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FINANCIAL SERVICES GUIDE FOR MEMBERS

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What is the purpose of this Financial Services Guide?

We have designed this Financial Services Guide (FSG) to assist you in deciding whether to use any of the financial services we offer. This FSG must provide you with information about:

- our name and contact details;
- the financial services we are authorised to provide;
- any remuneration that we, or any other relevant person, may be paid in relation to the financial services we offer;
- how we deal with complaints against us.

What other documents might I receive?

When we provide you with a financial service, we may also have to provide you with a Statement of Advice or a Product Disclosure Statement. These documents are described below.

Statement of Advice

A Statement of Advice is a document that sets out personal advice we give to you, the basis on which we give the advice, and any benefit or association that may influence the advice we provide to you. The Statement of Advice helps you to make an informed decision about whether to act upon that advice.

We must give you a Statement of Advice when we provide you with advice in relation to a financial product, after taking into consideration your objectives, financial situation or needs. We will not provide you with a Statement of Advice if our advice relates only to basic deposit products, non-cash payment facilities or travellers' cheques.

Product Disclosure Statement

A Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) is a document that provides you with information about a financial product and the entity that issues the financial product (the Issuer).

We must provide you with a PDS about a financial product when we recommend that you acquire the financial product or we issue, offer to issue or arrange the issue of the financial product to you.

The PDS must contain information about the financial product so that you can make an informed decision whether or not to acquire it. A PDS about a financial product must include, amongst other things:

- the Issuer's name and contact details;
- the significant features of the financial product and its terms and conditions,
- any significant benefits and risks associated with holding the financial product;
- the fees and costs associated with holding the financial product;
- dispute resolution procedures, and how you can access them.

What financial services can we provide?

Our Australian Financial Services Licence authorises us to deal in and provide advice about the following financial services:

- deposit products – our transaction, savings and term deposit accounts;
- non-cash payment products – such as member chequing, Redicard, Visa card and telephone and internet banking;
- general insurance; and
- consumer credit insurance.

In addition to the financial services we provide under our Australian Financial Services Licence, we also deal in and advise on consumer and commercial lending products.

On whose behalf do we provide the financial services?

When we provide advice about financial products, we do so on our own behalf.

When we issue our own financial products – deposit accounts and non-cash payment facilities – we do so on our own behalf.

When we arrange to issue a third party's financial products, we do so on behalf of the third party product issuer. We act for third party product issuers when we provide or arrange consumer credit insurance and travellers cheques.

Details of who the relevant product issuer is will be included in the Product Disclosure Statement for that financial product.

When issuing insurance contracts on behalf of insurers we do so under a special authority from each insurer, called a "binder". This means that the insurer is bound by our acts when we issue the insurer's policies to you. It also means that, when you pay us an insurance premium, the insurer is taken to have received it.

What remuneration or other benefits do we receive for providing the financial services?

We do not charge you a fee for providing you with financial product advice or issuing you with our own financial products. Third party product issuers may charge fees for issuing financial products that we arrange. Details of fees and charges will be contained in the Product Disclosure Statement for that product.

We may charge you fees when you carry out transactions on a deposit account or when you use our non-cash payment facilities, such as cheque books, transaction cards, etc. These fees are set out in our Fees & Charges and Transaction Limits brochure for our Gosford City Credit Union Ltd Account and Access Facility, available to you on request.

We also may receive commissions:

- when you make payments using BPay – as a percentage of the \$AUD of the payments made – paid to us by BPay, usually monthly;
- when we arrange insurance policies for you – as a percentage of the value of the premium; the commission rate varies depending on the type of general insurance product sold – paid to us by the insurer, usually monthly.

The percentages paid by the third party product issuer vary from time to time. If you receive personal advice from us, we may be required to provide you with more detailed information about any relevant commission.

What remuneration or other benefits do our employees receive for providing the financial services?

As a rule, our staff are remunerated principally by salary and do not receive any direct benefits in providing our financial services to you.

From time to time we may allow third party product issuers to run promotion programs under which they may reward or provide benefits to our staff for their success in arranging the issue of the third party's products during the promotion period. If you receive personal advice from us, we may be required to provide you with more detailed information about any relevant benefit.

What should you do if you have a complaint?

We conduct a dispute resolution system to deal with any complaints you may have about any of our financial services or us. Our dispute resolution policy requires us to deal with any complaint efficiently, speedily and sympathetically. If you are not satisfied with the way in which we have to resolve your complaint, or if we do not respond speedily, you may refer the complaint to our external dispute resolution centre.

If you want to make a complaint, contact our staff at any branch and tell them that you want to make a complaint. Our staff has a duty to deal with your complaint under our dispute resolution policy. Our staff must also advise you about our complaint handling process and the timetable for handling your complaint.

We have an easy to read guide to our dispute resolution system available to you on request.