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### ONLINE ACCESS INTERRUPTION

*In order to ensure there is a smooth transition of all current data to the new external Administrator, unfortunately online access will not be available during January 2017.*

*Passwords will be sent out for the new online access as soon as they are available. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.*

### INVESTMENT RETURNS – YEAR TO DATE

*The investment returns (based on the change in unit price) for the period 1 July 2016 – 30 November 2016) are\*:*

Growth option	1.30%
Balanced option	2.19%
Pension Growth option	-2.70%^
Pension Balanced option	2.29%
Pension Cash option	0.48%

\* The return on your account may vary depending on when you joined the Fund, timing of any contributions and withdrawals paid to or from your account during the period.

^ This Option commenced October 2016 and therefore returns are only for a two month period.

## INVESTMENT UPDATE

Surprisingly, developed share markets around the world had a strong November led by the United States (S&P 500 +4%) as the shock of a Trump victory faded overnight and the market began to positively view the potential government spending programs. An expectation of increased government spending also led to anticipated higher inflation and potential increases in future interest rates.

The ASX 200 Accumulation Index closed up 3% for the month. At a sector level, Financials (+6.0%), Utilities (+3.7%) and Energy (+3.3%) outperformed the market. This was offset by a weak month for Telecommunications (-0.4%) and Healthcare (-0.6%), with the sector pulling back from recent highs and disappointing reporting results.

Globally, international shares returned 4.5% over the month in unhedged Australian dollar terms as measured by the MSCI World ex Australia Accumulation Index. Returns from bonds declined during the month as yields began to rise. For the past year or so, investors have been expecting soft growth in the US and low inflation, making bonds relatively more attractive than shares. This pushed up bond prices and drove yields to historic lows.

However, now investors expect the more expansive economic policies under the Trump administration will lead to stronger growth, higher inflation and potentially a faster pace of interest rate increases by the Federal Reserve. This was further reinforced in December with the US

Federal Reserve increasing official interest rates by 0.25% (the second increase in a year).

Following the US rate rise, the Australian dollar has weakened to 73.00 US cents compared with 76.00 US cents at the end of October.

Given uncertainty in the market, CBH Super continues to hold a diverse range of assets to help minimise risk within the portfolio. The Fund employs an absolute return manager for bonds which has resulted in positive returns from the bond portfolio even though the bond yield rose. Additionally, the decline in the Australian dollar will benefit the Fund as international shares are held on an unhedged basis.

## BE YOUR OWN SANTA – MAXIMISE THE LIMITS

With the limits on contributions you can make to super reducing from 1 July 2017, members have a chance to maximise the limits for the current 2016-17 financial year.



The concessional contribution caps reduce from:

- \$30,000 p.a. or \$35,000 p.a. for people aged 49 or over on 30 June 2016

to:

- \$25,000 p.a. for everyone from 1 July 2017.

The concessional contributions cap is the maximum concessional contributions you can make into superannuation in a financial year without being subject to additional tax.

Concessional contributions include:

- employer contributions - the 9.5% super guarantee plus any additional employer contributions;
- amounts you salary sacrifice into your super; and
- amounts for which an income tax deduction is allowed (generally contributions made by self-employed people).

The non-concessional contributions cap will also reduce from \$180,000 to \$100,000 p.a. from

1 July 2017. This cap applies to any post-tax contributions you pay into super, other than if you claim a tax deduction for the contribution (generally if self-employed).

So if you were considering making extra contributions to your super, now is a good time to start thinking about it. Give us a call and we can assist you in getting your extra contributions set up.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any superannuation questions you can go to [www.cbhsuper.com.au](http://www.cbhsuper.com.au) or contact Danielle Purdye on 9416 6235 or [danielle.purdye@cbh.com.au](mailto:danielle.purdye@cbh.com.au) or Donna Adam on 9237 9707 or [donna.adam@cbh.com.au](mailto:donna.adam@cbh.com.au).

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Clausen".

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Trustee Chairman

## FESTIVE SEASON

*The Board and Fund staff would like to thank you for your support in 2016 and wish you all a very happy and safe festive season and a prosperous 2017.*

Disclaimer: This information does not take into account your own situation, so you should consider that before you decide to make any changes to your account. You should also consider the information in the Product Disclosure Statement available from [www.cbhsuper.com.au](http://www.cbhsuper.com.au).

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