RETIREMENT CHECKLIST

Now may be a good time to check-in and see if you are on track to achieve your retirement lifestyle goals. We have developed a checklist of some of the key considerations you might want to think about prior to retiring.

When you are approaching retirement	Yes	No
Have you decided at what age you would like to retire?		
Have you thought about how much money per year you would need to live on in retirement?		
Do you know how much super you need to ensure you have enough money to live comfortably in retirement?		
Have you revisited your investment strategy to ensure it is appropriate for your stage of life?		
Have you thought about your likely life expectancy and how long your funds are likely to last?		
Your super	Yes	No
Do you know where all of your super is? That is, do you have multiple super funds?		
Do you know how much super you have in total?		
Do you know how your super is invested?		
Do you know if your super fund offer an Account-based pension or Retirement income product?		
Have you investigated strategies that may help boost your super savings?		
Retirement planning	Yes	No
Is your current health insurance adequate?		
Have you spoken to a financial adviser about your retirement plans?		
Do you have a partner? What will happen if he/she outlives you?		
Have you considered delaying retirement to ensure adequacy of your retirement income?		
Retirement income products	Yes	No
Have you explored any retirement income products and thought about which may suit you best?		
Are you aware of the age based percentage draw down limits?		
Do you know the tax implications of taking your super as a cash lump sum or an income stream?		
Do you know what a transition to retirement pension is, and have you considered using this to ease yourself into retirement?		



Lifestyle in retirement	Yes	No
Have you thought about how your income needs may fluctuate during the different phases of your retirement years?		
Are you considering a change to your housing arrangements, or where you live?		
Have you thought about what activities you will be involved in or how will you spend your time?		
Have you considered what sort of lifestyle would you like in retirement?		
Have you considered the impact of your retirement on your family?		
Government assistance	Yes	No
Are you aware of the current Age pension entitlements for singles or couples?		
Do you know if you are likely to qualify for the Age pension?		
Have you obtained information on the other benefits that are available for seniors?		
Do you understand how the Age pension income and assets tests work?		
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Your legal arrangements	Yes	No
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Your legal arrangements Do you have a Will?	Yes	No
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Your legal arrangements Do you have a Will? Is your Will up to date? Have you stored all your important and legal documents together in the same place?	Yes	No
Your legal arrangements Do you have a Will? Is your Will up to date? Have you stored all your important and legal documents together in the same place? Does the executor of your Will know where to find a copy?	Yes	No

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