

Membership

AIST

Benefits of membership



About AIST

The Australian Institute of Superannuation Trustees (AIST) is the peak representative body of Australia's \$450 billion not-for-profit superannuation sector. AIST's members are the trustee directors and staff of industry, corporate and public-sector superannuation funds, who manage the superannuation accounts of almost two-thirds of the Australian workforce.

AIST plays a key role in policy development and advocates on behalf of its members to the Government and relevant stakeholders. We also offer a range of services including professional development, research, compliance, events (both national and international) and other consulting services as well as member support.

AIST Vision

Not-for-profit superannuation trustees are formally recognised as professional and accountable custodians of Australian's retirement incomes.

AIST Mission

AIST will provide leadership and professional excellence to support not-for-profit superannuation trustees to continue to build a better retirement future for all Australians.

AIST Values

All AIST board and committee members, staff, contractors and service providers promote the following values:

- Professionalism
- Respect
- Leadership
- Ethics
- Adaptability
- Community focus



AIST Benefits of Membership

AIST – Membership benefits and services in more detail

As Australia's leading representative body for the not-for-profit superannuation industry, AIST provides members with a range of services, from professional development to industry representation.

Trustee Governance & Professional Standards

AIST is committed to supporting the good governance practices and culture of not-for-profit superannuation funds. As such, AIST established a specialised Trustee Governance and Professional Standards department to develop guidelines and suitable tools for its members, as well as assisting them with the monitoring, measuring and benchmarking of governance practices in the industry.

AIST provides guidance in the following areas:

- Board structure, recruitment and succession planning, director competencies and training
- Disclosing and managing conflicts of interest
- Board committees
- Relationships with nominating bodies and service providers
- Remuneration policy and disclosure
- Governance charters and codes of conduct
- Assessment and monitoring of the fitness and propriety standards.

Conferences & Events

Each year, AIST conducts a number of conferences and events. Along with a forum for networking and peer learning, the objective of these events is to provide the industry with forums to discuss, debate and progress topical issues together.

AIST's national event and conference program includes:

- Conference of Major Superannuation Funds (CMSF)
- Australian Super Investment Conference (ASI)
- Specialist one day symposiums on topics including Fund Governance, Client Services, Marketing, Administration and Insurance
- Annual Thought Leadership Series of luncheons, dinners, breakfasts and networking functions on 'hot topics'
- Awards for Excellence
- Global Dialogue (held at an international location once every two years).

The AIST Events team also manage the logistics for a number of other superannuation industry events.

Education

AIST has firmly established itself in the superannuation industry as the leading provider of quality superannuation education. AIST is a registered training organisation (RTO) and our training programs can be delivered nationally via a range of delivery options, including in-house, and can even be tailored to meet your specific training needs.

Through AIST Learning Pathways and AIST Education Packages, members can take advantage of training options which continue to enhance professional development and meet the needs of specific job functions.

AIST's education program includes options designed to meet the needs of:

- Trustee directors
- Fund staff
- Insurance professionals
- Investment professionals, plus
- A range of specialist courses to meet the needs of all industry participants.

AIST has formed partnerships with a range of different education providers to create a 'one-stop-shop' for all of your training requirements.

Policy & Research

The AIST Policy and Research Centre is our specialist department which contributes to policy development and evaluation, conducts research on all aspects of super policy and practice, and disseminates research findings.

AIST's policy and research activities are guided by our Policy and Research Committee, which is composed of trustee representatives, fund staff and specialists representing all of AIST's membership sectors, and involves member consultation to ensure we represent the collective view of the industry.

AIST's policy and research activities include:

- Development and submission of briefing papers
- Responding to government reform and policy to ensure the views of the not-for-profit sector are heard
- Research which addresses concerns and key areas of interest for the sector
- Provision of strategic insight into legislative and regulatory change and the impact on your fund
- Reporting on trends and issues.

Communities of Interest

AIST runs communities of interest discussion and networking groups which are open to all AIST members and cover topics on member engagement, compliance, governance, marketing, finance, and people and development.

Communities of interest groups are held throughout Australia during the year and give members an opportunity for peer learning and collective problem solving on specific topics.

Why become a member of AIST?

Because we provide:

LEADERSHIP in superannuation through a professional institute that champions governance and professional standards to build a better industry.

ENGAGEMENT with government and key stakeholders to get your views heard and help shape the superannuation policy agenda.

EDUCATION and professional development through industry-leading events and training.

A COMMUNITY of like-minded professionals who debate and focus on the issues that set not-for-profit superannuation apart from the rest.

COMMUNICATION on the latest policy and reform developments, as well as targeted research on the topics that matter most to the industry.

AIST, the home of not-for-profit superannuation.

So how does AIST support member funds?

Superannuation is a complex and unique industry. Now, more than ever, super is changing and fast. Trustees and fund staff need to have the answers for members, all while operating and maintaining an increased level of professionalism.

To that end, AIST supports member funds in the following ways:

- Our Governance and Professional Standards team are raising benchmarks to ensure superannuation continues to develop and as an industry.
- We provide training to keep your skills and knowledge current.
- Our in-depth policy and research help you navigate the minefield of legislation and compliance, while keeping you abreast of important industry issues.
- Our strong not-for-profit focus ensures large and small funds will be heard at the government table.

What do we do for small funds?

- We are the only non-conflicted voice for small funds around policy at a government level.
- We are at the centre of ongoing debate about the default awards system, advocating on behalf of the small funds.
- We represent small funds in the debate about scale, and will continue this fight.

What do we do for interstate funds?

- Our nationwide education, conferences, events, communities of interest and growing Young Super Network ensure that all of our members across the country have a chance to be heard and get involved no matter where they are.

Where does your membership fee go?

- Your membership is reinvested into research, policy and governance, addressing the issues that are important to you and the not-for-profit industry.
- The development of targeted training and events to help develop professionalism across the industry at all levels.
- Your membership allows your fund to add to the strength to the not-for-profit sector, we are YOUR organisation.

AIST Membership – who can be a member?

Membership with AIST is a simple, whole of fund structure which embraces all trustee directors and employees within your organisation.

AIST's holistic membership structure fully embraces and supports all people working within the not-for-profit superannuation industry. This ensures that fund staff and trustee directors are treated equally as AIST members and can access all member services to assist in their own development and growth, as well as that of the fund.

This bold initiative enables AIST to continue to play a key role in meeting your needs through leadership, engagement, education, communication and providing you and your fund with a network of like-minded professionals who debate and focus on the issues that set not-for-profit superannuation apart from the rest.

What if my fund isn't a member? Can I still join as an individual?

Yes, individuals can be members if they have previously worked in, or been a director of, a not-for-profit superannuation fund, and/or if they have worked for a regulator or government and deal with the not-for-profit superannuation sector.

AIST Membership - further benefits

Along with the industry leading services provided to AIST members, the following additional benefits are also offered:

- Member only rates to all functions, events, conferences and training
- Complimentary access to AIST's CPD program
- Access to AIST publications The Advocate (regular updates on compliance, research and policy) and SuperSource (regular research and policy updates)
- Bi-annual newsletter, Super Talk
- Complimentary membership to AIST's Young Super Network (YSN), for eligible members
- Access to Communities of Interest discussion groups
- Eligibility to apply for AIST Leader Development Scholarship
- Eligibility to enter AIST's Awards for Excellence
- Access to AIST research and technical assistance
- Complimentary subscription to Investment Magazine
- Access to member only footage on AIST TV with channels covering AIST events and conferences, as well as news, opinions and updates on investments from around Asia
- No additional cost for members added throughout the calendar year.

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