- determining the suitability of products and income drawdown defaults that further improve member retirement outcomes
- identify further opportunities to provide personalised and cost-effective retirement advice and education and support to suit varying member needs
- review our investment menu to provide members with more choice and ability to tailor their investments in and as they approach retirement

We'll continuously monitor our strategy and the retirement outcomes it generates, while also undertaking a comprehensive formal review of the strategy every three years.

# **HOW TO CONTACT US**

We're striving to better understand your retirement needs and objectives so we can keep developing products and solutions to help you meet them. If you have any questions or feedback on our retirement income strategy, you can reach out to us by completing the online form at hostplus.com.au/help/online-enquiry

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Chat to us. Your first conversation with a financial planner is included in your membership. Call us on 1300 348 546 or visit hostplus.com.au to make an appointment today.





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