# PPS MUTUAL SUPER FUND

### **Annual Report 2024**

#### Fund

PPS MUTUAL SUPER FUND ("PPSM" or "Fund"), a division of the Tidswell Master Superannuation Plan ("Plan") ABN 34 300 938 877 RSE R1004953

### Promoter

PPS Mutual Insurance Pty Ltd ABN 21 162 670 108 AFSL 478775 Level 10 45 Clarence Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Phone: 1300 401 436

Email: memberservices@ppsmutual.com.au

### Trustee and Issuer

Diversa Trustees Limited ABN 49 006 421 638 AFS Licence No 235153 RSE Licence No L0000635

### **Registered Office**

Diversa Trustees Limited Level 17, IBM Tower, 60 City Road Southbank VIC 3006

### Administrator

DDH Graham Limited ABN 28 010 639 219 AFS Licence No 226319

### Insurer

NobleOak Life Limited ABN 85 087 648 708 AFS Licence No 247302

### **CONTENTS**

From the Trustee	3
About PPSM	3
Features	5
Employer's Contributions	5
News in superannuation	5
Operation of PPMS's Reserves	6
Managing the PPSM	6
Privacy Policy	6
More Information	6
Enquiries and Complaints	7

### **Acknowledgement of Country**

PPS Mutual Super Fund acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands where we work and recognise the indigenous peoples' continuing connection to land, place, waters and community. We pay our respects to their cultures, country, and elders past, present and emerging.

### FROM THE TRUSTEE

We are pleased to present our Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The report is issued by Diversa Trustees Limited ABN 49 006 421 638 AFSL 235153 RSE L0000635 (the Trustee) as trustee of the PPS Mutual Super Fund ("PPSM", the "Fund"), a life insurance only sub-division of the Tidswell Master Superannuation Plan ABN 34 300 938 877

The information provided in this report is in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and *Corporations Regulations 2001*. The information is of a general nature only and has been prepared without taking into account your investment objectives, financial situation and needs. Before making any decisions in relation to the PPSM you should consider obtaining professional financial advice from a Licenced or authorised financial advisor. As the information provided in this Annual Report is General Advice in nature and you should also review PPSM Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) and Target Market Determination (TMD) before making any decision about PPSM insurance offerings.

The Directors of the Trustee during the year ended 30 June 2024 were:

Current as at 30 June 2024	
Name	Date Appointed
Susan Thomas	15 August 2022
Fiona Margaret McNabb	28 June 2019
Mark Walter	15 August 2022
Andrew John Peterson	28 June 2019
Ronald Peter Beard	18 February 2019, Resigned 27 July 2024
Vincent Plant (Chairperson)	4 May 2017

### **Trustee Committees**

The Board has established four Committees and appoints all members. The Trustee's committees are Audit and Compliance Committee, Investment Committee, Risk and Member Best Interests Committee and Remuneration and Nominations Committee:

Board Audit and Compliance Committee					
Name	Role				
Fiona Margaret McNabb	Chair				
Mark Walter	Committee Member				
Vincent Plant Committee Member					
Investment Committee					
Name	Role				
Vincent Plant	Chair				
Andrew John Peterson	Committee Member				
Fiona Margaret McNabb	Committee Member				
Rachel Griffith	Committee Member				
	•				

Remunerations and Nominations Committee				
Name Role				
Sue Thomas	Chair			
Mark Walter	Committee Member			
Vincent Plant	Committee Member			

Risk and Member Best Interests Committee				
Name Role				
Mark Walter	Chair			
Sue Thomas	Committee Member			
Andrew John Peterson	Committee Member			

### **Board Meeting Attendance**

This section provides a summary of Directors' Board Meeting attendance for the last seven years, as required under section 1017DA (1)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001 and section 7.9.31A (1)(c) of the Corporations Regulations 2001.

Board Meeting Attendance for Financial Year ending 30 Date

Date

	June					Appointed	Retired		
	2018	20 19	2020	2021	2022	20 23	20 24		
Meeti ngs Held	15	17	24	12	6	9	10		
Murray Jones	15	16	19	8				01/09/2014	18/02/2021
Vincent Parrott	13							01/09/2014	13/06/2018
Luke Barrett								23/06/2016	04/05/2017
Vincent Plant	12	17	24	12	6	9	10	04/05/2017	ı
Karen Gibson	5							04/05/2017	20/12/2017
Garry Wayling	14	15						04/05/2017	28/06/2019
Robyn Fitzroy	7	16	22	7				21/12/2017	18/02/2021
Andrew Peterso n			24	12	6	9	10	28/06/2019	1
Fiona McNabb			23	12	6	7	9	28/06/2019	-
Mike Terlet				4	6	7		18/02/2021	30/06/2023
Ron Beard				4	6	8	8	18/02/2021	27/07/2024
Sue Thomas						6	9	15/08/2022	1
Mark Walter						2	10	26/06/2023	-

### **Summary of Key Management Personnel**

The list of key management personnel for Diversa Trustees Limited at the date of this annual report are detailed below, along with their qualifications, and a summary of their experience as a trustee or board member, including the periods during which each served as a trustee or board member.

## Non-Executive Directors Vincent Plant (4 May 2017 – Present) Non-Executive Director, Chair

Vincent Plant was appointed to the Board in May 2017. He was appointed Chair of the Board on 28 June 2023. Vincent is Chair of the Investment Committee and is a member of the Remuneration and Nominations Committee and Audit & Compliance Committee.

Vincent served as a Non-Executive Director on the PayPal Australia Board from 2009 to 2016 and was Chairman of PayPal's Audit & Risk Committee between 2010 and 2016. A former investment and consumer banker, he was a Partner at HSW Capital from 2009 to 2010 and held various senior positions at Standard Chartered Bank from 1991 to 2008.

Vincent is a fellow of FINSIA and a member of the Institute of Company Directors. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from George Washington University and a Master of Business Administration from Columbia University.

### Fiona McNabb (28 June 2019 – Present) Non-Executive Director

Fiona McNabb was appointed to the Board in June 2019.

Fiona is Chair of the Audit & Compliance Committee and a member of the Investment Committee.

Fiona is an experienced Non-Executive Director with over 25 years' corporate experience in actuarial consulting, financial markets, derivatives pricing and trading, treasury, investments, risk management, compliance, and governance. Fiona has experience as a director in a wide range of industries, including agriculture, forestry, health, education, sport, superannuation and investments.

Fiona holds a Bachelor of Science (Mathematics) degree, is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, a Senior Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia, a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Superannuation Trustees and is RG146 compliant for superannuation.

### Susan Thomas (15 August 2022 – Present)

### **Non-Executive Director**

Susan Thomas was appointed to the Board in August 2022.

Susan is the Chair and non-executive director of Raritan Rivers Holdings Limited, and a non-executive director of Diversa Holdco Pty Limited. Susan Chairs the Remuneration and Nominations Committee and is a member of the Risk & Members Best Interest Committee. Susan is an experienced company director and currently serves on a number of listed boards including Maggie Beer Holdings Limited and Fitzroy River Holdings Limited. With a career spanning law, corporate finance, IT and financial services, Susan brings strong commercial, technology, compliance and regulatory skills to her board positions. Susan holds a Bachelor of commerce and a Bachelor of Laws and is a fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD).

### Mark Walter (26 June 2023 – Present)

### **Non-Executive Director**

Mark Walter was appointed to the Board in June 2023.

Mark is Chair of the Risk & Members Best Interest Committee, and a member of the Audit and Compliance Committee and the Remuneration and Nominations Committee.

Mark is an experienced commercial lawyer and executive with more than 30 years of experience in the legal profession as a lawyer, director and executive. Mark has extensive experience in consumer and regulatory law, financial services, and commercial litigation in all jurisdictions. Mark was a Partner of Australia's leading Plaintiff law firm for over 20 years before founding his own Commercial Law firm in 2021, currently holding the position of Managing Director of Walter Grant Legal.

Mark holds a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Melbourne and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD).

### Ronald Beard (18 February 2021 – 27 July 2024)

### **Non-Executive Director**

Ronald was appointed to the Board in February 2021 and resigned in July 2024. Ronald has in excess of 30 years' experience in financial services and has held consulting, executive and senior management positions with leading wealth management institutions in Australia. His experience includes operations management, project management and governance of super funds, investment platforms and employee benefit programs.

Ronald holds a Bachelor of Business (Insurance), Diploma of Financial Services (Financial Planning). He is a Trustee Fellow of The Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia (TFASFA) and Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (MAICD).

### Management

### Andrew Peterson (28 June 2019 – Present) Executive Director, CEO

Andrew was appointed to the Board as an Executive Director in June 2019. Andrew is a Director of Diversa Holdco Pty Limited, and a

member of the Investment Committee and Risk & Member Best Interests Committee.

Andrew has more than 25 years' experience in the financial service industry, holding roles in executive leadership, law, sales, research, compliance, and product development roles across the retail and wholesale sectors at organisations such as Required Financial Services, Aviva Investors/Antares Equities, Timbercorp and IOOF. Andrew holds a Bachelor of Economics/Bachelor of Law degree from Monash University.

### Rachel Griffith (28 June 2019 - Present)

growth platform clients.

### **Company Secretary and General Manager Investment Oversight**

Rachel has over 20 years' experience in the financial services industry across investment banking, funds management and financial advice. Rachel also has expertise in investment research and compliance. She has held senior leadership positions and has previously held the company secretary role within a listed company.

Rachel is a member of the Investment Committee and the Company Secretary.

Rachel holds a Bachelor of Economics, a Master of Economics, and a Graduate Diploma of Applied Corporate Governance.

### Joshua Haymes (1 September 2018 – Present) Responsible Manager - General Manager, Strategy and Clients

Josh has had almost 20 years' experience in the superannuation industry and has been with the Trustee since 2007. Josh has held leadership roles since 2018, leading a team of Account Executives focused on driving better member outcomes for members of high

Josh is highly experienced in superannuation wrap platforms, product management, client service management, fund administration and investment governance.

Josh holds a Bachelor of Commerce/Arts Marketing and Psychology degree from Deakin University.

### Johanna Hartnett (4 February 2022 – Present) General Manager – Office of the Superannuation Trustee

With a career over 20 years dedicated to financial services, Johanna has worked across the wealth management, banking and payments industries. A specialist in governance, risk and compliance, Johanna spent several years working for the prudential regulator and has proven experience in innovating and implementing strong risk and control frameworks across organisations.

Results-driven and collaborative, Johanna has proven experience working with Boards and Senior Management to ensure the delivery of key strategic and business outcomes.

Johanna holds bachelor's degrees from Melbourne University in Commerce and Arts, a Diploma of Financial Services and a Diploma of Management.

### **Trust Deed**

The governing rules of the Fund are set out in the Tidswell Master Superannuation Plan Trust Deed. The Board has some powers to alter the Trust Deed. During the year, the Trustee amended the Trust Deed. This change has no impact upon you or your benefits within the Tidswell Master Superannuation Plan. A copy of the Fund Trust Deed can be found Trustee's website: <a href="https://diversa.com.au/funds/">https://diversa.com.au/funds/</a>

### Compliance

The Trustee believes that the Plan has satisfied the requirements of the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act (SIS) for the year ended 30 June 2024, and that the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) will be satisfied that the Plan is operating in accordance with SIS.

#### Audit

BDO Australia is the auditor of the Tidswell Master Superannuation Plan and has completed the annual audit for the Plan. The full audited Accounts of Tidswell Master Superannuation Plan which includes PPSM together with Directors' report, and the auditor's report, are available for inspection on the Trustee's website at https://diversa.com.au/funds/

Whilst all due care has been taken in the preparation of this report, the Trustee reserves its right to correct any errors or omissions. The terms of your membership in the Fund are set out in PPSM's Trust Deed and any applicable insurance policy. Should there be any inconsistency between this report and PPSM's Trust Deed, the terms of PPSM's Trust Deed will prevail.

The Trustee holds professional indemnity insurance to protect the Trustee, its directors and PPSM against certain losses or liabilities. The indemnity insurance cover is subject to the terms and conditions of the relevant insurance policy.

### **ABOUT THE PPSM**

The PPS Mutual Super Fund is a risk-only division of the Tidswell Master Superannuation Plan (TMSP). The Trustee of the PPSM is Diversa Trustees Limited (the Trustee). PPSM members have access to death and disablement insurance cover within superannuation on the terms and conditions summarised in the PDS.

The PPSM Super Fund does not provide accumulation style superannuation account balances, nor investment returns to members.

- The Trustee accepts rollovers to pay the premiums for death and/or disablement insurance cover on your life as a member of PPSM (Core Insurance Plan). The Core Insurance Plan is issued to the Trustee by the Insurer.
- The Insurer will also issue a 'Profit-Share Plan' on your life to the Trustee. The Profit-Share Plan comprises a 'Profit-Share Account' and a complimentary 'Accidental Death Benefit'. No premiums are payable for the Profit-Share Plan.
- A benefit amount will only be payable from PPSM if the Insurer pays a benefit under the Core Insurance Plan. If a benefit is payable under the Core Insurance Plan, the balance of the Profit-Share Account (and Accidental Death Benefit, if applicable) under the Profit-Share Plan may also be payable. The Trustee will pay the amount received from the Insurer, less any tax that must be withheld. All amounts are paid as superannuation benefits in accordance with the governing rules of the TMSP and superannuation law.
- You can request that some or all of the balance of the Profit-Share Account be withdrawn and rolled over to a complying superannuation fund in certain circumstances set out in the PPS Mutual Professionals Choice PDS issued by the Insurer. The Trustee will not action a withdrawal request unless it is accompanied by a valid rollover direction to a complying superannuation fund. When received, the withdrawn amount is immediately rolled over by the Trustee in accordance with your direction. PPSM does not offer a superannuation savings facility to receive the withdrawal amount.
- Membership of PPSM is subject to the Rules of PPSM and the governing rules of TMSP. Benefits are only payable under the terms and conditions of the Core Insurance Plan and Profit-Share Plan.

### **FEATURES**

The insurance cover options available through the PPSM Fund are:

### **Core Insurance**

- Life insurance providing cover for death and terminal illness
- TPD insurance providing cover for total and permanent disablement or 'permanent incapacity'
- Income protection insurance providing cover for 'temporary incapacity' where you are unable to work to earn income due to sickness or injury.

#### **Profit-Share Plan**

When a Core Insurance Plan is issued in respect of you, the Insurer will also establish a Profit-Share Plan on your life providing:

- Accidental Death Benefit providing cover for 'accidental death'
- Profit-Share Account providing a means to share in the profits of the PPS Mutual Professionals Choice insurance products.

Each year profits of the products you buy are assigned to your Profit-Share Account. The amount of money in the Profit-Share Account continues to accumulate as long as a PPS Mutual Insurance Plan on your life is in force

The terms and conditions applying to these cover options (including definitions, limitations and exclusions) are detailed in the PPS Mutual Professionals Choice PDS issued by the Insurer, which is current as at the date when you apply for the cover.

### **EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTIONS**

As benefits within PPSM relate to insurance only, members are not able to make any contributions or rollovers for accumulation purposes within PPSM.

### **NEWS IN SUPERANNUATION**

The 2024 financial year was marked by the Federal Government's ongoing commitment to ensure superannuation funds continue to deliver positive outcomes for members. Reforms to superannuation were announced during the year including enhancements to the quality of financial advice, the introduction of paid parental leave and payday super. A number of other changes also came into effect on 1 July 2024, to help members put more money into superannuation savings.

### **Superannuation Guarantee on Paid Parental Leave**

From 1 July 2025, a new superannuation initiative has been introduced by the government, ensuring that superannuation guarantee contributions are now paid on Government Paid Parental Leave.

With this change now in effect, members of superannuation funds will benefit from superannuation contributions during periods of government-paid parental leave, helping to boost retirement savings during time taken off work to care for a new child (including an adopted child).

### PayDay Super

From 1 July 2026, a new superannuation initiative called Payday Super will come into effect, aimed at improving the frequency and visibility of superannuation contributions. Under this new system, employers will be required to pay superannuation guarantee contributions at the same time as wages, rather than quarterly.

This change is designed to ensure that superannuation contributions are paid more regularly, making it easier for fund members to track their super and ensuring contributions are invested sooner.

### **Superannuation Guarantee Rate**

Effective 1 July 2024, the SG rate increased from 11% to 11.5%. A further increase will take effect on 1 July 2025, raising the SG rate to 12%. The 12% rate is set to remain in place unless further changes are announced by the government in the future.

### **Concessional Contribution Cap**

Effective 1 July 2024, the concessional contributions cap increased from \$27,500 to \$30,000. This change allows individuals to contribute more to their superannuation at concessional tax rates, supporting increased retirement savings.

Additionally, under the carry-forward rule, individuals can use up to five years of unused concessional contribution caps if their total superannuation balance is less than \$500,000 at the end of the previous financial year. With the increase in the concessional contributions cap, the carry-forward amount for unused contributions has also increased, providing greater flexibility for individuals to increase their superannuation savings.

### **Non-Concessional Contribution Cap**

From 1 July 2024, the non-concessional contributions cap increased from \$110,000 to \$120,000 per financial year. Consequently, the bring-forward arrangement amount also increased, allowing eligible members to contribute up to \$360,000 (up from \$330,000) over a three-year period. These changes are still subject to the member's total superannuation balance threshold, which determines eligibility to use the bring-forward rule.

These adjustments provide greater opportunities for individuals to maximize their retirement savings through non-concessional contributions

For more information on superannuation caps and thresholds, including additional changes, please visit the ATO website.

### **Financial Advice**

The Australian Government has introduced the first tranche of updates to financial advice in Australia. These changes are based on the recommendations of the Government's Quality of Advice Review, aimed at improving the accessibility and quality of financial advice.

For superannuation members, the changes should mean that superannuation members should now experience a more straightforward and efficient process when it comes to ongoing fee arrangements and when receiving certain documents from an adviser (e.g., financial services guides).

### **Retirement Income**

The Government has recently announced a package of reforms to help retirees get the most from their superannuation. These reforms form part of the Federal Government's "Delivering Better Financial Outcomes" package and seek to provide people with better service, support and product options as they enter into retirement. These reforms will be considered by the industry in 2025 before the reforms are implemented. In the meantime, the superannuation industry is working to enhance the retirement products and services offered to members, including more guidance and support. This might include offering members personalised advice options, new or changed retirement products, and educational resources to help members make informed decisions about how to manage their savings.

Important Information: The information provided here is general in nature and has been prepared without taking into account your own objectives, financial situation, and needs. Before making decisions based on the information provided, you should consider how appropriate this information is for your individual circumstances, consider doing your own research, and consider seeking independent professional advice.

### **OPERATION OF PPSM's RESERVE**

We are required under legislation to keep a financial reserve to cover any losses that members incur due to a breakdown in operations. This is referred to as the Operational Risk Financial Requirement (ORFR).

The ORFR may be funded from the financial resources of the Trustee, the Plan assets or a combination of both. The Trustee has determined it will address this requirement from its own resources. The ORFR is invested in the Trustee's cash account.

### MANAGING THE PPSM

PPSM is set up as a division of a trust and is governed by a legal document called a Trust Deed. The Trustee responsible for running the PPSM in accordance with the Trust Deed, is Diversa Trustees Limited (ABN 49 006 421 638 AFS Licence No 235153, RSE Licence No L0000635), which is a professional independent trustee. No penalties were imposed on the Trustee and/or any of its directors during the reporting period.

### **PRIVACY POLICY**

We are committed to ensuring the confidentiality and security of your personal information. We will only collect, use and disclose this information for the purposes of processing and administering your accounts and providing services to you, unless otherwise required by law. We are bound by the Privacy Act and the National Privacy Principles, as regulated by the Federal Privacy Commissioner, to protect such information from misuse and loss, unauthorised access, modification and disclosure.

You can obtain a copy of the Trustee's Privacy Policy at <a href="https://www.diversa.com.au/privacy">https://www.diversa.com.au/privacy</a>, from the Privacy Officer by contacting the Fund on the details found at the back of this report.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

Your benefit statement and the PPSM Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) and Target Market Determination (TMD) contain important information about your personal benefits and about the PPSM Fund. You are also entitled to request further information including the Trust Deed and rules, the latest audited accounts and auditor's report and the Trustee's Privacy Policy.

The Trustee is required to disclose certain information and documentation on a website. Accordingly, the Trustee's website (<a href="www.diversa.com.au/governance">www.diversa.com.au/governance</a>) contains the Trust Deed and further details relating to the Trustee of the Tidswell Master Superannuation Plan, of which PPSM. The Promoter's website (<a href="https://www.ppsmutual.com.au">https://www.ppsmutual.com.au</a>) contains the Product Disclosure Statement and Target Market Determination, most recent annual report, and any Significant Event Notices issued recently. Consider seeking independent financial advice relevant to your personal circumstances.

For copies of these documents, or if you want more information about your benefits, please feel free to contact the Fund's member services officers as follows:

### **PPS Mutual Super Fund Member Services**

Level 10, 45 Clarence Street SYDNEY NSW 200

Phone: 1300 401 436

Email: memberservices@ppsmutual.com.au

### **ENQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS**

Superannuation law requires the Trustee to take all reasonable steps to ensure that complaints are properly considered and dealt with within 45 days, or another timeframe imposed by legislation. If you have a complaint:

- contact PPS Mutual on 1300 401 436, or
- contact the Dispute Resolution Officer of PPS Mutual at haveyoursay@ppsmutual.com.au

We will ordinarily respond to your complaint as soon as possible but within 45 days of receipt. If you are still not satisfied with our response, or we do not respond within 45 days (or within 90 days in relation to superannuation death benefit), you may wish to refer the matter to the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA), an independent body set up by the Federal Government to review trustee decisions relating to individual members.

You can contact the AFCA at:

Australian Financial Complaints Authority

GPO Box 3, Melbourne, VIC 3001

P 1800 931 678 W <u>www.afca.org.au</u>