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## “OUR SUPER ADVICE”

### EXCITING CHANGES TO THE TASS GROUP

There has been numerous Superannuation changes since the May 2006 Budget. Client heads must be spinning with all of the changes. TASS are keeping abreast by attendance at conferences, workshops, seminars and constant reading. John Keogh is completing his ICAA, Finsia Graduate Diploma in Financial Planning together with an Adelaide University Professional Post Graduate in SMSF. John sits for his SPAA, SMSF Specialist exams in early April.

Archie has obtained a job in Melbourne. We wish him and his family well with the move. Barrie Henman has been working with TASS for over a year. Barrie will be the Senior Financial Planner for TASS Financial Services. Barrie and his staff are highly qualified and the TASS Group are honoured to have them on our team.

### Superannuation Age Based Contribution Limits

Generally, superannuation contributions are deductible for income tax purposes in the year you make them, up to certain limits.

The following limits apply to:

- employers and their associates claiming deductions for contributions made for the benefit of an employee; and
- For individuals claiming a deduction for personal superannuation contributions.

Income year	Under age 35	Age 35 to 49	Age 50 and over (& 28 days)
2005-06	\$14,603	\$40,560	\$100,587
2004-05	\$13,934	\$38,702	\$ 95,980
2003-04	\$13,233	\$36,754	\$ 91,149

#### Note:

- Deductibility can only be considered where the contribution is paid on or before the 28th day of the month following the month in which the relevant person turned 70 years of age.
- ‘Age’ is the person’s age at the date the last contribution was made for them for the year.



### Quote of the Month

“Dying is the most embarrassing thing that can ever happen to you, because someone’s got to take care of all your details.”

(Andy Warhol, America, 1985)

### DEATH TAXES

One little but major item in the May 2006 Simplified Superannuation is the treatment of death within the SMSF environment. A lot of press has been devoted to the over 60 access being tax free. But little exposure has been given to Death and Estates.

Here are some dot points for you to remember:

- when a member dies the SMSF may lose its tax free status;
- Capital Gains Tax may be paid at 10%;
- depending to whom the Death Benefit is paid tax could be from zero to 31.5%;
- do you pay a pension or lump sum ETP;
- can you legally pay a pension with the new amendment;
- your SMSF account balance can not form part of your Estate. It can be administered from outside of your ‘Will environment’;
- you could lose a lot of money to the ATO which could be minimised with planning.

The TASS Group can assist you in this area. It is a team approach which will involve our Accountants and Financial Planners.



Barrie has 30 years experience in the Financial Services Industry. His background originates with 20 years with the National Australia Bank, which included management, strategic planning, lending roles and developing/implementing financial solutions and strategies for Clients in the premium market. During the last 10 years Barrie has been active in Financial Planning Advice which is designed to help clients achieve their financial objectives through sound and professional advice in all areas of Investment, Personal Insurance, Superannuation, Estate Planning, Wealth Creation & Effective Money Management. Barrie’s personal objectives are to help all TASS Group clients achieve financial success and prosperity and to build long term relationships based on integrity and high level advice.

Barrie is also an Authorised Representative of Wealth Managers Pty Ltd and operates within a Corporate Representative structure within Peak Financial Management Pty Ltd which is also attached to Wealth Managers Pty Ltd.

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