

# Media Release

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## Aware Super completes merger with WA Super

Aware Super last night completed the successor fund transfer to formalise its merger with WA Super.

From today, all WA Super members are part of Aware Super, Australia's second-largest industry superannuation fund.

As a result of the merger, Aware Super has nearly 60,000 members in Western Australia and a new office in Perth, the former WA Super offices at 140 St Georges Terrace.

Aware Super CEO Deanne Stewart said the Fund was pleased to have finalised the merger, despite the incredible logistical challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

She said with the merger now complete, the Fund's focus was on building upon the great legacy of WA Super in WA and continuing to build its presence and local service and support offering for members in the State.

'When we began merger discussions with WA Super earlier this year, it was immediately clear that both funds shared the same values and absolute commitment to putting our members first,' Ms Stewart said. 'These very same values have come to the fore as we have worked to bring our two funds together in the challenging COVID-19 environment.'

'With the merger now complete, our immediate priority is ensuring that all former WA Super members continue to transition smoothly into Aware Super and are able to reap the benefits of being part of the merged fund.'

'As a top-10 performer, we are steadfast in our commitment to doing well for our members while doing good in their community.'

'As we expand our footprint in WA, we look forward to exploring further opportunities to invest in the State and continuing to provide our members with exceptional local service and support led by our new WA State Manager, former WA Super Chief Experience Officer, Quyen Truong.'

Ms Stewart said the merger would deliver a number of benefits for members in WA and nationally, including increased hours of service and support following the integration of the WA Super service centre into Aware Super's telephone-based Member Service Centre.

'This means that in future our members nationally will have access to this important service through the full span of WA and east coast business hours,' Ms Stewart said. 'We are also committed to leveraging our size and scale to access a more diverse range of investment options, including in WA, to provide our members with strong, sustainable long-term returns while being a true force for good in their community.'

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**Note to Editors:**

Previously known as First State Super we changed our name to **Aware Super** in September 2020.

Aware Super is a name that reflects our members and what we stand for. It echoes the strengths of our past, aligning to our purpose to be a force for good in superannuation, retirement and advice, driving better outcomes for our members, their families and communities.

First State Super's been the fund for people who value community since 1992, we're now one of Australia's largest funds and we're continuing to grow. We merged with VicSuper and WA Super this year and now manage more than \$135 billion in savings for more than 1 million members located across the country.

Our members work in roles that breathe life into their communities and they expect us to do the same. So, we invest in assets that we believe will make a positive difference today - improving our communities, building a more a sustainable economy and supporting employment both locally and globally at the same time as providing strong long-term returns.

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