

# Ten years of positive returns for members

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AustralianSuper's Balanced option has delivered a return of 8.67% for the financial year and 10.72%pa for the three years to 30 June 2019. This marks the tenth consecutive year of positive returns for the Balanced option. All other AustralianSuper investment options also delivered positive results for the financial year\*.

After a challenging start to the 18/19 financial year, a rebound in share markets in the last six months helped boost returns for members. More importantly, longer term returns over the five and ten years remain consistently strong.

## Balanced options returns to 30 June 2019

(% pa)	Super	Choice income
1 year	8.67	9.47
3 years	10.72	11.68
5 years	9.48	10.43
10 years	9.76	10.90

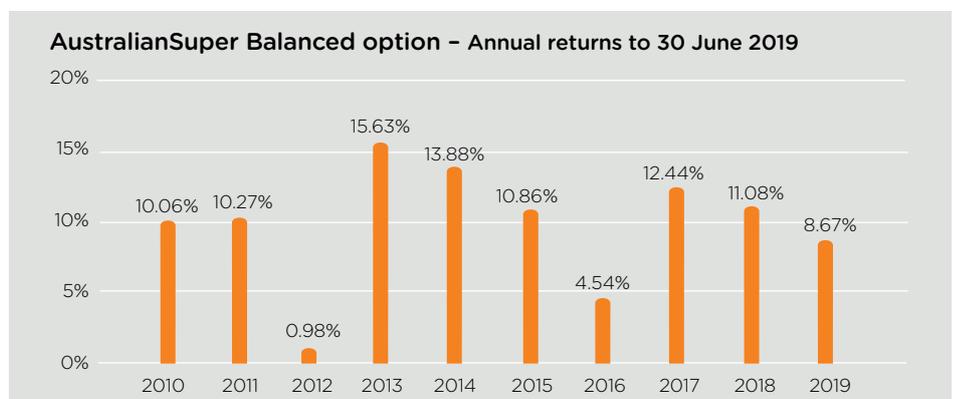
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Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Investment Officer, Mark Delaney, said 'AustralianSuper members have now seen 10 years of strong returns which represents a major boost to their retirement savings.'

'If you had \$50,000 invested in the Balanced option from July 2009, your retirement savings would have more than doubled over the last ten years and would now be worth \$126,921.†'

## Staying focused on long-term performance

Super is about the long term, so AustralianSuper encourages members not to panic when they see markets fluctuate, and to consider staying invested.



'Most members are usually better off sticking with their long-term strategy, providing it is right for their goals and circumstances,' said Mr Delaney. For example, falls in Australian and international share markets resulted in a negative return of 2.7% for the Balanced option in the last six months of 2018. Markets then rebounded in the first half of 2019 and the Balanced option returned 11.7% for the second half of the financial year. Members who switched investment options in the first half of the financial year would have locked in that loss and may have missed out on the strong growth that followed.

While we may experience times where returns are lower or even negative, we expect it and plan for ways to minimise the impact of it. For example, late last year we increased the weighting to more defensive assets like fixed interest in our PreMixed options.

Holding unlisted assets like infrastructure has also helped to protect members' returns from the impact of volatility, and has also contributed to our strong long-term performance.

We stay focused on what's going to make the biggest difference to your retirement savings, and that's long-term net performance.

AustralianSuper's Balanced option was ranked No. 1 over both 10 and 15 years by SuperRatings to 30 June 2019<sup>^</sup>.

Find out more: [AustralianSuper's performance](#)

\* Investment returns are not guaranteed. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.

† Based on investment returns which are net of investment fees, costs and taxes, but does not include the impact of administration fees and insurance premiums that are deducted from members' account balances.

<sup>^</sup> SuperRatings Fund Crediting Rate Survey, SR50 Balanced (60-76) Index 30 June 2019.

## Have some questions?

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