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Jeremy Cooper-led Stewarda appointed trustee of Future Group's super funds

- Stewarda Pty Ltd is now trustee for the Smart Future Trust which includes all Future Group's superannuation brands: Future Super, Verve Super, smartMonday, GuildSuper and Child Care Super.
- Members do not need to take any action. Their accounts and investment options remain unchanged.
- This brings the trustee function into Future Group, which will introduce a dedicated governance model for the Smart Future Trust.
- Jeremy Cooper chairs the board of Stewarda.

Stewarda has been appointed trustee of Smart Future Trust, which includes Future Super, Verve Super, smartMonday, GuildSuper and Child Care Super.

The appointment follows the completion of a Deed of Retirement and Appointment (DORA), under which Stewarda replaces Equity Trustees Superannuation Limited (ETSL) as trustee of the Smart Future Trust.

Stewarda is part of Future Group and is responsible for the governance and oversight of Smart Future Trust. Its mandate as a superannuation trustee covers governance, risk management and compliance and is designed to meet applicable regulatory requirements.

This comes after Future Group announced in June 2026 that it had reached an agreement to acquire Stewarda from WTW (formerly Willis Towers Watson), pending regulatory approval. Those regulatory approvals have been achieved.

The appointment brings the trustee function for Future Group's five superannuation brands under a single, dedicated trustee. There is no change to the funds' investment options, products or member accounts as a result of the trustee change.

Stewarda Chair Jeremy Cooper said the new trustee will provide strong governance and oversight as the funds continue to serve their members:

"Stewarda is purpose built to deliver long-term outcomes and robust governance in the best financial interests of members in all five of Future Group's superannuation brands. Our Board brings deep experience across superannuation, financial services, investment management, governance and risk to support this important work.

“Future Group’s work to establish Stewarda and internalise the trustee will create a closer connection between fund governance, operations and long-term planning.”

Jeremy is one of Australia’s most respected superannuation and retirement income experts. He served as Deputy Chair of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission from 2004 to 2009 and subsequently led the Australian Government’s Super System Review, widely known as the Cooper Review.

The Stewarda Board also includes Virginia Malley, Keri Pratt, Shailendra Singh, Lee Brennan and Sharon Davis. Together, the directors bring experience across investment management, superannuation, financial services, risk, sustainable investing, operations, organisational transformation and governance.

Future Group CEO Simon Sheikh said the appointment of the new trustee represents an important step in the Group’s growth and governance journey:

“Bringing the trustee function into Future Group supports an integrated governance model aimed at continuing to deliver the best possible outcomes for all our members across the five Future Group superannuation brands.

“Stewarda’s experienced and majority independent Board will provide dedicated oversight of Smart Future Trust, while remaining focused on delivering long-term outcomes for members.”

Members do not need to take any action as a result of the trustee change. Their super account, investment options and existing arrangements will continue as usual.

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About Stewarda
Stewarda, part of Future Group, is a Registrable Superannuation Entity (RSE) Licensee responsible for the governance and oversight of Smart Future Trust, the superannuation fund that comprises the brands Future Super, smartMonday, GuildSuper, Child Care Super and Verve Super.

Stewarda’s board brings extensive experience across superannuation, governance, risk, financial services, investment management and sustainable investing.

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