

## **SMSF Owners' Form Policy Advisory Council**

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The Chairman of the SMSF Owners' Alliance, Bruce Foy, has announced the formation of an SMSF Policy Advisory Council to offer strategic advice to the Board on how best to carry out its mission to promote and protect the interests of Australia's one million SMSF owners.

The initial appointments to the SMSF Policy Advisory Council are:

- Diana D'Ambra, Chair of the Australian Shareholders' Association and former KPMG Executive Director
- Stuart Forsyth, previously a senior ATO executive dealing with the supervision of SMSFs and now a director of the advisory firm McPherson Super Consulting and a non-executive director of SuperIQ.
- Matthew Rowe, Managing Director of Hood Sweeney, a professional services firm providing accounting, wealth management and information technology to individual and business clients.

Mr Foy said:

"The appointment of Diana D'Ambra, Stuart Forsyth and Matthew Rowe to our new SMSF Policy Advisory Council will create a sounding board for ideas on the development of SMSF Owners as a strong representative voice for Australians who have stepped up to take responsibility for their own retirement savings.

Diana, Stuart and Matthew will bring an independent and knowledgeable perspective to the table and help to guide our thinking on the important strategic policy issues with which we are dealing."

Profiles of the appointed members of the SMSF Owners' Policy Advisory Council are below.

**Diana D'Ambra**

B.Com, M.Com, FCA, MAICD



Diana was appointed a Director of the Australian Shareholders' Association in January 2014 and was elected Chair in May 2015

Diana is also a non-executive director of the Australian Design Centre, Chair of its Finance and Audit & Risk Committee, a non-executive director of The Sydney Community Foundation and member of its Finance & Audit Committee, and is a member of a NSW government advisory board. Diana has more than 30 years accounting and corporate finance experience in a global accounting firm. Following her executive career, in 2013 Diana commenced her own consulting practice where she provides corporate finance and related strategic advice to corporates

**Stuart Forsyth**

**B.Sc, LL.B**



Stuart was appointed a Director of McPherson Super Consulting Pty Ltd on 28 November 2014.

He is also a non-executive Director of SuperIQ.

Stuart is the former Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Superannuation at the Australian Tax Office (ATO) and has a wealth of knowledge and experience. His responsibilities at the ATO included active compliance and risk and intelligence for all superannuation subject areas. He was also closely involved in the ATO's Stronger Super ruling on limited recourse borrowing arrangements for SMSF's.

Stuart's role at McPherson Super Consulting is to provide advice on superannuation matters to the accounting, legal and financial planning industries through education, training and support.

He is a Chartered Tax Adviser and an accredited member of the SMSF Association.

**Matthew Rowe**

B.Ec, CFP, CPA



Matthew is the Managing Director of Hood Sweeney, responsible for leading the organisation as it implements its strategic plan as well as managing the day-to-day operations and performance of the business.

He has almost 20 years' experience advising high net-worth clients and has significant experience as a business leader and company director.

Outside of Hood Sweeney, Matthew is a Trustee and Director of Future2 (the foundation of the financial planning profession) and mentors a number of CEO's and professionals.

Matthew has a deep understanding of financial services and was the longest serving Chair of the Financial Planning Association (FPA) Board. He has provided testimony at a number of Parliamentary Inquiries into financial planning.

Matthew was a member of the expert advisory group for finance learning standards with the Australian Business Deans Council.

Matthew is a Certified Financial Planner® practitioner and a Fellow Certified Practising Accountant

He holds a Bachelor of Economics, Graduate Diploma in Accounting, a Diploma in Financial Planning and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

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