Can I use my super as a deposit for a rental property?



Rents to rise by 21.3% over next 3 years [BIS Shrapnel]

One in three Australians to acquire property over next 2 years [Mortgage Choice]

Maybe it's time to get moving



1. How much do you and your partner have in your superannuation?

Most Australians are members of an Industry or Retail superannuation fund. If the amount exceeds \$100,000 then you could consider establishing your own superfund. A husband and wife can combine their balances. Brothers, sisters, friends and neighbours can also combine balances (see below). If you have less than \$100,000 and equity in another property (i.e. your home) you could use a unit trust and still use your super for the deposit (see below).

Check the statement provided by your superannuation provider (i.e. CBus, Australian Super, BT, etc)



2. If we have more than \$100,000 in our work based superannuation.

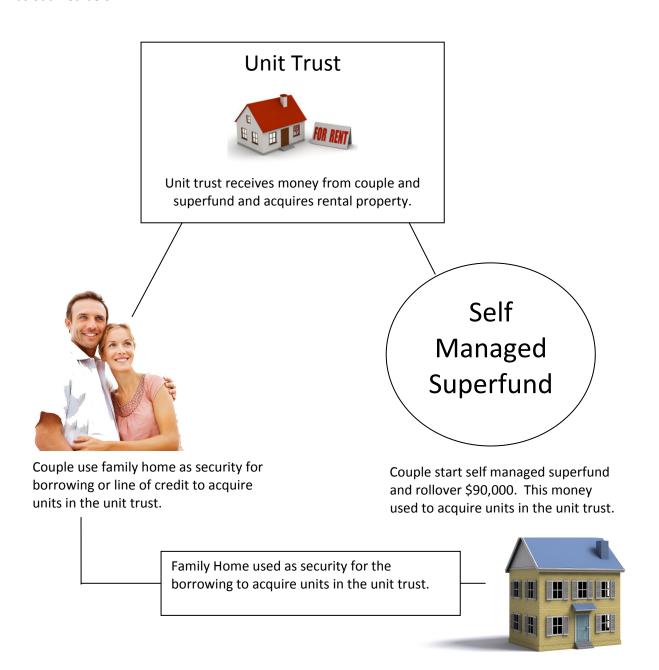
If either alone or with your partner you have more than \$100,000 in your superannuation accounts then you can consider establishing a self managed superannuation fund and rolling your superannuation into your own fund.

You should seek advice from professionally qualified and licenced advisors before establishing your self managed superfund. Considering your superannuation will be your largest asset you should take great care establishing a self managed superfund and who you select to help you run the fund.



3. If we have less than \$100,000 in our superannuation.

If you have a superannuation balance less than \$100,000 you can still use your superannuation as a deposit on property if you have enough equity in a property like the family home. This is by way of using a unit trust as outlined below.



4. Can I start a superfund with my brother, neighbour, friend and acquire a property?

The laws around who can be a member of a self managed superfund have only one main requirement that the fund not have more than 4 members. The members can even be minors, although this is not recommended. Brothers, cousins, friends, neighbours can all be members together in a self managed superfund as long as the number of members is less than 5.



5. If I was going to invest my super with a neighbour or friend what is the best structure?

Unit Trust



Unit trust receives money from Family A SMSF and Family B SMSF and acquires property.

As long as each superfund keeps exactly 50% of the units the unit trust can borrow from a bank to fund the purchase

Family A Self Managed Superfund

Family A establish a SMSF and rollover their super balances and use some of the money to acquire units in a unit trust. Family B Self Managed Superfund

Family B establish a SMSF and rollover their super balances and use some of the money to acquire units in a unit trust.

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