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Al Retirement Information Centre

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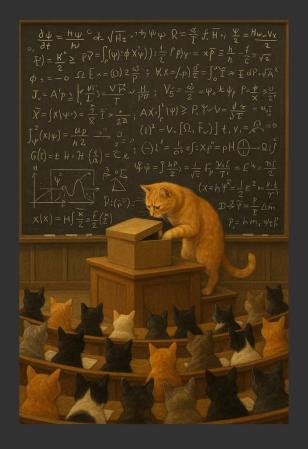
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Background



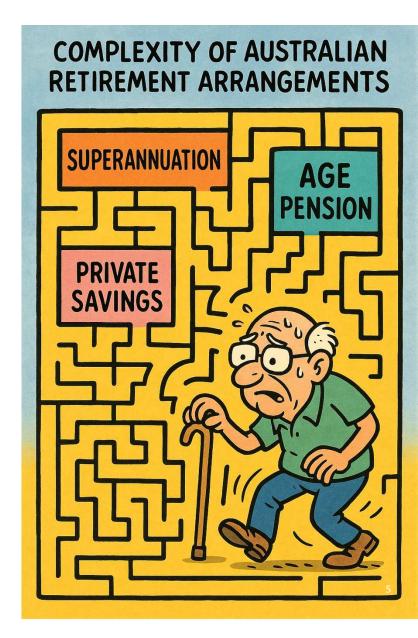


Australia's Super & Retirement System

- Australia's superannuation and retirement system is complex.
- It is difficult to find consistent, trustworthy and easy to understand information

Where can members find retirement information?





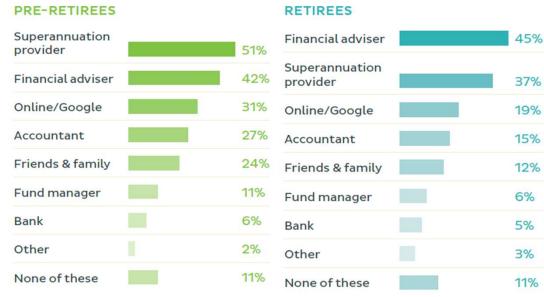
Where do members find retirement information?

The two most common retirement information sources were:

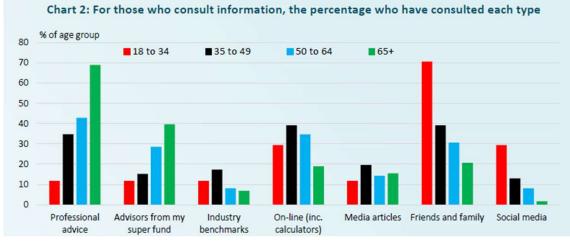
Superannuation providers and financial advisers.

What is the issue?





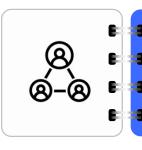
Source: What I wish I knew about retirement - TAL



Source: ASFA Survey on superannuation and retirement

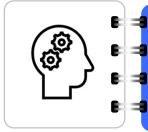
Financial Advice Gap





Financial Advisers Shortage

 Over 5 million Australians are at or approaching retirement, yet only 16,000 advisers were practicing (2023)



Lack of Financial Literacy

- Only 1 in 3 Australians feel confident making financial decisions.
- Less than one-third understand superannuation products and retirement income options.



Barriers to Financial Advice:

- Cost: 51% cite high fees as a barrier
- Perceived lack of need: 27% believe they don't require financial advice.
- Trust issues: 20% don't trust financial advisers
- Access: 15% find it difficult to locate a reliable adviser

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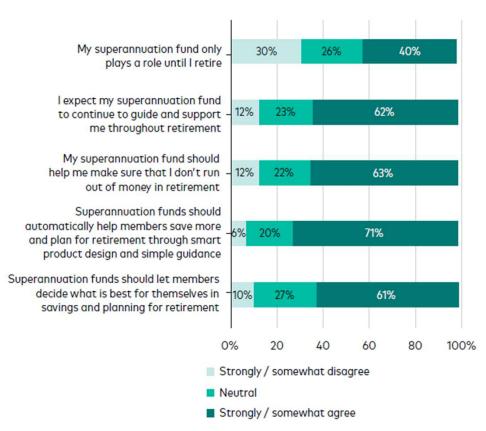
Source: Vanquard Report How Australian Retires June 2024

Roles of Superannuation Fund

- 2 in 3 Australians believe their super fund should ensure they don't run out of money in retirement.
- Almost 3 in 4 Australians believe their super fund should automatically help them save more and plan for retirement through smart product design and simple guidance.
- Retirement Calculators
- Regulator's findings

What is the issue with the retirement calculators in the market?

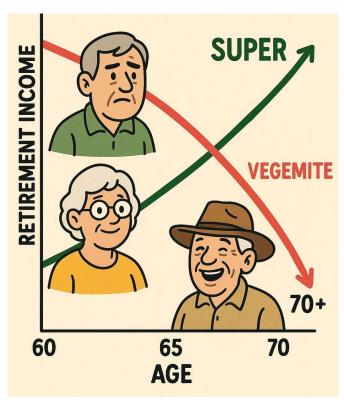
Expected role of super funds amongst all respondents



Source: Vanguard Report How Australian Retires June 2024



Current Retirement Income Calculators – What are the issues?



There are currently two main types of calculators:

Simple Calculators

- Easy to use
- Arbitrary assumptions on spending and retirement income
- Less accurate results

Complex Calculators

- Detailed calculations
- Considers budget and member's own circumstance
- Require members to fill pages of inputs before results

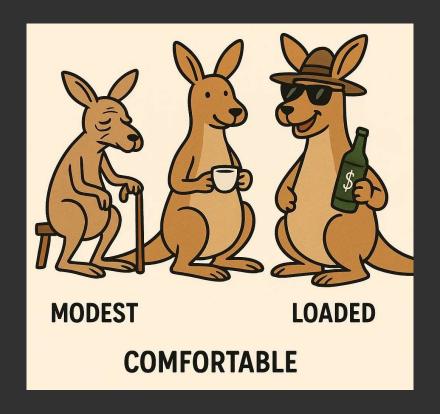
Calculator projections has large variations (42%) with the same input – Reducing Trust

Low Engagement with members – Too many questions with too little support/example of inputs

Is there a solution that can incorporate the benefits of the two main types of calculators?



Demo - Example Retirement calculator with No Al

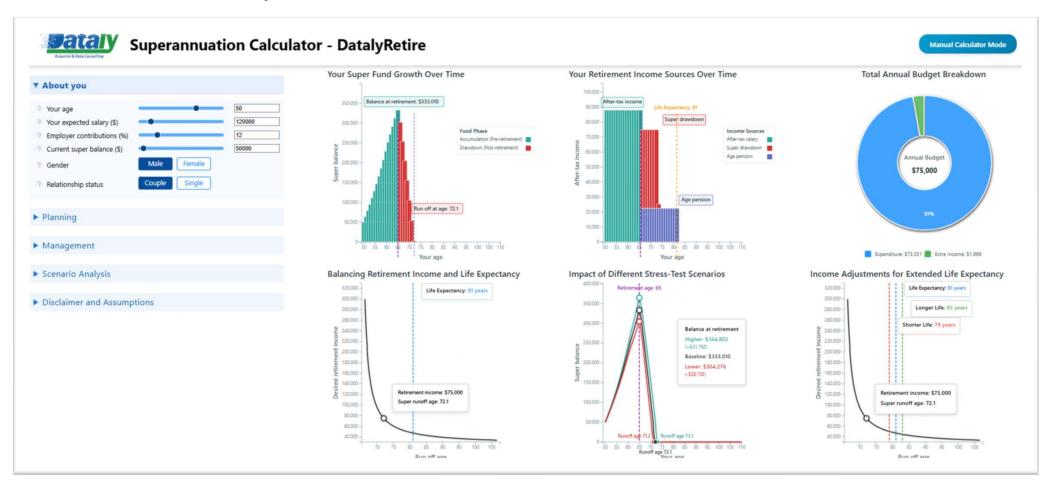




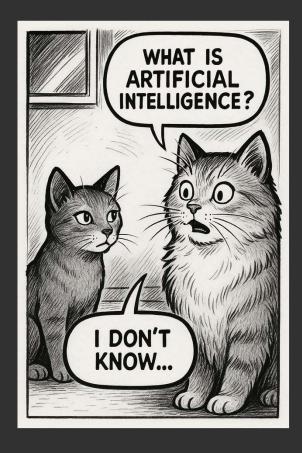


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Demo of Example Retirement calculator - No Al



How AI can be used in Retirement Planning





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Al Retirement Income Information Centre

Purpose:

- Help members without access to a financial planner and allow member to find accurate and up-to-date retirement information in one place
- Educate members on retirement via Al interactions and suggestions
- Assist Superannuation funds collect information on member's needs
- Encourage member engagement with the superannuation fund
- Not to provide financial advice

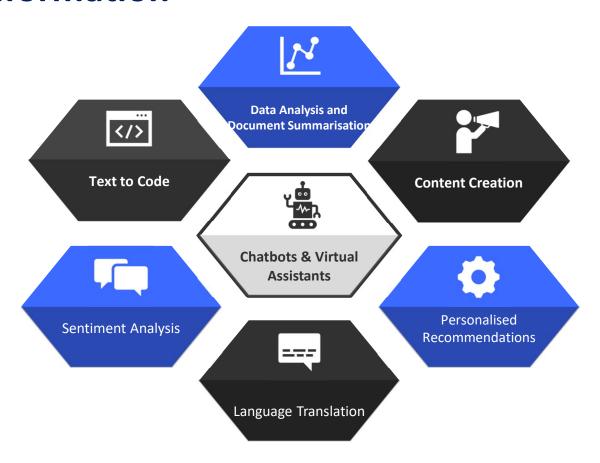


Incorporating AI does not necessary require a long and costly project, it can be incorporate into current tools provided by superannuation funds.

This live demo is one example how Al can be incorporated into superannuation funds retirement income calculator.



How AI can improve member engagement, education and access to information





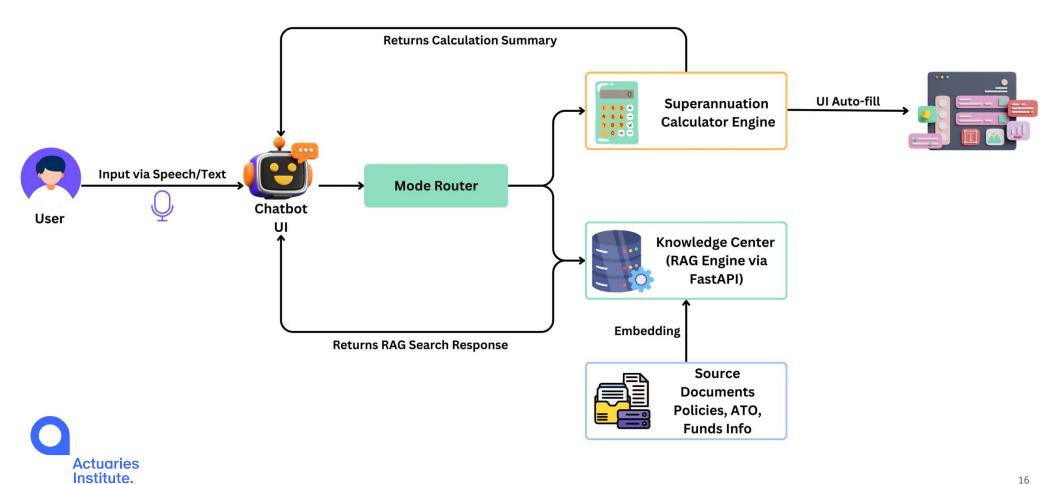
Demo of Al-Assisted Retirement Calculator



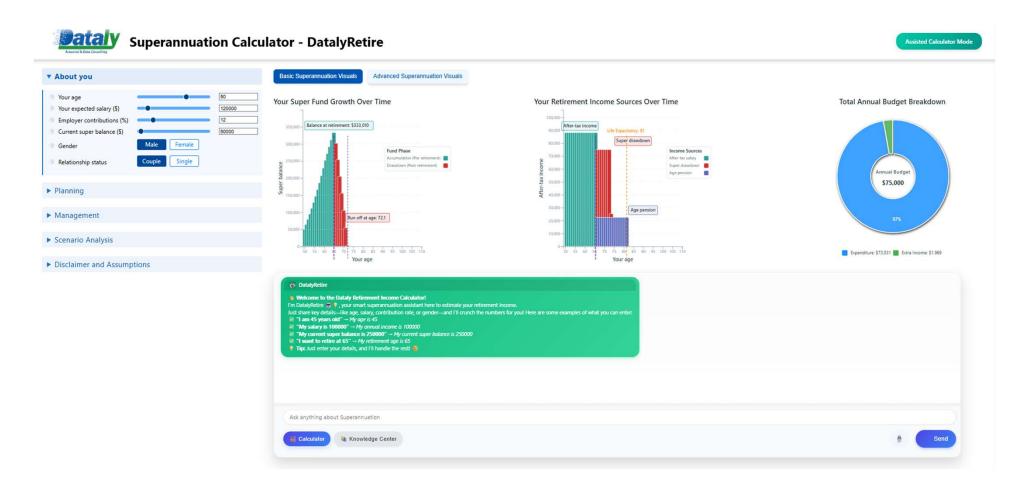


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High-Level System Architecture Diagram



Demo of Al-Assisted Retirement Calculator



Demo of Al Retirement Information Centre

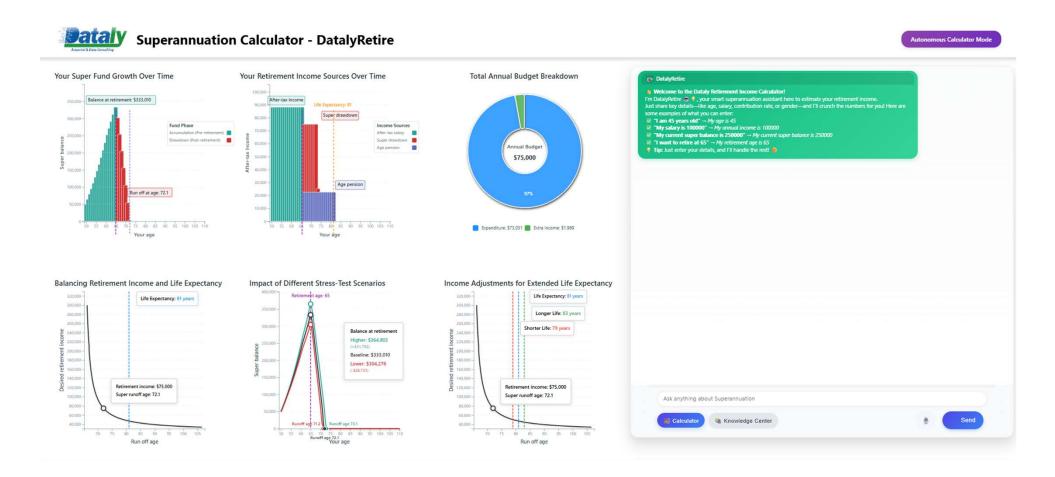






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Demo of AI Retirement Income Information Centre



Al Data Security





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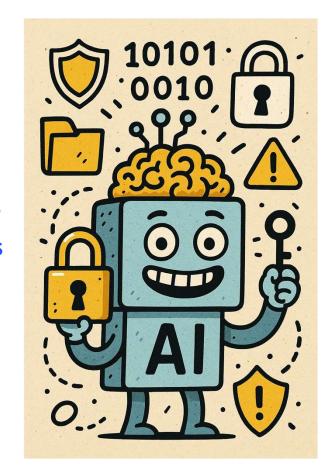
AI Data Security and Privacy

Local Processing & Secure Storage

 User inputs to the calculator are processed locally or stored in a dedicated secure database.

Controlled Knowledge Access (RAG)

• The RAG engine uses a curated vector database built from static, publicly sourced documents.



No Al Training on User Data

User data is strictly excluded from any AI training processes.

Transparent Voice Integration

- Speech is converted using encrypted cloudbased APIs.
- Voice input is always user-controlled and clearly indicated — no background recording.



Current Limitations

Basic Memory Management

The chatbot currently does not retain long-term conversation context.

Limited Personalisation

The calculator doesn't yet adopt based on user history, income changes or life events. No user preference storage.

Fixed Knowledge Base

The RAG system relies on a manually curated set of documents.

Deployment Constraints

Currently hosted in a demo/local environment.

Future Improvements

Persistent User Sessions & Memory

Enable per-user chat memory to provide contextaware assistance.

Smart Personalisation Engine

 Allow the chatbot to adapt projections based on userspecific goals, income, age group, and savings behavior.

Live Document Sync for RAG

Connect the vector database to live ATO, fund websites, and regulatory feeds.

Cloud-Ready & Enterprise Deployment

- Support containerised deployment (Docker/Kubernetes).
- Add role-based access control, audit logs, and multitenant architecture.



Conclusion

- Real-World Example: This live demo shows how AI can improve retirement income tools, making complex concepts more accessible to members.
- Fast Turnaround: This project was developed in about 1 month, showing that AI adoption doesn't require years of investment or massive budgets.
- Plug into What You Already Have: All can be layered on top of existing infrastructure and tools — no need to start from scratch.
- No Need for Deep Tech Teams: With today's platforms and APIs, business teams can collaborate with developers to implement AI solutions — no need for a large AI department.

- Al Demystified: Al is no longer experimental it's part of everyday life everywhere (e.g., voice assistants, copilot, autocomplete). Integrating it into business tools is just as straightforward.
- Safe by Design: Al tools can be designed with strict data privacy controls, making them compliant and safe for member-facing applications.
- Actuaries are well placed to support business to take advantage of the opportunities created by AI.





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Questions

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