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“The voice of workplace savings”



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Being a member of Workplace Savings NZ supports you professionally. In this brochure, we tell you about the benefits of membership, our activities and our values, and introduce you to our team.

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# The benefits of being a member

## **Have input to vital industry issues**

Workplace Savings is frequently involved with consultation on prospective legislative and regulatory change. Through Workplace Savings, members have the opportunity to be involved with working groups and feedback forums, and to express their views at critical and formative stages of the decision-making process.

## **Increase your knowledge of the workplace savings industry**

- **National Conference and Super Expo**  
Our Workplace Savings National Conference and Super Expo is held every second year. The Conference includes presentations by keynote speakers from New Zealand and overseas and workshop sessions to broaden members' skills, capability and competence.
- **The Workplace Savings NZ Forum**  
Our Workplace Savings one-day Forum is held in the National Conference off-year. The event includes keynote speakers and commentators (including Members of Parliament), government officials, employers and worker representatives, and international speakers.
- **Trustee Professional Development**  
Increasing interest in the safe management of superannuation funds means the competency of Trustee boards and superannuation professionals is in the spotlight. Workplace Savings has developed a "Certificate in Trusteeship" to provide the industry with an opportunity to increase and maintain levels of education on Trustee responsibilities and superannuation issues. The Certificate consists of a number of half-day modules which are offered on a demand basis throughout the year.

## **Join today**

We have a number of membership types with a broad fee structure. For more information and an application form go to [www.workplacesavings.org.nz/membership-types](http://www.workplacesavings.org.nz/membership-types).

## **Keep informed of current industry issues**

- **Industry Breakfasts**  
Breakfast meetings are held in Auckland and Wellington every 6 to 8 weeks and feature guest speakers who discuss topical matters of interest to the industry. We also endeavour to host a function in the South Island each year.
- **Workshops and Seminars**  
Workplace Savings runs a number of workshops during the year on topical issues or legislative and regulatory changes relevant to the industry for the benefit of members.
- **SuperNews**  
“SuperNews” is our bi-monthly electronic newsletter for members. The newsletter updates members on the latest legislative and political developments as well as containing topical articles, in-depth examination of issues, and relevant opinion pieces.

## **Increase your professional contacts**

Our Workplace Savings National Conference and Super Expo, Forum, seminars and Industry Breakfasts provide members with a valuable opportunity to network with other participants in the industry. We also hold a number of events as After-5 functions (such as our AGM) to network in a relaxed, informal setting. Members can attend all Workplace Savings events at reduced or no cost.

## **Get Recognition**

Our Workplace Savings Communication Awards are an annual, industry-wide programme designed to recognise, promote and reward excellence and innovation in communications by all types of Workplace Super and KiwiSaver providers. We believe the Awards set the benchmark for industry best communication practice and ‘raise the bar’ for the overall standard of scheme reporting and communication with members.

# Workplace Savings NZ

## Our activities

### We:

- **Promote** Workplace Savings as “the voice of workplace savings” in New Zealand.
- **Work with the Government** to develop policies that achieve improved workplace savings and KiwiSaver outcomes.
- **Identify and promote** ways to make workplace savings schemes more efficient and easier for people to use.
- **Support employers, trustees and providers** in their delivery of optimal workplace savings outcomes.
- **Improve public confidence** and participation in workplace savings by reinforcing integrity, accountability, and professionalism in the workplace savings industry.
- **Serve Workplace Savings NZ members**, and its supporters, by providing a range of services to meet their needs and deliver value for their participation.



# Our mission

Our mission is to be the **“the voice of workplace savings”**, advancing the sustainable, effective, and efficient delivery of workplace savings outcomes for all involved. We do this through:

**Advocacy** – proposing and commenting on public policy initiatives beneficial to workplace savings and participation in the workplace savings industry, making submissions, engaging with policy-makers and officials and issuing media commentary to advance our collective views.

**Education** – promoting trustee, employer, member and Workplace Savings Professional education through training programmes, newsletters, special interest seminars and conferences.

**Networking** – providing trustees, employers and service providers involved in workplace savings with a regular forum for sharing ideas and information on industry matters.

**Promotion** – publicising the benefits of workplace savings, and helping to improve public confidence and participation in workplace savings.

# Our people

Workplace Savings NZ is managed by an elected Council of up to 12 councillors, each of whom is a Workplace Savings Member or Member’s Representative. Councillors serve for a term of three years, at the conclusion of which they may stand for re-election or retire. Councillors can serve a maximum of two consecutive three-year terms.



# A message from the Executive Director



As New Zealanders get older and live longer, it is critical we have the information we need to secure ourselves a comfortable retirement through savings and superannuation. Workplace Savings NZ is the pre-eminent industry association focused on issues that affect the workplace retirement savings industry.

As “the voice of workplace savings”, Workplace Savings NZ is a national, not-for-profit organisation. Our mission is to advance the sustainable, effective, and efficient delivery of workplace savings outcomes. From the grassroots membership through our Council and sub-committees, we encourage participation and debate on superannuation and KiwiSaver issues. Workplace Savings NZ members manage or advise on the retirement savings of over 90% of the 2.5 million New Zealanders with workplace superannuation and/or KiwiSaver membership.

The forerunner to Workplace Savings NZ, the Association of Superannuation Funds of New Zealand (ASFONZ) was established in 1969. Although a variety of superannuation and pension schemes were established before then, they operated in isolation and had no real collective voice.

The renaming to Workplace Savings NZ in 2009 provided an important means for increasing understanding among sponsors, managers and trustees of schemes of the issues they faced. It enabled schemes to stand together with a representative voice to safeguard the interest of all concerned – members, beneficiaries, trustees and employers. One of the reasons ASFONZ was established was to provide a vehicle to share ideas and ensure views were heard. Through Workplace Savings, this remains as relevant today as it always has.

Even though the main focus has changed over time, especially with the growth of KiwiSaver, the sharing of ideas in the areas of advocacy, education, networking and promotion remains as relevant today as they always have.

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**Bruce Kerr**, Executive Director

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