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The Trustees
The Blank Retirement Fund
c/- GT Corporate Chartered Accountants
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Dear Sir/Madam,

THE BLANK RETIREMENT FUND

I have conducted an independent audit of the financial reports for The Blank Retirement Fund for the year ended 30 June 2021 and advise that the Trustee of the Fund has complied, in all material aspects with the SIS Act and SIS Regulations.

Accordingly, there are no issues to report.

Please read the attached Audit Information Sheet and SMSF Fact Sheet.

Yours faithfully,

SMSF AUDITS
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Trustee

SELF MANAGED SUPERANNUATION FUNDS AUDIT INFORMATION SHEET

SMSF Audits employs the auditor for your Self Managed Superannuation Fund (SMSF).

An arms length relationship is maintained with your Accountants whereby we provide Independent Audit Services.

The purpose of this Audit Information Sheet is to assist you with your understanding of the audit process.

Why is your SMSF audited?

1. The audit of SMSFs is a statutory responsibility required under the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993 (SIS Act).
2. SMSFs are administered by the Australian Tax Office (ATO) and there are prescribed guidelines in place for the management of superannuation funds by Trustees and I would encourage you to read those guidelines and obligations.
3. All SMSFs must have a signed Independent Auditor's Report which provides an opinion on the financial report of the fund as at year end. This also provides an opinion to the members of the fund that the fund complies with the requirements of the SIS Act. The SMSF cannot lodge its tax return until the audit is finalised.
4. It is also a requirement that the audit is provided from a source independent of the Accountant preparing the financial report.

What is the audit process?

1. In the first instance, your Accountant processes the transactions and maintains the required financial and statutory records for the preparation of the SMSF's financial report and Income Tax Return.
2. All files are then provided to SMSF Audits to undertake an independent audit. This provides some assurance to the ATO that the financial reports are fair and reasonable, and the fund complies with the SIS Act rules and regulations.
3. The audit function comprises;-
 - Planning and risk assessment
 - Audit testing of transactions
 - Audit testing for compliance with SIS Act
 - Verifying the financial report
 - Preparation of documentation such as the Management Letter, Representation Letter, Independent Auditor's Report and if necessary a Contravention Report
 - Partner review

Please feel welcome to contact us in respect to this Audit Information Sheet.

SMSF Facts below, along with some tips to ensure you comply with current legislation.

The over arching facts for SMSF's are:

- The SMSF monies are for your retirement, only once certain conditions are met you can access your money. Always seek advice before contributing or accessing your funds.
- It is still one of the most tax effective ways of saving for your retirement.
- Trustees have a fiduciary role in looking after the SMSF assets. Even though it is "your money", the trustees and members have quite separate roles and must wear different hats, at times, to comply with all the rules.

Things you should keep in mind are:

All investments must be in the name of the trustees as trustee for the SMSF. i.e Bill and Mary Smith as trustees for the Smith Family Superannuation Fund. Reg 4.09A Insurance policies (a fund asset) must be in the name of the Superannuation Fund to claim a premium as a tax deduction.

All assets must be at market value each year. All asset values must be supported by valuations or appraisals or having recent market evidence. Reg 8.02B.

Funds cannot loan monies to members (or relatives); prima facie it is a breach S65.

Artwork, coins, antiques have specific rules with respect to SMSF's read more at www.ato.gov.au and search "collectibles within a smsf".

The ATO Penalty regime from 1 July 2014

Prior to 1 July 2014 the ATO did not have the power to apply a range of penalties for SMSF's. It was all or nothing legislation – you were a complying SMSF, or not. The punishment couldn't match the crime as it was too harsh to effectively wind up a fund for what may have been a simple administrative breach. Consequently the ATO has now got the power to issue the following types of notices:

- A Rectification Notice – This requires a specific action within a specific timeframe to fix a contravention.
- An Education notice – A trustee may have to undertake a (free) training course, and provide evidence to the ATO.
- An Administrative Penalty Notice – Trustees have to pay a cash fine from their own pocket after an ATO review. A review may be over the phone or a full desk audit.

Please call SMSF Audits today to clarify any of the points above as we want your fund to comply with current legislation. The penalty regime is new and hence untested so watch this space on how the ATO applies the new rules. If your fund is in breach on 1 July 2014 then the trustees may be penalized.



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Approved SMSF auditor details

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SMSF auditor number (SAN): 100261309

Self-managed superannuation fund details

Self-managed superannuation fund (SMSF) name: The Blank Retirement Fund

Tax File Number (TFN): *Not Provided*

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Year of income being audited: *30 June 2021*

**To the SMSF trustees of
THE BLANK RETIREMENT FUND
Independent Report by approved Auditor
To the SMSF Trustee(s) and Member(s)**

Part A: Financial report

Auditor's Opinion

I have audited the special purpose financial report of The Blank Retirement Fund comprising the statement of financial position, the operating statement, statement of changes in equity for the year ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes¹ of The Blank Retirement Fund for the year ended 30 June 2021.

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the accounting policies described in the notes to the financial reports, the financial position of the fund at 30 June 2021 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinion

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards¹. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Approved SMSF Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of this report. I am independent of the SMSF in accordance with the auditor independence requirements required of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to this audit and as required by the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Regulations 1994* (SISR).

I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. In particular, neither myself, my firm or my network firm assumed a management responsibility for the fund. My firm did not prepare the financial statements for the fund. Where my firm or network firm provided any other non-assurance services to the fund, we are satisfied that those services were not provided under the Code and any independence threats arising have been eliminated or reduced to an acceptable level by the application of safeguards.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

¹The Australian Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

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Emphasis of Matter - Basis of accounting

I draw attention to the notes of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist The Blank Retirement Fund to meet the requirements of the SMSF's governing rules, the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993 (SISA)* and the SISR. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for other purposes and should not be distributed to parties other than the trustees. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of SMSF trustees for the financial report

Each SMSF trustee (individual trustee or director of corporate trustee) is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the SMSF's governing rules, the SISA and the SISR. Each trustee is also responsible for such internal controls as they determine are necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the trustees are responsible for assessing the fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to the going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees intend to wind-up the fund or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Each SMSF trustee is responsible for overseeing the fund's financial reporting process.

Approved SMSF auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of trustees taken on the basis of this financial report.

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As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in the auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I have communicated with the trustees regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during the audit.

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Part B: Compliance engagement

Unqualified Opinion

I have undertaken a reasonable assurance engagement on The Blank Retirement Fund compliance, in all material respects, with the applicable provisions of the SISA and the SISR as listed below for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Sections: 17A, 35AE, 35B, 35C(2), 62, 65, 66, 67,67A, 67B, 82-85, 103, 104, 104A, 105, 109, 126K

Regulations: 1.06(9A), 4.09, 4.09A, 5.03, 5.08, 6.17, 7.04, 8.02B, 13.12, 13.13, 13.14, 13.18AA

In my opinion, each trustee of The Blank Retirement Fund has complied in all material respects, with the listed provisions, for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Basis for Unqualified Opinion

I have conducted my engagement in accordance with Standard on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3100 *Compliance Engagements* issued by the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

I believe that the evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Independence and quality control

I have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements relating to assurance engagements, and applied Auditing Standards ASQC 1 *Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, and Other Assurance Engagements / ASQM1 Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, in undertaking this assurance engagement.*

In particular, neither myself, my firm or my network firm assumed a management responsibility for the fund. Where my firm or network firm provided any other non-assurance services to the fund, we are satisfied that those services were not prohibited under the Code and any independence threats arising have been eliminated or reduced to an acceptable level by the application of safeguards.

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SMSF trustees' responsibilities

Each SMSF trustee is responsible for complying with the listed provisions and for identification of risks that threaten compliance with the listed provisions, controls which will mitigate those risks and monitoring ongoing compliance.

Approved SMSF auditor's responsibilities

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the trustees' compliance, in all material respects, with the listed provisions, for the year ended 30 June 2021. ASAE 3100 *Compliance Engagements* requires that I plan and perform my procedures to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the trustee have complied, in all material respects, with the listed provisions for the year ended 30 June 2021.

An assurance engagement to report on the trustees' compliance with the listed provisions involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the compliance activity and controls implemented to meet the compliance requirements. The procedures selected depend on my judgment, including the identification and assessment of risks of material non-compliance.

My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting compliance with those requirements of the listed provisions for the year ended 30 June 2021.

These tests have not been performed continuously throughout the period, were not designed to detect all instances of non-compliance, and have not covered any other provisions of the SISA and the SISR apart from those specified.

Inherent limitations

Due to the inherent limitations of an assurance engagement, together with the internal control structure it is possible that fraud, error, or non-compliance with the listed provisions may occur and not be detected.

A reasonable assurance engagement for the year ended 30 June 2021 does not provide assurance on whether compliance with the listed provisions will continue in the future.

SMSF Auditor - MARIA OLIVOTTO



SMSF Auditor's signature

25 August 2021

Date audit completed

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Appendix 1 – Explanation of listed sections and regulations in compliance report

This appendix is included to assist with the meaning of the legislation and regulations listed above

Section or Regulation	Explanation
S17A	The fund must meet the definition of an SMSF
S35AE	The trustees must keep and maintain accounting records for a minimum of five years
S35B	The trustees must prepare, sign and retain accounts and statements
S35C(2)	The trustees must provide the auditor with the necessary documents to complete the audit in a timely and professional manner; and within 14 days of a written request from the auditor
S62	<p>The fund must be maintained for the sole purpose of providing benefits to any or all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ fund members upon their retirement ▪ fund members upon reaching a prescribed age ▪ the dependants of a fund member in the case of the member's death before retirement
S65	The trustees must not loan monies or provide financial assistance to any member or relative at any time during the financial year
S66	The trustees must not acquire any assets (not listed as an exception) from any member or related party of the fund
S67	The trustees of the fund must not borrow any money or maintain an existing borrowing (not listed as an exception)
S67A & 67B	The fund must comply with the limited recourse borrowing arrangement rules when borrowing to purchase single acquirable assets or replacement assets (not listed as an exception to the borrowing rules)
S82-85	The trustees must comply with the in-house asset rules
S103	The trustees must keep minutes of all meetings and retain the minutes for a minimum of 10 years

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S104	The trustees must keep up to date records of all trustee or director of corporate trustee changes and trustee consents for a minimum of 10 years
S104A	Trustees who became a trustee on or after 1 July 2007 must sign and retain a trustee declaration
S105	The trustees must ensure that copies of all member or beneficiary reports are kept for a minimum of 10 years
S109	All investment transactions must be made and maintained at arms-length – that is, purchase, sale price and income from an asset reflects a true market value/rate of return
S126K	A disqualified person cannot be a trustee, investment manager or custodian of a superannuation fund
Sub Reg 1.06 (9A)	Pension payments must be made at least annually, and must be at least the amount calculated under Schedule 7
Reg 4.09	Trustees must formulate, regularly review and give effect to an investment strategy for the fund
Reg 4.09A	The assets of the SMSF must be held separately from any assets held by the trustee personally or by a standard employer sponsor or an associate of the standard employer sponsor
Reg 5.03	Investment returns must be allocated to members in a manner that is fair and reasonable
Reg 5.08	Member minimum benefits must be maintained in the fund until transferred, rolled over, allotted (to the member's spouse) or cashed out in a permitted fashion
Reg 6.17	Payments of member benefits must be made in accordance with Part 6 or Part 7A of the regulations and be permitted by the trust deed
Reg 7.04	Contributions can only be accepted in accordance with the applicable rules for the year being audited
Reg 8.02B	When preparing accounts and statements required by subsection 35B(1) of SISA, an asset must be valued at its market value
Reg 13.12	Trustees must not recognise an assignment of a super interest of a member or beneficiary

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Reg 13.13	Trustees must not recognise a charge over or in relation to a member's benefits
Reg 13.14	Trustees must not give a charge over, or in relation to, an asset of the fund
Reg 13.18AA	Investments in collectables and personal use assets must be maintained in accordance with prescribed rules
