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## Investment bonds

# Estate planning strategies for an even stronger bond

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Leaving a legacy and maintaining family unity



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# Discover Generation Life

Pioneer of Australia's first truly flexible investment bond. Over \$2.8b invested with us to date<sup>1</sup>. Proud to be innovating the retirement income landscape with an investment-linked lifetime annuity.



1. As at 31 December 2022  
2. Plan for Life, Investment Bonds Market Report for period ended 30 September 2022

## Ethical considerations

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Are the recommended strategies in the best interests of your clients?

Have you considered every option available to meet your clients' desired outcomes?

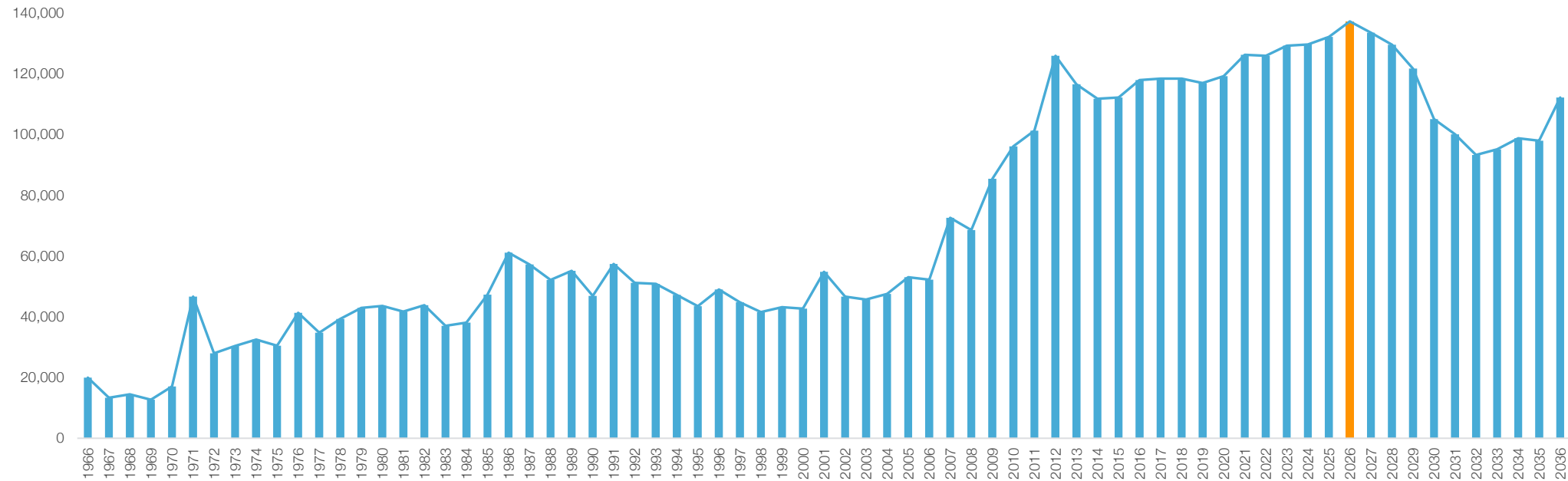
Can your solution protect your clients against family disputes?

Have you considered your clients' emotional needs as well as their desired financial outcomes?



# Boomer's retirement mountain

Net annual change in Australian population 65+



“Surge in the retiree population is caused by the great baby boom of the 1950s”

## 1990s

65-and-over population increased by an average of around **40,000 per year**

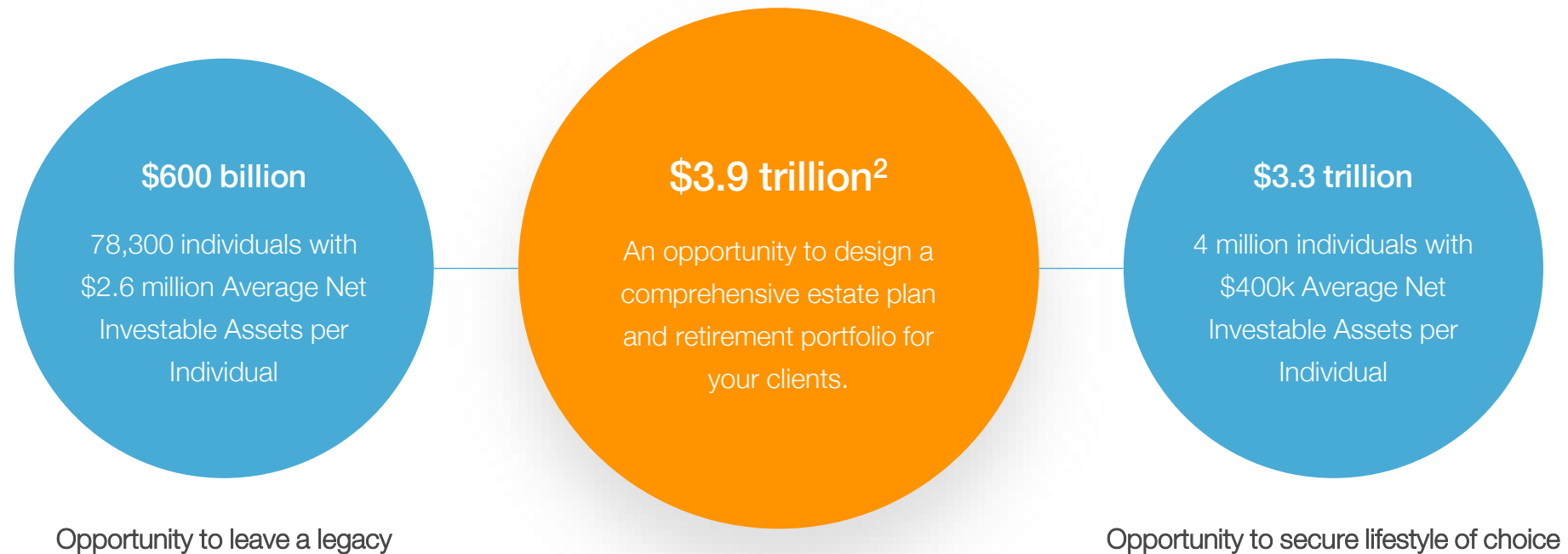
## 2020s

65-and-over population passing **126,000 per year in 2021, peaking at 137,000 per year in 2026**

Source: Salt, B, 2021, “Turning point: the 2020s baby boom retirement surge”, published in Firstlinks on 24 March 2021, <https://www.firstlinks.com.au/turning-point-2020s-baby-boom-retirement-surge>

## The opportunity

\$224b estimated to pass each year in inheritances by 2050<sup>1</sup>



1. Vickovich, A, 2021, "Baby Boomers to pass on \$224b a year by 2050", published in The Australian Financial Review on 7 December 2021  
2. Generation Life – Locking In The Next Generation by Core Data 2022

## Investment bonds

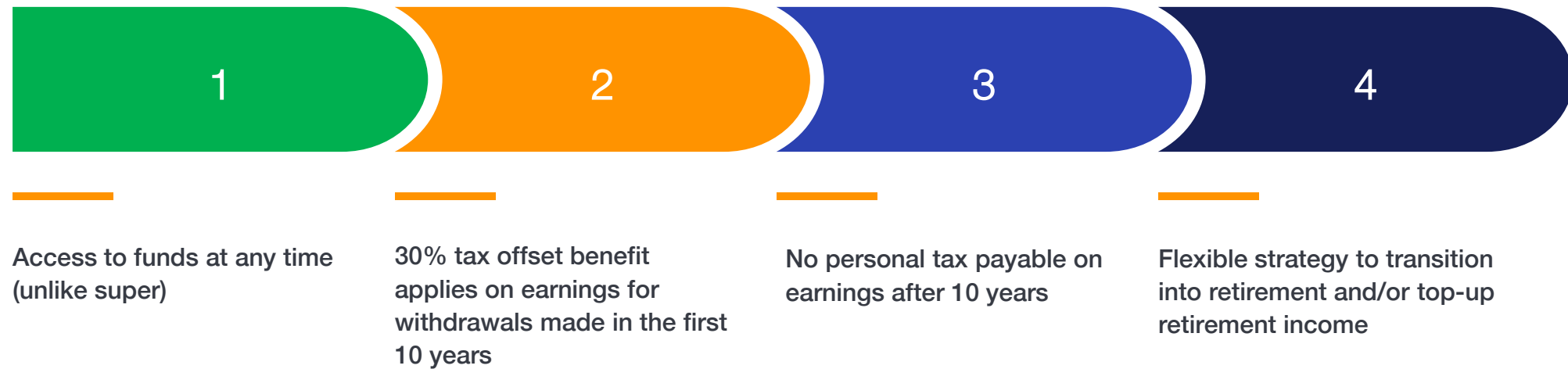
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Control and certainty for how wealth is passed on to the right people, at the right time.



# Investment bond benefits

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# 9 key features of investment bonds

## Life Insurance and Tax Act

### Maximum tax rate of 30%

Tax Optimised  
generally ranges  
between 12% - 15%\*

**No distributions** and  
access to funds at  
anytime

**Tax paid** - no  
personal tax  
after 10 years - tax  
advantages within 10  
years

**125% advantage**

**Portability** and tax-  
free transfers

**No personal capital  
gains tax** on  
investment switching

**No tax file number  
required**

**Creditor protection**

Can be structured as  
a **non-estate asset**

\*Indicative effective average tax rates represent the estimated forecast average annual tax as a percentage of earnings for each 12-month period over a forecast period of 15 years. Actual tax amounts payable are not guaranteed and may vary from year to year based on, amongst other things, the earnings of an investment option.

## Estate planning simplified

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Certainty and control when transferring wealth



## Did you know...

### Leaving an inheritance and the challenges of wills

**86%**

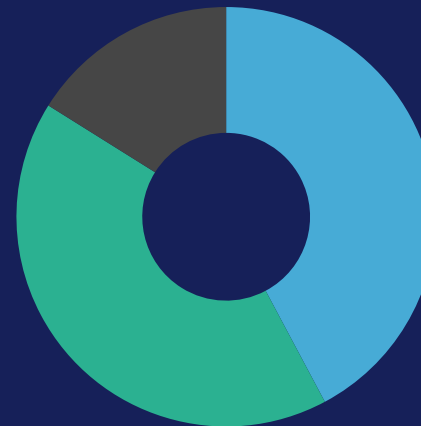
of claims are brought  
by the immediate family

**12 months+**

for a case to be heard in  
court

**44.9%**

of Australians are worried about transferring wealth



**42.2%**

Concerned about the  
impact of tax when  
transferring wealth

**41.7%**

Concerned about  
misuse or mismanagement

**88.2%**

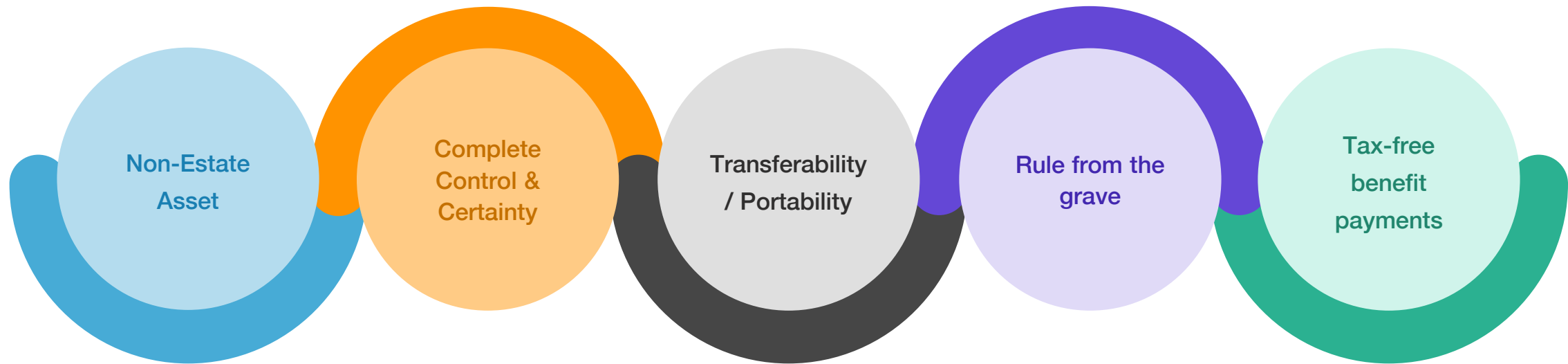
Seniors plan on leaving  
an inheritance  
(\$930k on average)

**36%**

Estate to go to  
grandchildren

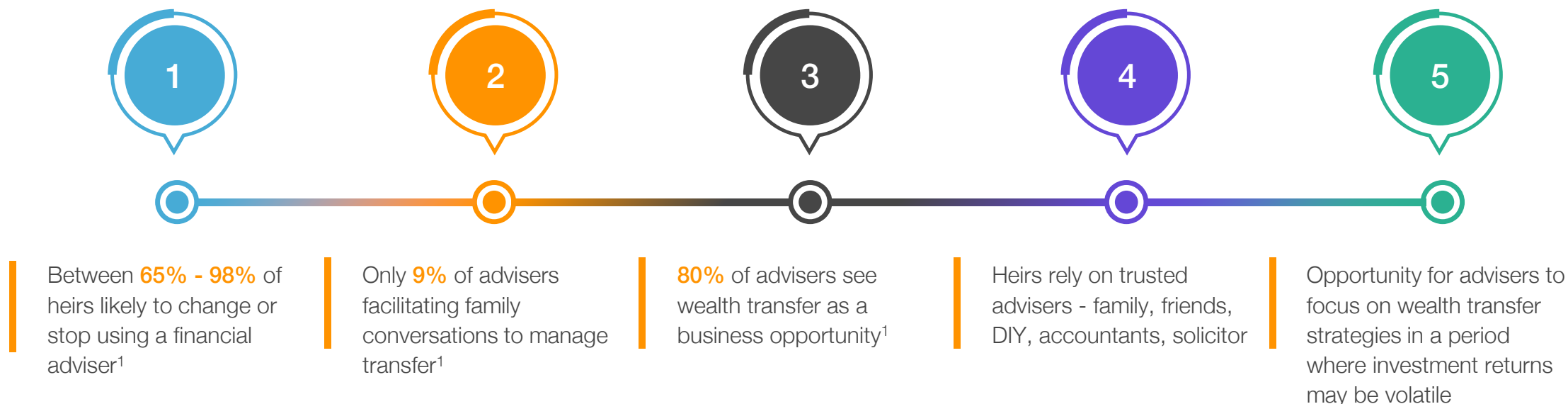
# Estate planning

Be in control of transferring wealth



# Intergenerational wealth transfer – impact on advisers

What's being observed



1. Sources: Cerulli, Accenture & Schroders UK

## Intergenerational wealth transfer – impact on advisers

What's being observed



## Using superannuation to pass on wealth



### 1 Tax payable on death to beneficiaries

- Adult child beneficiaries
- Non-dependants
- Taxed contribution element - taxed at a maximum rate of 15% (plus Medicare levy)
- Untaxed contribution element - taxed at a rate of up to 30% (plus Medicare levy)

### 2 Who can be a beneficiary of a superannuation death benefit?

- Spouse
- Child (any age)
- Interdependent relationship (normally must live together)
- Will be paid to estate otherwise

### 3 Tax-free only to

- Spouse
- Former spouse
- Child under 18 years
- Interdependent relationship

### 4 Discretions

- May be subject to trustee discretion and risk that valid death benefit nomination may not have been made

# Binding nominations comparison

## The realities of trustee discretion

### Via superannuation...

- Different tax treatments applicable to death benefits payment - lump sum and/or income stream
- Different tax treatment if beneficiary is classified as a 'dependant' for tax.
- Nominations - Super trustees may have the discretion to alter the deceased's instructions

### Via investment bonds...

- Binding nominations
- Tax-free transfer to beneficiaries
- Ability to bypass will and legal estate
- Not subject to trustee discretion
- Ability to transfer to anyone or legal entity



## Investment bond estate planning benefits

### Tax-free proceeds

Proceeds are tax-free even to non-dependants

### No personal capital gains tax

No annual CGT reporting



### Non-Estate Asset

Investment bond can be structured as a non-estate asset

**Automatic transfers possible**  
at specific ages, dates or on death

### Avoids conflict

Avoids conflict and solves for complex wills





## Meet Jane

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Jane is 45 years old and is an operations manager.



## Jane's situation

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Jane recently inherited \$1,400,000 from the passing of her mother.

Jane owns her own home valued at \$900,000 but has a mortgage of \$370,000.

She earns \$125,000 p.a. and receives \$12,500 p.a. in superannuation contributions.

She also has a superannuation balance of \$240,000 and has \$10,000 invested in shares.

## Jane's objective

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Jane wants to use the inheritance to set up her financial future.

She would like to reduce her mortgage costs by using her offset account, giving her the option to purchase an investment property in the future.

She would also like to increase her superannuation balance while building wealth outside of superannuation.



# Jane's solution

Jane sought advice from her financial adviser around how to best structure the inheritance to meet her objectives.

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|---|---|--|
| <b>Mortgage</b>                                     | <b>\$370,000</b><br>Paid into offset facility   | Option to purchase investment property   |
| <b>Superannuation concessional contribution</b>     | <b>\$37,500</b><br>Catch up concessional contributions of \$12,500 per year carried forward between FY19 to FY21                      | Jane can make catch-up concessional contributions, since her total super balance is below \$500,000<br><br>Concessional contribution cap \$25,000 between FY19 to FY21   |
|   | <b>\$15,000</b><br>Catch up concessional contribution carried forward in FY22   | Concessional contribution cap \$27,500 from FY22   |
| <b>Superannuation Non-concessional contribution</b> | <b>\$330,000</b><br>3-year bring forward rule at \$110,000 per year   | Bring-forward rules allow Jane to make non-concessional contributions of up to three times the annual general non-concessional contributions cap in a single year  |
| <b>Generation Life Investment Bond</b>              | <b>\$600,000</b><br>Set up a Regular Withdrawal facility of \$15,000 p.a. to fund Jane's current and future concessional contribution | Jane can maximise her concessional contributions by drawing down from the investment bond.<br><br>In the first 10 years, a 30% tax offset on the taxable component of the withdrawal results in a minimal top-up tax for Jane at her MTR.<br><br>Jane can also receive a tax refund as a result of her concessional super contribution with no impact on her regular cashflow. This tax refund can provide surplus cash for lifestyle and/or further investment. |



|  | Year 1    | Year 2    | Year 3    | Year 4    | Year 5    | Year 6    | Year 7    | Year 8    | Year 9    | Year 10   | Year 11   | Year 12   |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Investment   | \$636,000 | \$658,260 | \$681,856 | \$706,867 | \$733,379 | \$761,482 | \$791,271 | \$822,847 | \$856,318 | \$891,797 | \$929,404 | \$969,269 |
| Withdrawals  | \$15,000  | \$15,000  | \$15,000  | \$15,000  | \$15,000  | \$15,000  | \$15,000  | \$15,000  | \$15,000  | \$15,000  | \$15,000  | \$15,000  |
| Total balance post withdrawals                             | \$621,000 | \$643,260 | \$666,856 | \$691,867 | \$718,379 | \$746,482 | \$776,271 | \$807,847 | \$841,318 | \$876,797 | \$914,404 | \$954,269 |
| Assessable component of withdrawal                         | \$849     | \$1,650   | \$2,406   | \$3,119   | \$3,791   | \$4,426   | \$5,024   | \$5,589   | \$4,081   | \$2,219   | -         | -         |
| 30% tax offset attached to withdrawal                      | \$255     | \$495     | \$722     | \$936     | \$1,137   | \$1,328   | \$1,507   | \$1,677   | \$1,224   | \$662     | -         | -         |
| Client's top up tax  | \$76      | \$149     | \$217     | \$281     | \$341     | \$398     | \$452     | \$503     | \$367     | \$200     | -         | -         |
| Top up rate on withdrawal                                  | 0.51%     | 0.99%     | 1.44%     | 1.87%     | 2.27%     | 2.66%     | 3.01%     | 3.35%     | 2.45%     | 1.33%     | -         | -         |
| Net cashflow (post tax)                                    | \$14,924  | \$14,851  | \$14,783  | \$14,719  | \$14,659  | \$14,602  | \$14,548  | \$14,497  | \$14,633  | \$14,800  | \$15,000  | \$15,000  |
| Concessional contribution to super                         | \$14,924  | \$14,851  | \$14,783  | \$14,719  | \$14,659  | \$14,602  | \$14,548  | \$14,497  | \$14,633  | \$14,800  | \$15,000  | \$15,000  |
| Tax refund from tax deductibility of super cont.           | \$5,820   | \$5,792   | \$5,766   | \$5,741   | \$5,717   | \$5,695   | \$5,674   | \$5,654   | \$5,707   | \$5,772   | \$5,850   | \$5,850   |
| Net contribution to super post contribution tax            | \$12,685  | \$12,624  | \$12,566  | \$12,511  | \$12,460  | \$12,411  | \$12,366  | \$12,322  | \$12,438  | \$12,580  | \$18,600  | \$18,600  |
| Value of tax refund + net super contribution               | \$18,505  | \$18,416  | \$18,332  | \$18,252  | \$18,177  | \$18,106  | \$18,039  | \$17,976  | \$18,145  | \$18,352  | \$15,000  | \$15,000  |
| Initial post tax return on strategy (investment risk free) | 23.37%    | 22.77%    | 22.21%    | 21.68%    | 21.18%    | 20.71%    | 20.26%    | 19.84%    | 20.96%    | 22.35%    | 24.00%    | 24.00%    |



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Tax savings of approx. \$7k compared to investing outside of an investment bond

Over a long-term investment period, the compounding effect can be significant

## Jane's solution – Breakdown



## Jane's outcome

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By structuring her inheritance accordingly, Jane has managed to boost her superannuation balance while reducing her mortgage costs.

She is also able to set up a Generation Life Investment Bond as an alternate tax-effective investment structure to complement her superannuation.

Her overall cashflow has improved to fund her lifestyle and other life events.







## Meet Rob

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Rob is in his late 30s and is a medical resident.



## Rob's situation

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Rob has assessable income of \$250,000 p.a. from a combination of PAYG and distributions from the Wright Family Trust.

The Wright Family Trust currently owns an investment bond valued at \$4,800,000 which has been held for the last 11 years.

Rob also has \$200,000 invested in a Term Deposit under his personal name and has net surplus income of \$6,000 per month.

## Rob's objective

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Rob is getting married and would like buy a new home.

He also understands the risks involved in his profession and wants to protect his savings in case he is ever sued for malpractice.

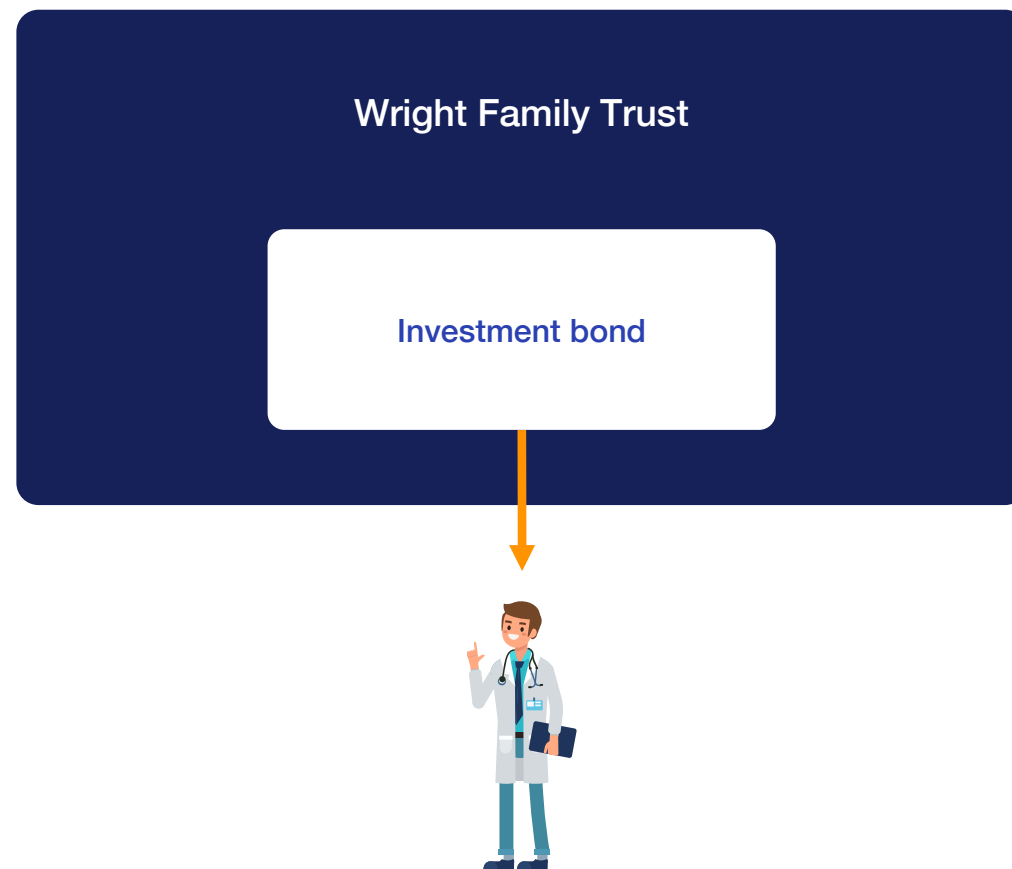
Whilst he has been the recipient of family trust income for many years, he does not have enough for a house deposit and needs an additional \$800,000 to fund this.



## Rob's solution

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As Rob is a beneficiary of the Wright Family Trust, the trustee can distribute \$800,000 to Rob tax free from the trust's Investment Bond as the investment has passed its 11<sup>th</sup> year.



## Rob's outcome

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Rob receives an \$800,000 tax free distribution from the Wright Family Trust Investment Bond to buy his home.

Rob will not need to declare any additional income in his tax returns.

He is also able to avoid complications associated with Division 7A loans.





## Meet Simon

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Simon is 56 years old and is a marketing manager.

He is married to Amanda who is 53 years old and a private school teacher.

Simon and Amanda have 3 children, James, Nathan and Olivia aged between 14 and 20 years of age.

James, Nathan and Olivia attend private school and university, and are all still living at home.



## Simon's situation

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Simon and Amanda are homeowners and have recently paid off their home loan.

Simon has unfortunately been diagnosed with a terminal illness and received a life insurance payout of \$2,000,000.

## Simon's objective

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Simon wants to ensure that his family is financially taken care of and is worried about Amanda managing finances alone after his passing.

Simon also wants to ensure that Amanda can replace her employment income, enabling her to retire early and focus on their children. To cover Amanda's essential needs, she requires \$50,000 p.a. in income, whilst also utilising income from her superannuation at age 60.

He also wants to allocate \$300,000 to each of his children to give them a financial head start in life.



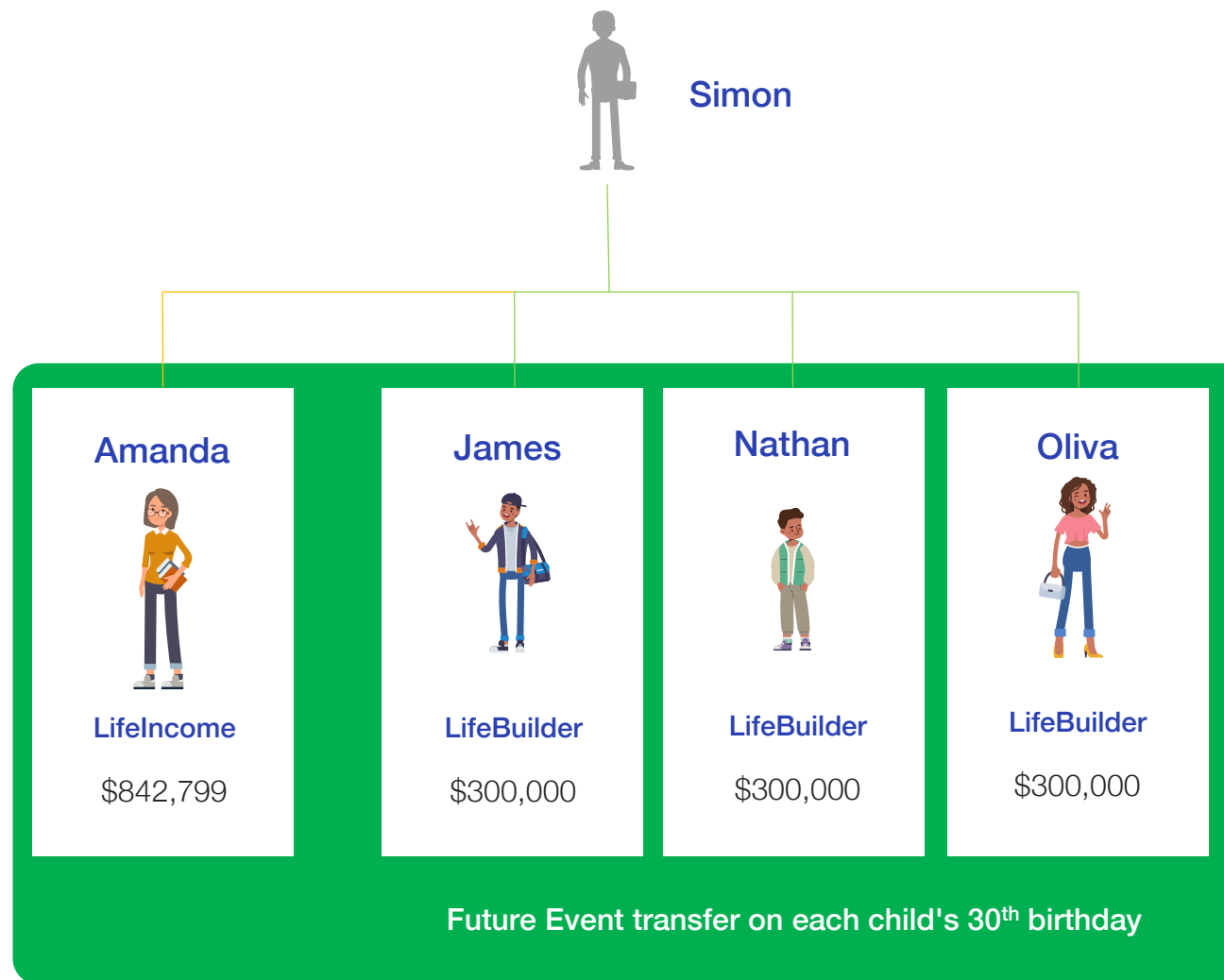


## Simon's solution

Simon speaks to his financial adviser and allocates \$842,799 of his insurance claim to commence a LifeIncome life-time annuity for Amanda.

He also establishes three LifeBuilder investment bonds to help fund his children's private education and/or first home deposit with a Future Event transfer at the age of 30.

The remaining funds are to be invested for Amanda in an investment portfolio and drawn down for any ad-hoc requirements as well as any further contributions to superannuation.



**Assumptions:** Starting income is based on a 53-year-old female commencing LifeIncome with \$842,799 and a LifeBooster 5% rate. Starting income as at 14 February 2023

## Simon's outcome

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Simon has peace of mind knowing that Amanda will receive an income guaranteed for life managed by his financial adviser. This enables her to retire comfortably if she chooses to.

Simon can be certain that his children are financially supported during their education and have a head start in life.





## Meet James

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James is 57 years old and is single with no children.

He has five nieces and nephews, Sally, Justin, Katie, Andrew and Emily, whom he absolutely adores.



## James' situation

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James is looking to downsize and recently sold his farm and family home worth \$5,000,000.

He also currently has a super balance of \$282,781, Farm Management Deposits worth \$239,535 and existing shares worth \$67,991.

James' nephew, Justin has special needs and requires ongoing support.

## James' objective

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James sought advice from his financial adviser around how to invest the proceeds tax-effectively, as well as provide for his nieces and nephews.

He would also like to purchase a new home to live in, and a investment property as fixer upper project to create an additional income source in the future.



# James' solution

Total proceeds from sale: \$5,000,000



Superannuation  
\$767,500

\$300,000

Downsizer  
Contribution

\$110,000

Non-Concessional  
this Financial Year

\$330,000

Non-Concessional  
next Financial Year  
(Bring Forward)

\$27,500

2023 Financial Year  
Concessional  
Contribution

Five Deposit  
Accounts  
\$2,200,000

\$600,000

30 day  
Savings Account


\$600,000


3-month  
Term Deposit


\$1,000,000


6-month  
Term Deposit


Five LifeBuilder  
investment bonds  
\$2,000,000

  
Andrew  
\$400,000

  
Emily  
\$400,000

  
Sally  
\$400,000

  
Justin  
\$400,000

  
Katie  
\$400,000

Set up a Regular Payment Plan on James' passing and assigns Sally and Katie as co-signatories.

Cash at bank: \$32,500

\*Assumes all eligibility requirements for downsizer contribution have been met or will be met and no other super contributions have been made this financial year.

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## James' outcome

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James can transition into retirement with confidence.

He also has money accessible to purchase his new home and fund his fixer upper projects.

James can also arrange to transfer his wealth upon his death to his five nieces and nephews and provide financial support for Justin with Sally and Katie (both adults) nominated as co-signatories for future withdrawals.



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