

了 generation life

Aged care and improving Centrelink outcomes





Key outcomes for today...

Benefits of qualifying for government entitlements

Age Pension guide

Improving residential aged care benefits and Age Pension entitlements using LifeIncome

Remove or limit income testing for Age Pensions and home care packages using investment bonds Improving Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs entitlements using FuneralBond

Gifting and Centrelink rules and ways to maximise Age Pension entitlements



Discover Generation Life

Pioneer of Australia's first truly flexible investment bond with \$3.6b in funds under management.¹ Proud to be innovating the retirement income landscape with an investment-linked lifetime annuity.

Specialist provider

Investment bonds and investment-linked lifetime annuity

Market leader

#1 provider of investment bond solutions with 51% market share of total inflows into investment bonds²

Innovation focused

Tax aware investing, estate planning and retirement income landscape

Trusted

APRA regulated and our parent company is listed on the ASX



^{2.} Plan for Life, Investment Bonds Market Report for period ended 30 June 2024



The growing demand for advice for your older clients Did you know...

Population aged over 65 set to double¹

In the next 40 years

Population aged over 85 set to triple¹

In the next 40 years

64%1

of Australians of pension age receive some Age Pension

Over 2.5m²

People in Australia are in receipt of Age Pension

\$72 billion³

Expected Age Pension expenditure by 2025-2026

3rd highest4

Life expectancy in Australia compared to the world¹

31%5

Not in receipt of the Full Pension

1.8m²

Retirees get no pension at all



Intergenerational Report 2023

[.] https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/population/national-state-and-territory-population/jun-2022

https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/pubs/BriefingBook45p/WelfareCost

^{1.} https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/population/life-expectancy/latest-release

[.] https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/australias-welfare/income-support-older-australians

Qualifying for government entitlements or benefits

Assets test

Assets owned by your clients and their spouse such as investment assets, personal assets and interests from trusts or private companies.

Income test

Under the 'deemed' income test, prescribed deeming rates are applied to the value of a financial asset to determine its 'deemed' income, instead of its 'actual' income.

Pension payments

Payments made either by Centrelink or the Department of Veterans' Affairs are generally subject to income and assets testing.

Whichever test produces the lower social security payment, is the test that is applied.

Home care and aged care

Based on an assessment of your clients' ongoing care needs.

For residential aged care an assessment of your clients' capacity to pay is undertaken based on their assets and income, while for home care, only income is assessed.

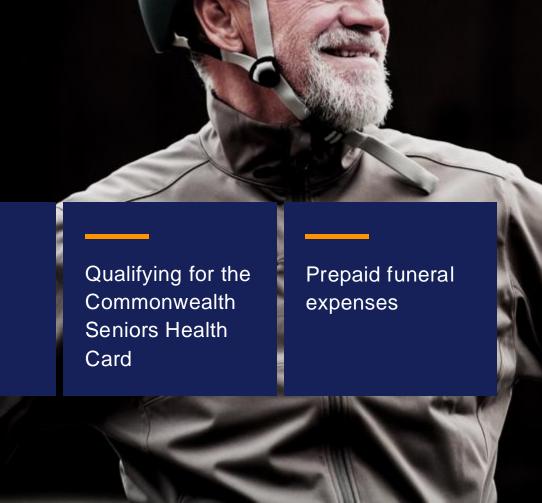


Manage income and means tested fees

Improving pension entitlements

Managing home care fees

Managing means tested fees







Qualifying for at least \$1 of pension...

What are the social security benefits?

Water and Sewage discounts

For example: approximately \$328.90 p.a.

Local council rates

For example: maximum discount of \$253.20 p.a.

Vehicle registration

50% reduction on the motor vehicle registration fee component

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme

Other typical benefits

Such as public transport concessions and bulk billing



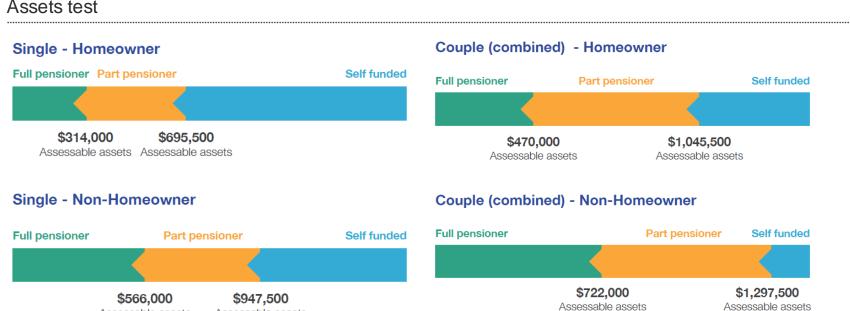
Age Pension guide as at 20 September 2024

Maximum Age Pension Rates

	Total (per fortnight)	Total (per year) ¹
Single ²	\$1,144	\$29,754
Couple (Combined)	\$1,725	\$44,855

Assessable assets

Assets test



Annual amounts are approximate

Assessable assets



Applies to each member of a couple separated by illness

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Age Pension guide as at 20 September 2024



Deemed assets to income

Deemed Assets	Assessable Income		
	Single	Couple (combined)	
\$100,000	\$998	\$250	
\$200,000	\$3,248	\$2,424	
\$300,000	\$5,498	\$4,674	
\$400,000	\$7,748	\$6,924	
\$500,000	\$9,998	\$9,174	
\$600,000	\$12,248	\$11,424	
\$700,000	\$14,498	\$13,674	
\$800,000	\$16,748	\$15,924	
\$900,000	\$18,998	\$18,174	
\$1,000,000	Ineligible	\$20,424	Homeowner assets test
\$1,100,000	Ineligible	\$22,674	
\$1,200,000	Ineligible	\$24,924	Non-homeow
\$1,300,000	Ineligible	Ineligible	
			threshold

Help your clients maximise their Government benefits and entitlements

LifeIncome

- An immediate investment-linked lifetime annuity
- Provide a regular income that is guaranteed for life
- Defined as an 'asset-tested income stream (lifetime)' product for social security purposes

FuneralBond

- Exempt (up to certain limits) from the social security assets test and deeming provisions for the income test
- Applies to the Age Pension, Service Pension and other means-tested government entitlements

Bonds Custodian Trust

- A unique feature of our LifeBuilder investment bond
- Classified as a designated private trust under the Social Security Act 1991 and Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
- Excluded from income deeming requirements





The 2017 Innovative Income Streams legislation allows investment-linked lifetime annuities to qualify for concessional tax and social security benefits.

Which statement is correct?

A:

Asset value: 60% of the purchase amount. From age 84, only 30% is assessed (for at least 5 years).

Income: 60% of the annual income is counted.

B:

Asset value: 50% of the purchase amount. From age 84, only 40% is assessed (for at least 2 years).

Income: 50% of the annual income is counted.

C:

Asset value: 70% of the purchase amount. From age 84, only 20% is assessed (for at least 7 years).

Income: 70% of the annual income is counted.



LifeIncome

Investment-linked lifetime annuity

Improving residential aged care benefits and maximising age pension entitlements





Centrelink treatment of LifeIncome

Means tested asset value

60% of your investment amount. From age 84, only 30% is assessed (subject to a minimum of 5 years)

Means tested income

Only 60% of your LifeIncome annual income

For every \$200,000 invested in LifeIncome

Assessable assets	Reduce by \$80,000		
Age Pension uplift*	\$6,240 p.a.		
Risk free benefit*	3.12%		

*Assuming eligibility

LifeIncome is defined as an 'Asset-tested income stream (lifetime)' product for social security purposes. All decisions regarding social security benefits for individuals who purchase LifeIncome will be made by Centrelink or the Department of Veterans' Affairs officers based on social security law and the circumstances of the individual at the time of claim. Based on current social security law, reducing Age Pension by \$3 for every \$1,000 of assets over lower threshold.





Meet Vivienne and Alan...

Vivienne 73 and Alan 82 years of age, homeowners.

Vivienne and Alan are married, self funded retirees.

Alan has been approved for residential aged care.





Vivienne and Alan have...

Vivienne's account-based pension (ABP)	\$700,000
Alan's (ABP)	\$500,000
Savings	\$100,000
Car, home and contents	\$5,000

Vivienne and Alan's objective...

- They are looking to increase their overall cashflow to supplement Vivienne's lifestyle needs and to help pay Alan's aged care fees.
- They would like to maximise their annual illness separated pension rate and reduce their means tested aged care fee where possible.





Vivienne and Alan's solution

	Plan A Vivienne's super remains in ABP	Plan B Invest \$300,000 into LifeIncome	Difference
RAD	Use Alan's ABP \$500,000 RAD	Use Alan's ABP \$500,000 RAD	
Basic daily fee	\$23,203	\$23,203	
Means-tested care fee	\$6,055	\$4,852	(\$1,203)
Extra service fee \$20 per day	\$7,300	\$7,300	
Vivienne's living expenses	\$35,000	\$35,000	
Alan's living expenses	\$5,200	\$5,200	
Total expenses	\$76,758	\$75,555	(\$1,203)
Savings account earnings	\$3,500	\$3,500	
LifeIncome	\$0	\$23,796	\$23,796
ABP Income	\$35,000	\$20,000	
Illness Separated Age Pension	\$33,379	\$42,739	\$9,360
Total income	\$71,879	\$90,035	
Cash flow	-\$4,879	\$14,480	1 \$19,359

A \$19,359 improvement in cash flow in year 1 Improvement in Age Pension of

\$9,360 in year 1





Vivienne and Alan's outcome

\$19,545

Improvement in cash flow in year 1

\$9,360

Age Pension uplift in year 1

Reduction in Alan's means tested care fee

Fortnightly payment guaranteed for life





Bonds Custodian Trust

LifeBuilder Investment Bonds

Improving government entitlements and benefits.





Investment bonds and Centrelink

Investment bonds used through a Generation Life bare trust structure can remove or limit income testing for age pensions, home care packages and may limit the effects of the means test for residential aged care



Meets DSS Designated Private Trust criteria

Not counted under the 'income test'





Meet Adele and Anthony...

Adele and Anthony, both aged 80, are homeowners and access in-home care services.

Adele's care type is Home Care Package level 1, while Anthony's package is Level 3.





Adele and Anthony's situation...

Adele and Anthony have \$800,000 in bank deposits.

Anthony currently receives a defined benefit pension of \$44,000 p.a.

The couple have combined home care fees of \$20,830 p.a.

Based on their residential status and current income and assets (including contents valued at \$10,000), they both receive a combined Age Pension of \$18,355 p.a.



Adele and Anthony's objective...

Adele and Anthony are looking to reduce their in-home care fees.

Speaking to their financial adviser, they use their bank deposits to fund the purchase of an investment bond to be held within a designated private trust.





Adele and Anthony's solution

	Current situation	Invest \$400,000 Bonds Custodian Trust	Invest \$800,000 Bonds Custodian Trust	
Pension (combined)				
Deemed asset	\$800,000	\$400,000	\$0	
Deemed Income	\$15,924	\$6,924	\$0	
Defined benefit pension*	\$44,000	\$44,000	\$44,000	
Total Age Pension	\$18,335	\$18,335	\$18,335	
Total Inflow	\$62,335	\$62,335	\$62,335	
Adele's cost of care (Home Care Lev	el 1)			
Basic daily fee	\$11.72 per day	\$11.72 per day	\$11.72 per day	
Income Tested Fee	\$16.30 per day	\$10.12 per day	\$5.36 per day	
Annual cost of care	\$10,227	\$7,972	\$6,234	
Anthony's cost of care (Home Care Level 3)				
Basic daily fee	\$12.75 per day	\$12.75 per day	\$12.75 per day	
Income Tested Fee	\$16.30 per day	\$10.12 per day	\$5.36 per day	
Annual cost of care	\$10,603	\$8,348	\$6,610	
Combined annual cost of care	\$20,830	\$16,320	\$12,844	
Available cashflow to spend	\$41,505	\$46,015	\$49,491	

^{*} Assuming the defined benefit pension is fully assessable for social security purposes.

Assumptions: Social security and residential and home care rates and thresholds are valid at September 2024. No adviser fees have been charged.



Adele and Anthony's outcome if they invest \$800,000 into BCT

\$7,986

Combined cost of care lowered in year 1

\$49,491

Available cashflow to spend

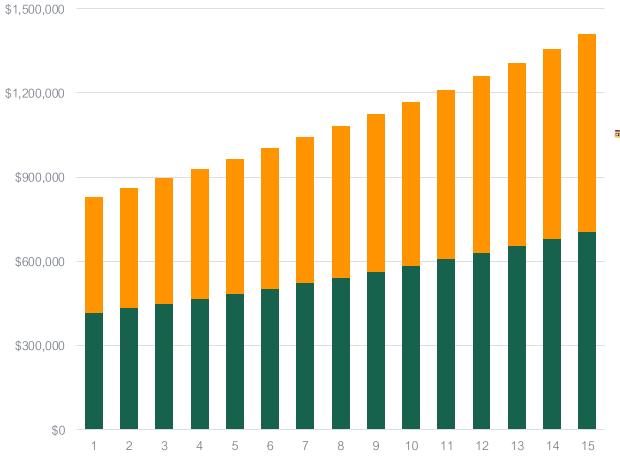
Access to funds at anytime

Additional benefit of leaving a legacy





If Adele and Anthony decide to...





Establish 8 investment bonds for \$50,000 each for their grandchildren.

Selecting the Future Event Facility to transfer ownership at age 25 with the ability to control access



Establish an investment bond of \$400,000 to potentially pay for residential aged care costs if required

Assumption: Assuming commencing a LifeBuilder with an initial investment of \$400,000 and eight LifeBuilders with an initial investment of \$50,000. Total annual after-tax investment return of 3.86% p.a. with an estimated average fees and costs of 0.63% p.a. over investment term and an effective long-term average investment bond tax rate of 17.61% p.a..



Which of the following is **not** one of the key benefits of using a Bonds Custodian Trust?

Α

Removes the assessment for asset test purposes.

B:

Assessed on actual assessable income rather than deemed income.

C:

It can limit income testing for clients who are impacted by the income test for Age Pension purposes, for clients who are paying an income tested fee for homecare packages or have an income component to the means test for residential aged care.



Investment bond estate planning benefits

Life insurance contract

A type of life insurance policy which is investment-based governed by the Life Insurance Act

Non-estate asset

Investment bond can be structured as a non-estate asset

Tax-free proceeds

Proceeds on death are paid taxfree even to non-dependants

Automatic transfer

Automatic transfer at specific ages, dates or on death can be selected

No tax reporting

No tax reporting if no withdrawal made in the first 10 years

Avoids conflict

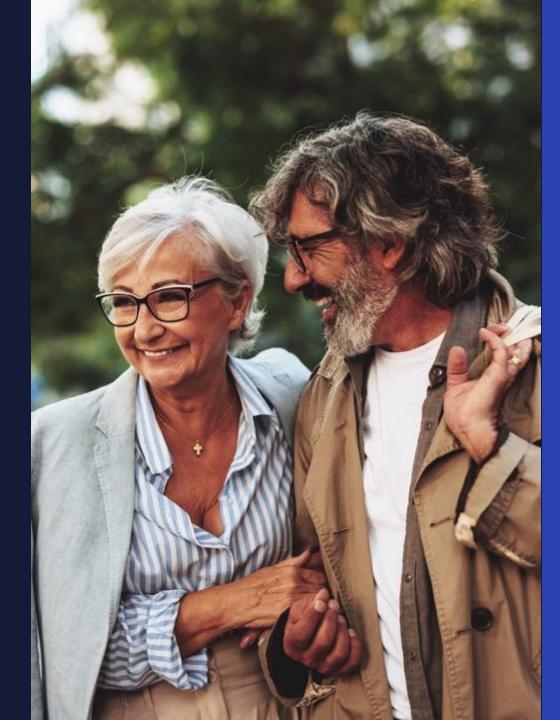
Avoids potential for conflict and solves complex wills



FuneralBond

Generation Life Investment Bonds

Improving Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs entitlements while providing peace of mind for you and your family.





FuneralBond and Centrelink

FuneralBond exempt from assets and income test if within allowable limit of \$15,500 per individual

If the allowable limit is exceeded even by only \$1, FuneralBond becomes non-exempt

Able to exceed \$15,500 limit if entered a pre-paid funeral contract & assigns to a funeral director

Earnings inside a
FuneralBond do not count
toward allowable limits



Meet Phillip...

Phillip is a 76-year-old homeowner, and recently widowed.

He is devoted to his daughter, Jennifer, 50 years old, and his eight-year-old granddaughter, Bella.







Phillip's situation

Phillip's wife recently passed away and all assets are assessable in his name.

Due to this inheritance, Phillip is no longer entitled to the Age Pension.

Account-based pension	\$360,000
Cash at bank	\$350,000
Car and home contents	\$40,000



Phillip's concerns...

Phillip would only need \$40,000 p.a. to live comfortably.

Due to recent cost of living pressure caused by inflation, he would like to help his daughter Jennifer, in any way he can.

He would also like to contribute to his granddaughter's private school fees in his lifetime, should he pass away before she completes her studies.

Whilst he feels its unlikely, even if he recouples, he wants Jennifer to be his sole beneficiary.

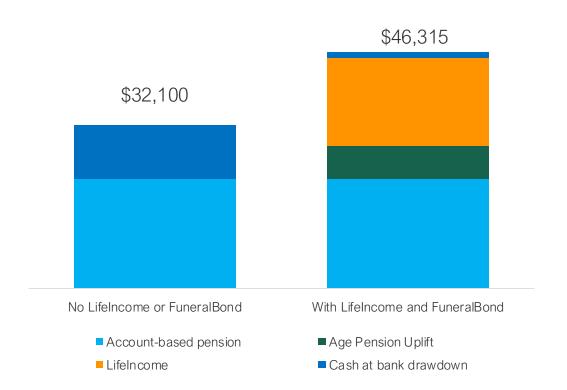
Phillip recently read about a new breed of lifetime annuity and speaks to a financial adviser...





Phillip's solution...

Phillip invests \$300,000 into a non-superannuation Lifeincome and \$15,500 into a FuneralBond. He nominates Jennifer as his reversionary beneficiary providing regular income in their lives.



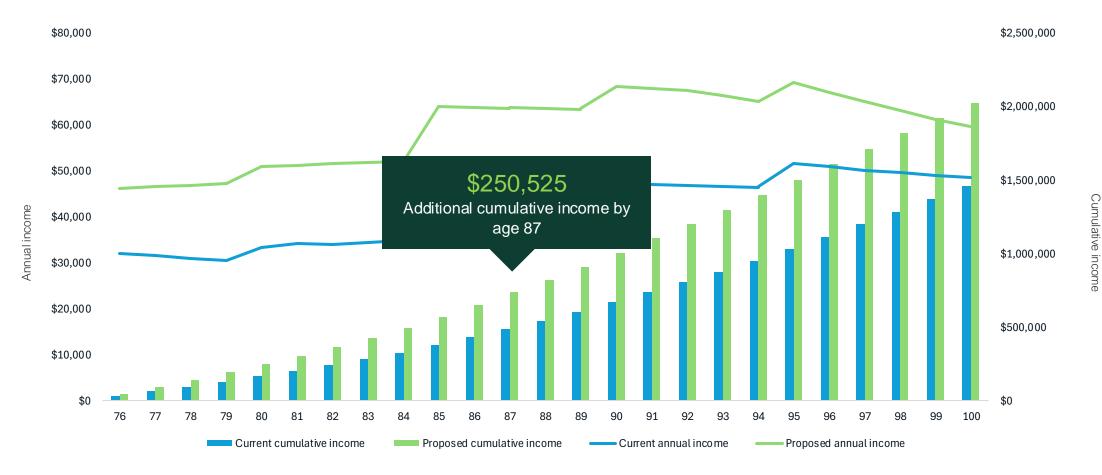
Phillip's first year income position...

	Without LifeIncome	With LifeIncome
LifeIncome	\$0	\$17,364
Age Pension	\$0	\$6,315
Account-based pension	\$21,600	\$21,600
Cash at bank drawdown	\$10,500	\$1,035
Total	\$32,100	\$46,315

Based on an investment-linked lifetime annuity policy commenced on 1/12/2024 for Phillip by investing \$300,000 into a non-superannuation investment-linked lifetime annuity with a LifeBooster 5% rate. Phillip nominates Jennifer as the 100% Reversionary Beneficiary. Phillip also purchases a FuneralBond from his remaining non-superannuation assets. There are no fees and costs on the income paid from investment-linked lifetime annuity in the first financial year. The fees and cost of investment-linked lifetime annuity impact the amount of annual income received, after the first financial year. No adviser fees have been charged and social security rates and thresholds are valid at 20/09/2024. Account-based pension assumes minimum drawdown of 6% per annum. Cash at bank assumes 3% drawdown for first year income position. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

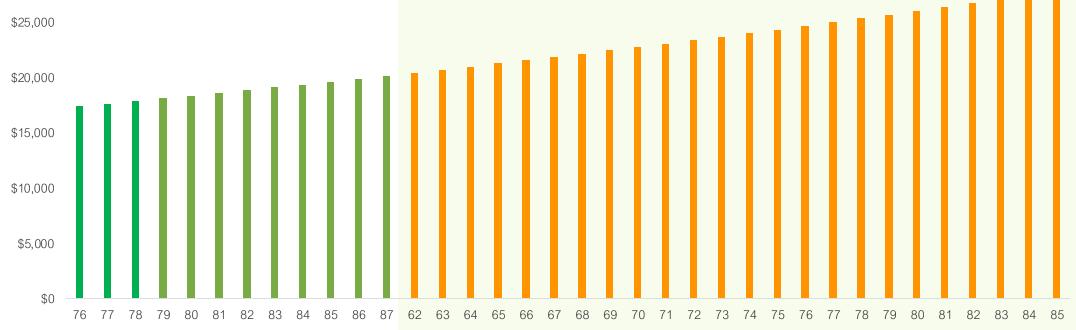


Comparing Phillip's current and proposed situation



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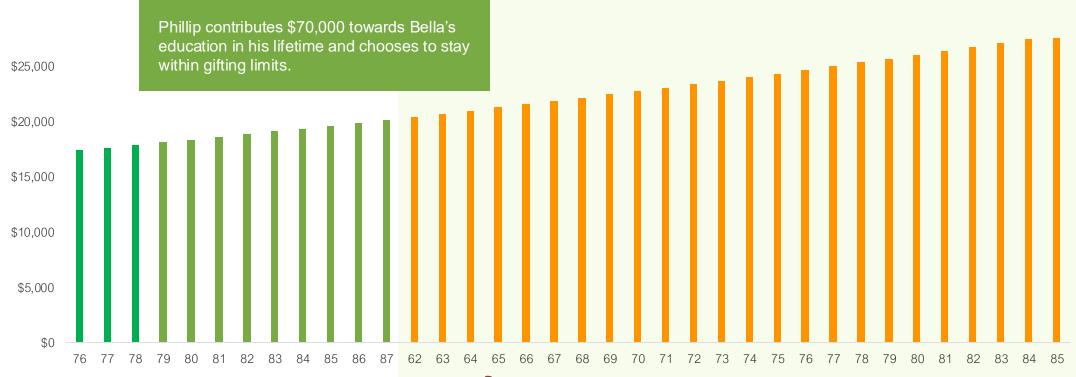
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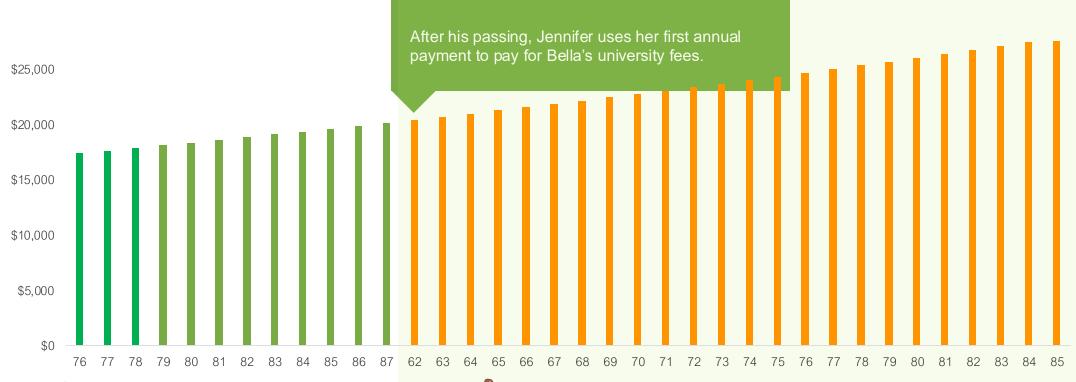
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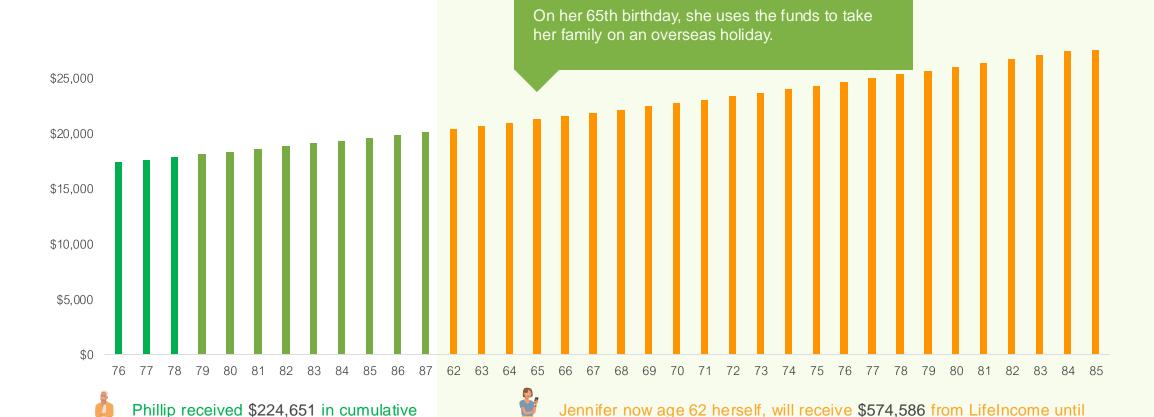
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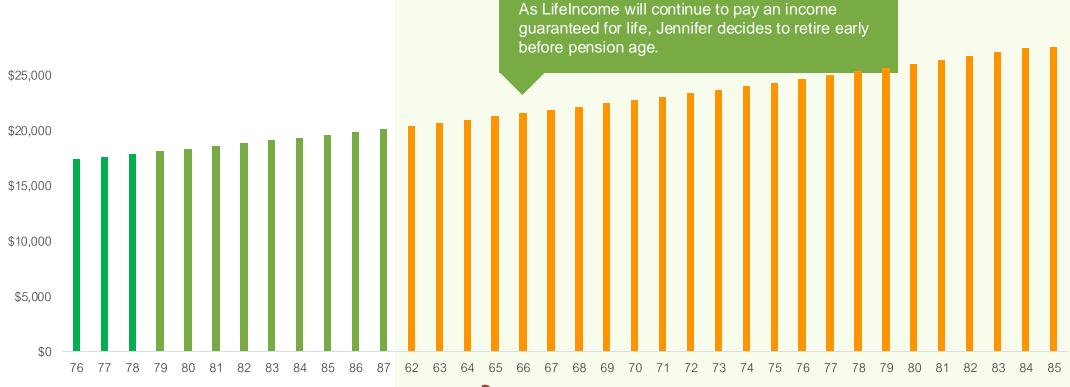


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What is the allowable limit per individual for a FuneralBond to be exempt from the assets and income test for Centrelink purposes?

\$25,000 However, unlimited if purchased as a pre-paid funeral arrangement

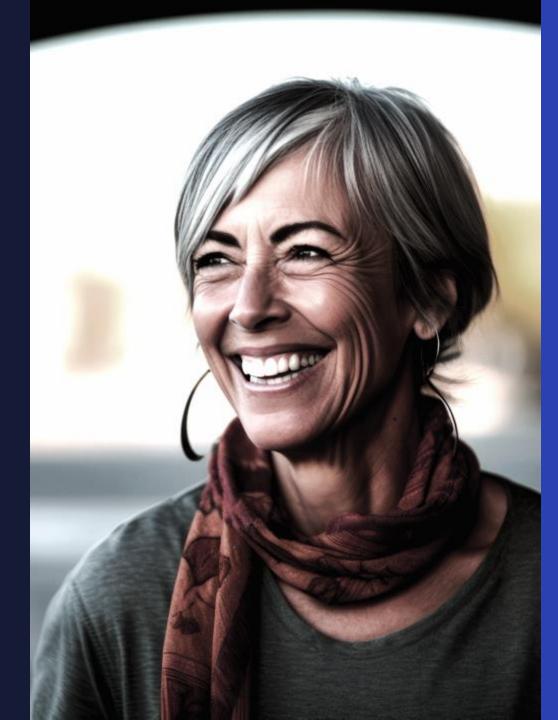
\$15,500

B:

A: \$15,500 However, unlimited if purchased as a pre-paid funeral arrangement







Gifting and Centrelink



Gifting and Centrelink

You can choose to give away any amount and as many gifts as you like

If the total of your gifts is more than the gifting free area, it will still be deemed and assets tested for the next five years

Gifting free areas are the same if you're a single person or a couple

The value of gifting free areas are:

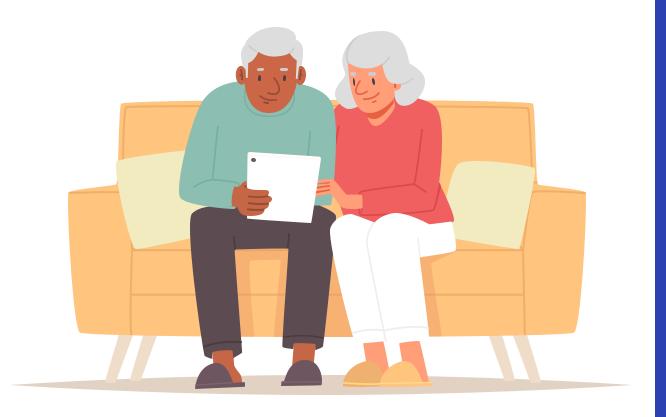
- \$10,000 in one financial year
- \$30,000 over 5 financial years¹





Meet John and Lucy...

John and Lucy are both 70 years old and homeowners.

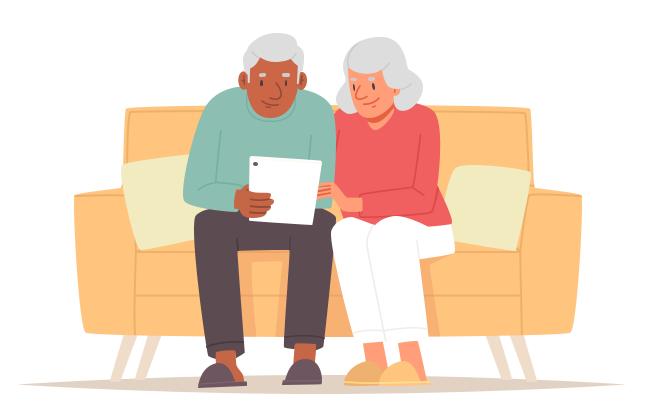




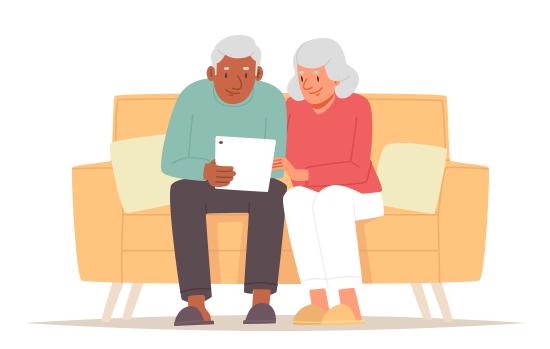
John and Lucy's situation

John and Lucy currently have a combined...

Account-based pension	\$650,000
Non-superannuation assets	\$250,000
Current Age Pension	\$11,315 p.a.







John and Lucy's objective...

John and Lucy would like to leave \$100,000 to each of their 16-year-old twin grandchildren.

They do not want their grandchildren accessing the funds prior to their 21st birthday but want to ensure the family has access to funds in case of an emergency.

They also hope this gift to their grandchildren will improve their Age Pension entitlements.

John and Lucy speak to their financial adviser...



John and Lucy's solution...

Using investment bonds



John and Lucy establish two \$100,000 investment bonds using the Future Event Transfer facility. By doing so...

Start the 5-year deprivation period

Enact the transfer directly to their grandchildren the day after establishing their investment

Appoint Co-Signatory

Appoint their daughter (mother of their grandchildren) as the Co-Signatory for emergency access

Delaying access

Restrict access until their grandchildren's respective 21st birthdays

Estate Planning certainty

Able address their estate planning wishes, gifting in their lifetime and creating a non-contestable bequest

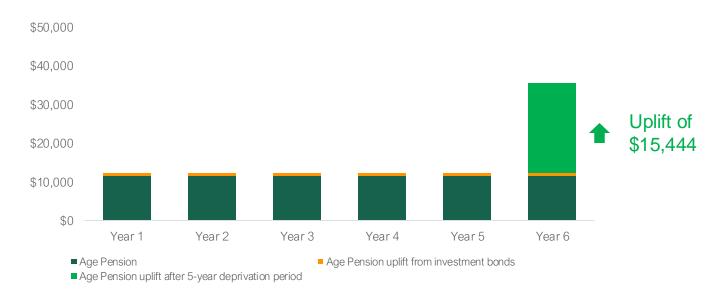


John and Lucy's solution...

Using investment bonds



If they transfer each investment bond directly to their grandchildren in year 1, John and Lucy will be eligible for \$26,915 p.a. of combined Age Pension in year 6.



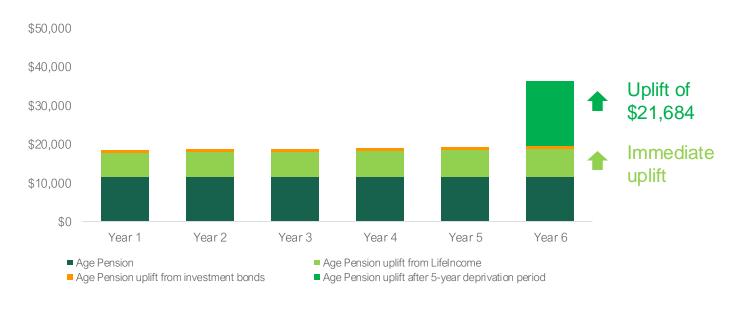


Can more be done?

What if John and Lucy complement their investment bonds with a LifeIncome...



John and Lucy allocate \$200,000 to establish a LifeIncome with a starting income of \$13,981. They will also receive an immediate Age Pension uplift of \$6,240 in year 1.



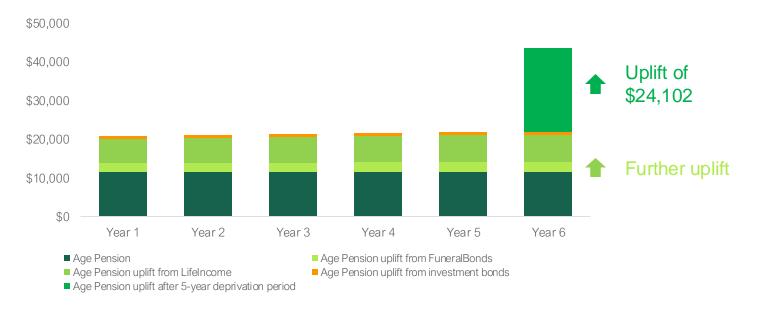


But wait. There's more...

What if John and Lucy add two funeral bonds...



John and Lucy invest into two \$15,500 FuneralBonds. As the FuneralBonds are income and assets test exempt, they receive an immediate Age Pension uplift of \$2,418 in year 1.





John and Lucy's outcomes...

Transfer their wealth to their grandchildren with certainty

Increase their Age Pension by \$24,102 in year 6 after 5-year deprivation period

Immediate Age Pension uplift of \$9,438 in year 1 by establishing a LifeIncome, two FuneralBonds, and two investment bonds Additional cumulative Age Pension uplift of \$82,836 over 6 years





Generation Life Highly recommended for over a decade

Awards











Research ratings





LifeIncome

Investment Bonds

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Care & Living with Mercer

Advice integration

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Care & Living with Mercer is a unique service helping families across Australia make better, faster ageing care decisions.

The current state of aged care

Challenges accessing care

"We are about to face a tsunami of demand because we know there is an ageing population coming into the ranks of requiring aged care assistance"

 Senator Anne Ruston, Shadow Minister for Health and Aged Care **-1000**

Projected decrease in supply of aged care beds in FY24/25¹

168

Average number of days between ACAT approval and Home Care Package service commencement³

61,800

Job vacancies in health care and social assistance (May 2024)²

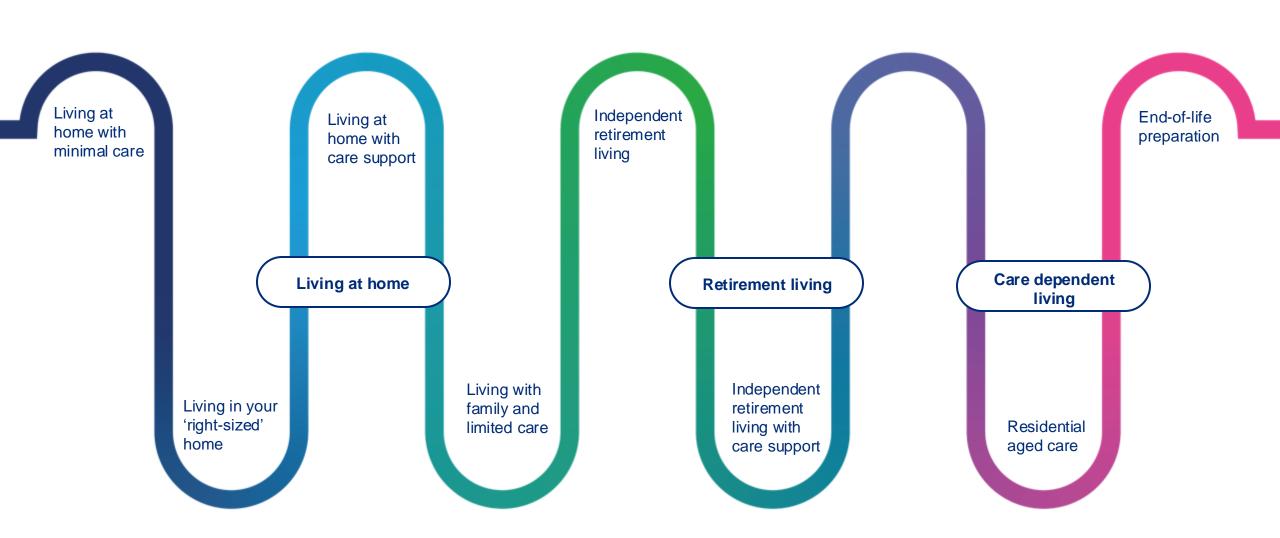
51,044

Number of people waiting for a HCP at their approved level (as at 31 December 2023)⁴

1. Bolton Clarke 'Do we have enough residential aged care beds?' July 2024 2. Job Vacancies, Australia, May 2024 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)

^{3.} Report on Government Services 2024 - Productivity Commission (pc.gov.au)

Personalised advice and support for every stage





Add value to your whole client base

Benefits of incorporating Care & Living with Mercer into your service offering

'Adult children' clients 40-65

- Minimise career and income disruption
- Greater peace of mind
- Enable family collaboration and focus on best care outcome

Common benefits

- Save significant time
- Reduce complexity and stress
- Make more informed decisions

Retiree clients 65+

- Define and refine future funding needs
- Maintain dignity and independence



About Care & Living with Mercer

Two levels of service to suit the needs of your clients and their families



1. Care Concierge

- 'Do it for me' high-touch service
- Human led and enabled. Unlimited aged care advice PLUS implementation support including placements
- National, unbiased (no commissions from care providers to influence recommendations)
- Support across the full range of ageing care needs from assessment to implementation
- Save 75%+ time



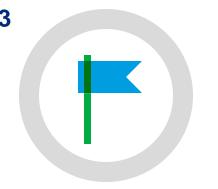
2. Guidance & Advice

- 'Do it with me' self-service via the digital portal
- Digitally led, human enabled. Unlimited advice across any ageing care needs scenario
- National, unbiased (no commissions from care providers to influence recommendations)
- Save 50% time understanding, navigating and arranging care

Care Concierge service options











Full Care Concierge service

- In-depth consultation to understand your needs and preferences
- Development of comprehensive care plan including recommendations, care and support options and additional resources
- Implementation support including contacting providers, arranging and accompanying you on tours of care facilities, and guidance to help you make decisions
- Advocacy on your behalf with providers as required

Care needs assessment only

- Consultation to understand your needs and preferences
- Preliminary discussion about potential care options and Government support where applicable
- Development of care plan including recommendations

Placement only

- Provider selection and placement into residential aged care or independent retirement living facility (excludes care needs assessment)
- Includes selection of up to five facilities matching client preferences

Hourly consulting services

- Ad hoc consulting services for families on matters relating to ageing care
- Can be used for support such as researching services and providers, site visits, assistance with admission forms etc.
- Minimum two-hour booking

Back-up care service

- Available on needs basis with at least 48 hours notice
- Includes assessment to understand existing care arrangements and needs, and organisation of backup care
- Minimum two-hour booking



The benefits of planning ahead for changing care and living needs

How Care & Living with Mercer benefits advisers

An easy-to-use service expanding the scope of advice your practice can offer - without the need to train in the many, complex 'non-financial' aspects of ageing care



Client support

Demonstrate long-term care for clients and families who **need** the support.

Highly valued, **life-changing service**with 5-star client testimonials.



Multigenerational

Expands advice opportunities by
supporting parents
or children.

Reinforce your position as an adviser to the whole family in time for wealth transfer.



Lead generation

Additional service offering allows for prospecting within existing client base as well as new clients.

Leverage 'care tiers' & living changes in each ageing journey as opportunities to talk to your clients.



No added compliance

Expands your service offering without increasing compliance burden.

Integration and Onboarding for Advisers

A range of offerings to help you get the most out of the service for your clients



Unique URL for your practice



Onboarding support and training





Marketing and communications support



On-site events and webinars



Access to aged care content and resources



Care Consultant support for advisers and clients

Key takeaways - Care & Living with Mercer

- Addresses a critical need for 'holistic' care for your clients
- True 'value add' for your whole client base that will help keep you top of mind

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