

SCOA's ACHIEVEMENTS

From 2000 to date

- Twice yearly, in lieu of annual, CPI indexation of Commonwealth and Defence superannuation pensions
- Getting the Senate Joint Committee on Superannuation to review provisions including indexation arrangements of Commonwealth funded superannuation schemes
- Recommendations from two Senate Committees on need for fairer indexation of Commonwealth superannuation pensions
- Professional and sustained indexation campaign
- Helping the Reserve Bank Officers Association to achieve a change in indexation arrangements for their pensions from CPI to MTAW (male total average weekly earnings)
- Brought about Wage Cost Index adjustment of Comcare payments to overcome under payments and incorrect payment levels
- Brought about changes to Comcare payment advices that make it easier for recipients to understand payment details
- Helped Comcare recipients to obtain around a million dollars in back payments, increased pensions, and increased supplementary benefits
- Helped others to obtain Comcare payments/benefits
- Successfully challenged decisions/actions of Comcare that would have been detrimental to a number of Comcare recipients
- Have successfully made representations to ComSuper on behalf of members
- Have worked closely with ComSuper to ensure the material provided by ComSuper to members is correct and user friendly
- Have successfully made representations to Centrelink on behalf of members
- Successfully working with other organisations on matters of mutual interest
- Participation in Tax Office advisory groups on taxation issues to make tax system easier for members
- Successfully lobbied for increased funding for the Home and Community Care program
- Successfully lobbied for increased funding for public dental schemes
- Production and distribution of Planning for and Coping with Bereavement
- A reduction in the work test requirement for voluntary superannuation contributions, for people under 75 years of age
- Continuous review of government policies and policy developments to minimise disadvantage for SCOA members
- Successful regional meetings in Batemans Bay and Queanbeyan
- Promotion of SCOA and its objectives in the ACT through shopping centre stalls
- Organised successful financial information seminar for government employees and retirees in conjunction with financial experts and relevant Government agencies

Prior to 2000

There were many successes including:

- Introduction of the Seniors Card in the ACT
- Abolition of the 2% Government cut in indexation of Commonwealth Superannuation pensions in 1989
- Assistance to Comcare recipients and prospective clients