

# Super fees may top \$77,000

ANTHONY KEANE

AUSTRALIA'S most costly fee has been uncovered — and it could set you back more than \$77,000.

Annual fees charged to manage superannuation vary widely, between \$238 and \$1000-plus each year for a typical \$50,000 account, new research has found.

If that \$762 annual difference continues and compounds over a 30-year working career, the overall loss to an individual can be \$77,800 at retirement, Herald Sun calculations have found.

And this doesn't include the ridiculously high fees some super fund members are paying on products they opened before trailing commission bans and fee transparency began in 2013.

RateCity director of research Sally Tindall said super fund members should not turn a blind eye to the fees they were paying.

"If people calculated how much they would be shelling out in fees and adding compound interest, a lot of them would be shocked at how high the bill becomes," she said.

Ms Tindall said some of the most wasteful super fees were caused by having multiple accounts "that could easily be rolled into one account".

"Be across what fees your super fund is charging and what you are getting in return," Ms Tindall said.

RateCity's super fee research found that the average super fee on a \$50,000 account was \$693.

Financial strategist Theo Marinis said "fees aren't everything, but they eat into your return".

"If you pay 0.4 or 0.5 per cent more over 10 years it does make a difference. Saving 0.5 per cent doesn't sound like much, so people ignore it," he said.

The recent financial services royal commission recommended that grandfathered trailing commissions and fees be banned, and the government vowed to stop them from January 2021.

[anthony.keane@news.com.au](mailto:anthony.keane@news.com.au)

Financial Strategies (SA) Pty Ltd trading as Marinis Financial Group

T 08 8130 5130 | F 08 8331 9161 | A 67 Kensington Road, NORWOOD SA 5067

E [admin@marinigroup.com.au](mailto:admin@marinigroup.com.au) | W [marinigroup.com.au](http://marinigroup.com.au)

ABN 54 083 005 930 5067 | AFSL No: 326403

Reproduced with the permission of The Herald Sun



**P-PLATER NABBED**

A BUNDOORA P-plater, 18, is expected to be charged on summons with speeding, driving at night without lights, and failing to display P-plates after being caught driving at 184kmh in a 100kmh zone on the Metropolitan Ring Road at Thomastown about 9.40pm on Friday. His Holden Commodore was impounded.

**DRIVERS BLOW IT**

THREE drink-drivers were caught in the southeastern suburbs in just a few hours on Friday night. The licence of a Mount Waverley man, 50, who blew 0.096 in Burnley was cancelled for six months and he was fined \$484. The licence of a Cheltenham man, 39, who blew 0.113 after driving at 124kmh in a 100kmh zone on the Eastern Freeway about 2am was suspended for 11 months, and his car was impounded. And a Hawthorn East man, 30, who blew 0.119 after driving at 148kmh in a 100kmh zone about 4am, suffered the same fate.

**CRASH PROBED**

AN Oak Park man, 50, remains in hospital with life-threatening injuries after a crash on Pascoe Vale Rd, Glenroy, about 6.20am on Friday. A white truck with a trailer collided with a silver Ford Falcon, forcing the Ford into oncoming traffic where it collided head-on with a black Nissan Navara utility. A Deer Park man, 50, who contacted police after the crash was released pending further inquiries.

**SPEEDER CAUGHT**

A ROXBURGH Park man, 30, blew 0.166 after driving at 166kmh in an 80kmh zone on the Hume Highway at Campbellfield just after 1am yesterday. His car was impounded and he will be charged on summons with drink-driving and speeding offences. Acting Senior Sergeant Dean Pickering said the driver had put every other road user's safety at risk.

**CONTACT CRIME STOPPERS**  
PHONE 1800 333 000 OR VISIT [crimestoppersvic.com.au](http://crimestoppersvic.com.au)



**ZOO LIGHTS UP AT NIGHT**

After dark, Melbourne Zoo goes interactive to promote wildlife conservation with lights, art installations, projections and performances. Featured acts will include these "angels" who appear in Born In A Taxi's *Enlighten*. All proceeds will help the critically endangered southern corroboree frog. *Neon Playground* is on daily from 5.30pm until April 27. Picture: JAKE NOWAKOWSKI

**Super fees may top \$77,000**

AUSTRALIA'S most costly fee has been uncovered — and it could set you back more than \$77,000. Annual fees charged to manage superannuation vary widely, between \$238 and \$1000-plus each year for a typical \$50,000 account, new research has found. If that \$762 annual difference continues and compounds over a 30-year working career, the overall loss to an individual can be \$77,800 at retirement, *Herald Sun* calculations have found.

**ANTHONY KEANE**

And this doesn't include the ridiculously high fees some super fund members are paying on products they opened before trailing commission bans and fee transparency began in 2013. RateCity director of research Sally Tindall said super fund members should not turn a blind eye to the fees they were paying. "If people calculated how much they would be shelling out in fees and adding com-

pound interest, a lot of them would be shocked at how high the bill becomes," she said. Ms Tindall said some of the most wasteful super fees were caused by having multiple accounts "that could easily be rolled into one account". "Be across what fees your super fund is charging and what you are getting in return," Ms Tindall said. RateCity's super fee research found that the average super fee on a \$50,000 account was \$693. Financial strategist Theo

Marinis said "fees aren't everything, but they eat into your return". "If you pay 0.4 or 0.5 per cent more over 10 years it does make a difference. Saving 0.5 per cent doesn't sound like much, so people ignore it," he said. The recent financial services royal commission recommended that grandfathered trailing commissions and fees be banned, and the government vowed to stop them from January 2021. [anthony.keane@news.com.au](mailto:anthony.keane@news.com.au)



**MEMOIR TO SHADE BIRTH**

THE Duchess of Sussex's half sister has threatened to steal the royal baby's thunder with a tell-all book. Samantha Markle (above) has been outspoken about Meghan's place in the royal family since her engagement to Prince Harry in 2017. And as Meghan prepares to give birth, the 54-year-old has once again grabbed headlines with her promise to "hold nothing back". She revealed the first part of her book — *In the Shadow of the Duchess* — would be "out by the end of April".

**Keep Australia Moving:**

Policy Priorities from the Automotive Industry to the next Australian Government.

Read VACC's Federal Election Manifesto at [vacc.com.au](http://vacc.com.au)

- YES  NO Develop a national vehicle recycling program
- YES  NO Ensure all repairers have equal access to vehicle service and repair information
- YES  NO Abolish Luxury Car Tax

**VACC**  
You're in good hands

V1 - M6G012/019A