
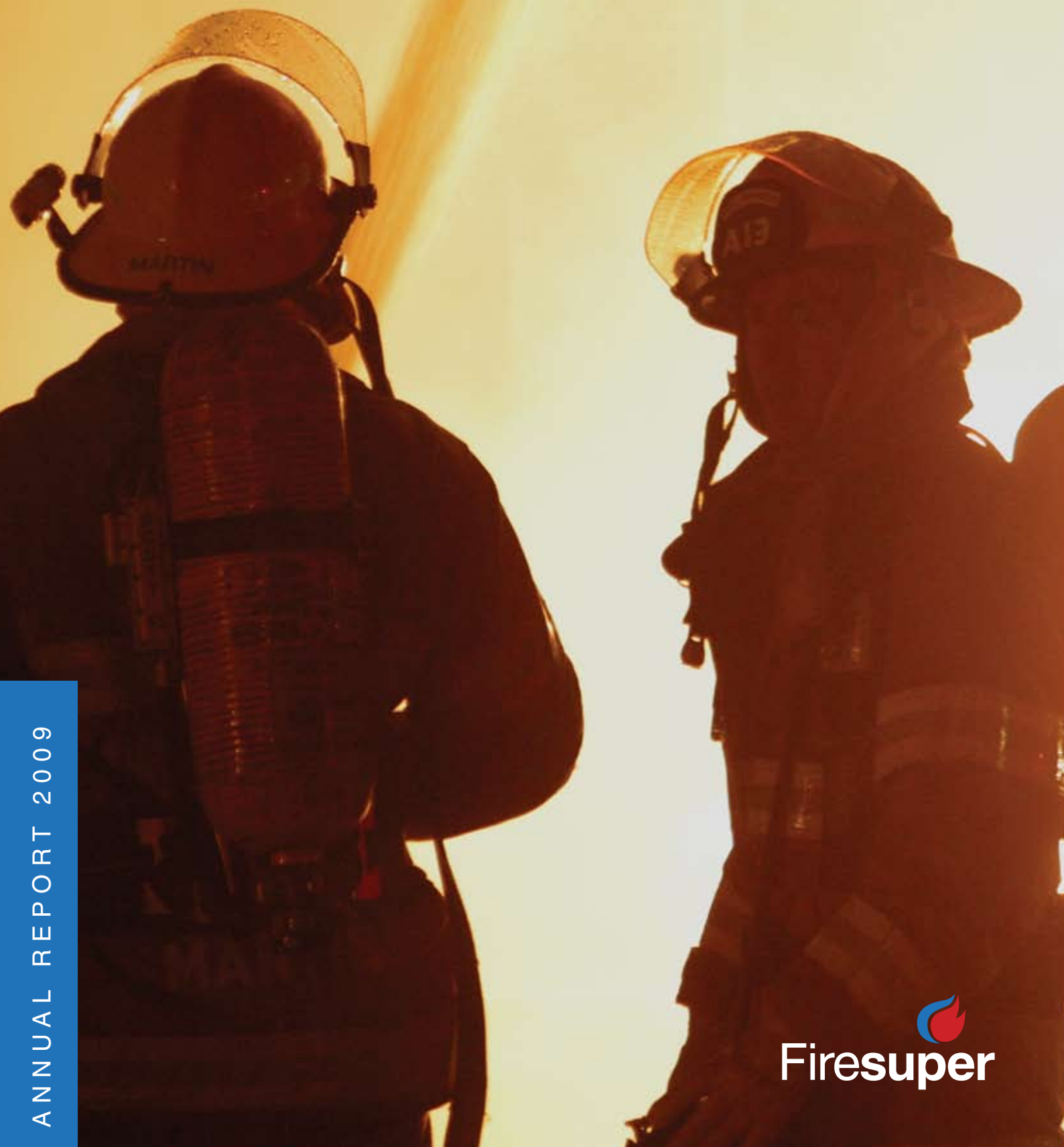


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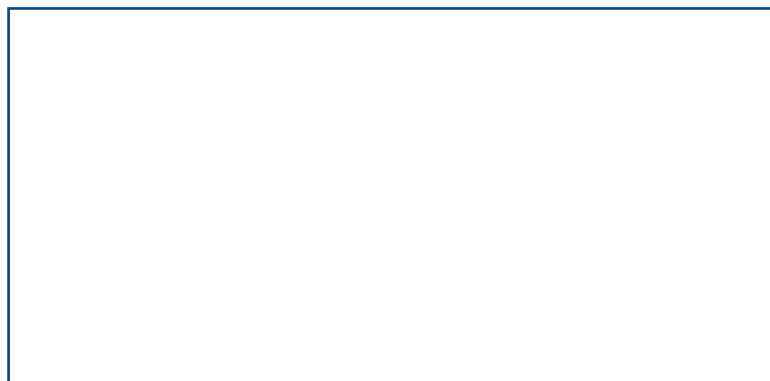
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Janine Hearn – from 22 July 2008
Allan Kerrisk
Brett Warwick – until 22 July 2008
Russell Wood

Appointed by the New Zealand Professional Firefighters Union

Athol Conway
Denis Fitzmaurice
Stephen Warner

Independent Trustee appointed by the Trustees

Tim McGuinness

ADMINISTRATION

Accountant	Kendons Chartered Accountants Ltd
Administration Manager	Mercer NZ Ltd
Auditor	Deloitte
Investment Adviser	Melville Jessup Weaver
Investment Managers	AllianceBernstein New Zealand Ltd AMP Capital Investors Ltd ING (NZ) Ltd New Zealand Assets Management Ltd Tower Asset Management Ltd
Scheme Secretary	Barry Dent
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Steve Warner
Chairman of Trustees

I present this report for the Scheme for the year ended March 2009. This year has been a very difficult year for both Members and your Trustees. As you will be aware the financial markets around the world have been in extreme turmoil over the past year. This in turn has meant that your funds have been affected.

The result of this is an overall negative return on your savings. During the year the Trustees introduced Member Investment Choice which gave members the option of choosing investments that suited their needs. Before this the choice that was available to members was a catch all type Portfolio that had a range of assets which were aimed at the average member.

As with any new development there were some teething problems with the introduction of Member Investment Choice. Lessons learned were that the time frames between members making a decision on their choice and the implementation date were too short. Added to that was the fact that financial markets were at their most volatile at the time that the changes were to take place. The first matter will be rectified by the time that the next choices are able to be made. Hopefully the second matter will not occur again but we have no control over that.

Trustees have been mindful of the extent of the reduction in market values. They have been monitoring the returns on a more frequent basis than has ever happened in the past. This has given them the ability to act in a swifter manner if required.

There have been a few difficulties in the reporting of balances on the web-site since Member Investment Choice commenced. At the time of writing this report they have been corrected and balances will now show the current state of member's Accumulations.

I would like to thank all of the Trustees for their efforts over the past year and also our providers of service. As stated earlier this has been a difficult year for everyone.

I recommend that you read this report as it contains important information on your retirement savings.



Steve Warner
Chairman of Trustees

AT A GLANCE

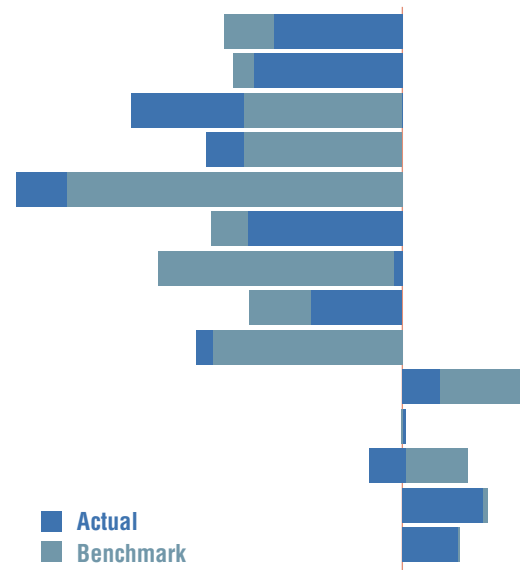
Ring-fenced Cash Investment Choice interest credited (%)	+4.56
Cash Investment Choice interest rate credited(%)	-6.90
Conservative Investment Choice interest credited (%)	-7.62
Balanced Investment Choice interest credited (%)	-14.81
High Growth Investment Choice interest credited (%)	-19.87
New members	81
New contributions (million)	\$ 14.791
Benefits paid (million)	\$ 14.195

Scheme net assets (million)

01 April 2008	\$ 253.624
31 March 2009	\$ 226.614

Gross Performance (%) by Asset Class for the year ended 31 March 2009

Asset class	Actual	Benchmark
AMPCI Australasian Shares	-16.93	-23.50
AllianceBernstein Australasian Shares	-19.62	-22.34
AllianceBernstein Global Value Shares	-35.88	-20.89
AMPCI Core Global Shares	-25.87	-20.89
AMPCI Core Hedged Global Shares	-51.07	-44.35
AMPCI Extended Market Global Shares	-20.38	-25.29
NZ Assets Management Global Shares	-1.12	-32.23
AMPCI New Zealand Property	-11.98	-20.30
ING Global Property*	-27.21	-25.02
ING NZ Bond Fund	+4.93	+15.51
ING NZ Government Bond Fund*	+0.56	-0.17
Tower Asset Management Global Bonds	-4.78	+8.61
ING BGI Global Bonds	+10.58	+11.33
ING Wholesale NZ Cash	+7.38	+7.65



* For part year only from date of investment.



Credit Crisis

After such an extraordinary year as 2008, it is useful to first look at some of the factors that led to the credit crisis.

Through the early 2000s the US consumer went on a debt-fuelled spending spree, buoyed by ever-increasing asset prices. China, through exchange controls, maintained a steady flow of cheap goods to the Western world, all the while building up massive stockpiles of US debt. This preparedness to take on high levels of debt was replicated around the developed world in Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

US banks in search of higher profits became more involved with subprime lending. This is mainly the provision of mortgages – but also credit cards, auto loans, etc – to consumers with weak credit history, poor employment prospects and/or other criteria that would normally preclude them from obtaining credit. These loans were packaged into complex financial products designed to mitigate the risk of default and sold to other banks around the world.

The US housing market ran out of steam in early 2007 and house prices began to fall at an increasing rate. Through 2007 though, the share markets held up, as most believed the economy would weather the storm. However, US investment banks were finding out that the losses on the complex derivatives they were holding were becoming much larger than ever expected.

Through 2008, all of the large US investment banks got into trouble to some degree or another. The worst hit was Lehman Brothers, which was allowed to fail in September 2008. This sent shockwaves through the market, and all credit – which was being squeezed beforehand – dried up overnight. This in turn placed huge pressure on other financial institutions – for example AIG – and even more pressure on the struggling US automotive industry. The US government has stepped in with unprecedented action, both by propping up ailing organisations and by monetary easing.

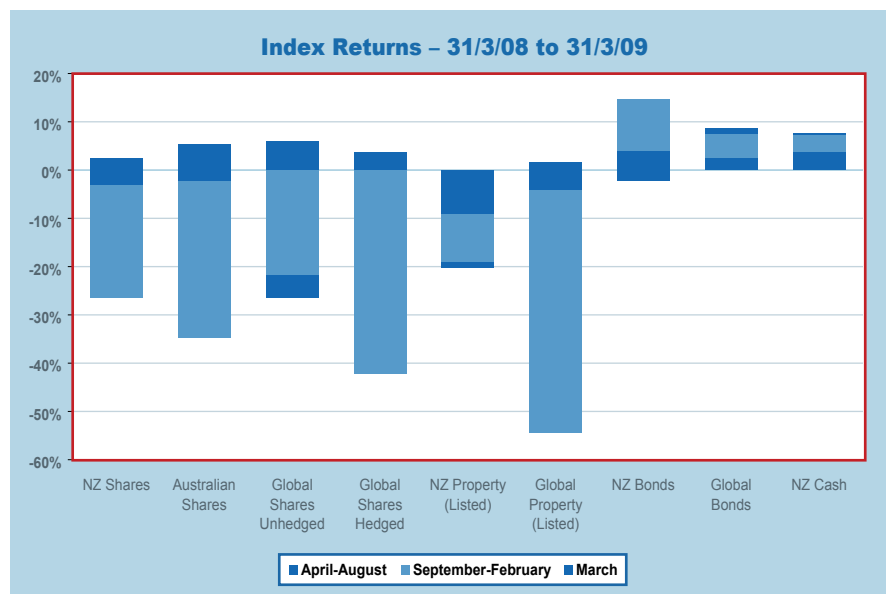
Currently real economic indicators are continuing to dive in both the US and Europe, as well as China, Japan and the rest of the world. The OECD has forecast unemployment to rise to 10% in 2010. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has revised downward its estimate of global growth for 2009 to just 0.5%.

However, there may be light at the end of the tunnel, with some indicators improving in March 2009. Mostly, these were indexes declining at a slower rate. Nevertheless, this saw the US markets rebound and make their biggest 4 week gains since 1933. It remains to be seen whether the world economy can turn the corner in 2009.

Impact on Investments

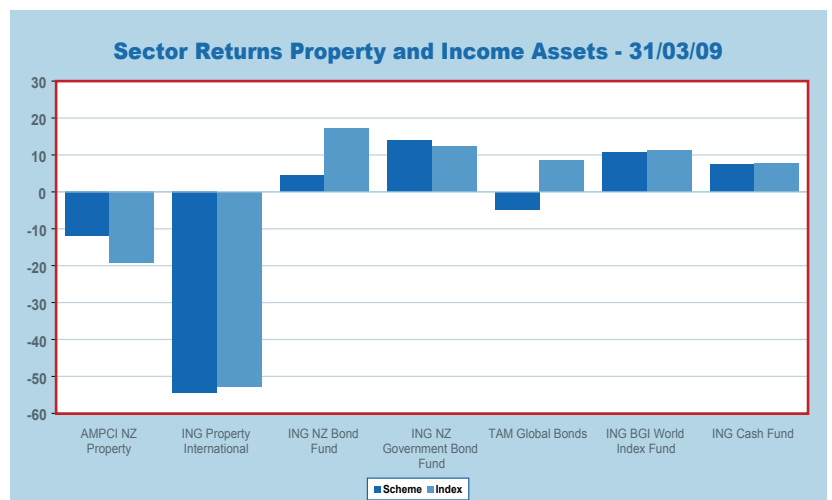
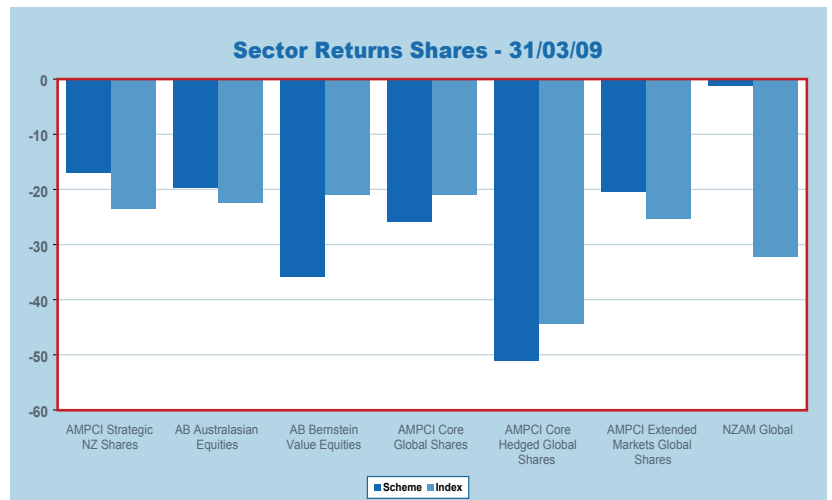
All growth type investments suffered in the year. The most severe falls took place from September 2008 onwards, with a rebound in March 2009. The chart breaks down index performance into 3 periods; the poor – but relatively benign – first 5 months to 31 August, the terrible 6 months to 28 February and the rebound in March.

However, note that these indexes are in general very high quality. The NZ Bonds index is in fact all government debt and so ‘risk free’. These types of assets fared very well because of the ‘flight to quality’ and many bond managers failed to keep pace with them.



PERFORMANCE

The charts below show the performance of each of the Scheme's managers against the index for their sector.



Note that global property returns are for the nine months since inception.

The above graphs show that the scheme's performance for the year is directly attributable to Investment Manager underperformance by the AllianceBernstein Global Value Share Fund, the AMPCI Global Share Funds, the ING NZ Bond Fund and the Tower Global Bond Fund. Outperformance by the NZ Assets Management Global Share Fund – as expected when share values are reducing – and the AMPCI Property Fund had the opposite effect.

Trustees have taken the view that to change Investment Managers over the last six months would have locked-in the losses to date. Expectations are that individual Manager performance will improve in the short term and this is being confirmed by performance post 01 April 2009.

Cash Investment Choice

Assets under management totalled \$49.82 million.

This investment returned -6.90% after tax and expenses for the year. This performance includes an after tax and expenses performance of -5.67% for the period to 30 September 2008 when funds were invested in the Main Portfolio.

	Benchmark allocation (%) at 31 March 2009	Actual allocation (%) at 31 March 2009
AMPCI NZ Property	0	6.92
ING Wholesale NZ Cash	100	93.08

The costs of expenses for this Choice were 0.29%.

At the date of transfer of funds from the Main Portfolio the AMPCI Property Fund was closed to withdrawals and at 31 March 2009 this situation continued.

Ring-fenced Cash Investment Choice

Assets under management totalled \$17.35 million.

This investment returned +4.56% after tax and expenses for the year. This performance includes an after tax and expenses performance of +2.52% for the period to 30 September 2008 when funds were invested in the Cash Portfolio.

	Benchmark allocation (%) at 31 March 2009	Actual allocation (%) at 31 March 2009
ING Wholesale NZ Cash	100	100

The costs of expenses for this Choice were 0.29%.

This option was established for Members of the previous Cash Portfolio and is available to them only. All the assets of this Choice option will be transferred to the Cash Investment Choice option once the AMPCI Property assets are sold from that Choice option.

Conservative Investment Choice

Assets under management totalled \$14.08 million.

This investment returned -7.62% after tax and expenses for the year. This performance includes an after tax and expenses performance of -5.67% for the period to 30 September 2008 when funds were invested in the Main Portfolio.

	Benchmark allocation (%) at 31 March 2009	Actual allocation (%) at 31 March 2009
AMPCI Australasian Shares	2.5	1.21
AllianceBernstein Australasian Shares	2.5	2.41
AllianceBernstein Global Value Shares	3.0	2.65
AMPCI Core Global Shares	3.0	1.33
AMPCI Core Hedged Global Shares	6.45	2.95
AMPCI Extended Market Global Shares	1.05	0.84
NZ Assets Management Global Shares	1.50	3.83
AMPCI NZ Property	0	7.36
ING NZ Bond Fund	9.75	7.21
ING NZ Government Bond Fund	5.25	4.08
Tower Asset Management Global Bonds	30.0	27.40
ING BGI Global Bonds	0	7.21
ING Wholesale NZ Cash	35.0	31.53

The costs of expenses for this Choice were 0.39%.

At the date of transfer of funds from the Main Portfolio the AMPCI Property Fund was closed to withdrawals and at 31 March 2009 this situation continued.

HOW THE INVESTMENT CHOICE OPTIONS PERFORMED

Balanced Investment Choice

Assets under management totalled \$140.45 million.

This investment returned -14.81% after tax and expenses for the year. This performance includes an after tax and expenses performance of -5.67% for the period to 30 September 2008 when funds were invested in the Main Portfolio.

	Benchmark allocation (%) at 31 March 2009	Actual allocation (%) at 31 March 2009
AMPCI Australasian Shares	6.75	5.92
AllianceBernstein Australasian Shares	6.75	6.15
AllianceBernstein Global Value Shares	7.0	5.59
AMPCI Core Global Shares	7.0	5.23
AMPCI Core Hedged Global Shares	15.05	13.47
AMPCI Extended Market Global Shares	2.45	2.10
NZ Assets Management Global Shares	3.50	5.14
AMPCI NZ Property	5.0	7.37
ING Global Property	5.0	1.91
ING NZ Bond Fund	7.50	10.39
ING NZ Government Bond Fund	4.50	5.77
Tower Asset Management Global Bonds	24.50	15.72
ING BGI Global Bonds	0	9.36
ING Wholesale NZ Cash	5.0	5.92

The costs of expenses for this Choice were 0.53%.

High Growth Investment Choice

Assets under management totalled \$4.91 million.

This investment returned -19.87% after tax and expenses for the year. This performance includes an after tax and expenses performance of -5.67% for the period to 30 September 2008 when funds were invested in the Main Portfolio.

	Benchmark allocation (%) at 31 March 2009	Actual allocation (%) at 31 March 2009
AMPCI Australasian Shares	10.0	10.2
AllianceBernstein Australasian Shares	10.0	10.67
AllianceBernstein Global Value Shares	9.0	8.06
AMPCI Core Global Shares	9.0	8.88
AMPCI Core Hedged Global Shares	19.35	16.54
AMPCI Extended Market Global Shares	3.15	3.2
NZ Assets Management Global Shares	4.5	5.39
AMPCI NZ Property	10.0	10.42
ING Global Property	10.0	4.94
ING NZ Bond Fund	3.0	7.79
ING NZ Government Bond Fund	2.0	4.41
Tower Asset Management Global Bonds	10.0	5.29
ING Wholesale NZ Cash	0	4.21

The costs of expenses for this Choice were 0.61%.

Investment Configuration

Member Investment Choice options were implemented from 01 October 2008 to replace the former Main and Cash Portfolios.

The timing of this implementation was unfortunate as, at the time markets were volatile and reducing in value rapidly, however Trustees resolved to continue implementation in accordance with the published timetable.

As a consequence of being unable to sell down AMP Capital New Zealand Property assets those who had elected to transfer

from the Cash Portfolio to the Cash option were transferred to a ring-fenced Cash option until the AMPCI assets are sold.

Those who had elected to transfer to the Cash or Conservative option were given a further opportunity to complete a Member Investment Choice election given the investment performance that was known to them at the time.

In September 2008 the investment in the ING Global Property Fund was completed although for a smaller amount than originally planned. The investment in the

Tyndall Hedge Fund will not now proceed in the near future.

The net 50% currency hedge on global shares was finalised in March 2009.

In a difficult year Trustees have maintained a close watch on the scheme's investments and sought more regular advice from the Investment Adviser. Since August 2008 all new net contributions have been invested in the ING Wholesale Cash Fund. This decision was taken to provide the scheme with extra liquidity and will continue until this need is declared 'not required' by Trustees.

Trustees

In July 2008 the New Zealand Fire Service Commission notified the scheme that Trustee Brett Warwick had been replaced by Janine Hearn.

Trustees met on five occasions during the year.

The costs

For a number of years the scheme's Management Expenses Ratio (MER) has been measured by comparing the administration expenses and the investment management fees to the net asset value of the scheme.

Over the last year an increasing number of Investment Managers have commenced deducting investment management fees directly from the Funds.

As such any MER comparison with previous years is of little value.

The Trustees have calculated the MER for the current year to be approximately 0.7919%.

When you compare these costs to other savings products in the market place the scheme's costs are significantly lower. The overall effect of lower costs to members is higher performance.

Scheme administration

Mercer continued to administer the scheme dealing with day to day enquiries through the HelpLine from their call centre in Melbourne.

Mary Garner, the Wellington based Administrator was replaced by William O'Riley and then Kerryn Ward who continues to administer the scheme in a very professional manner.

Member communication

Member meetings were held in most fire districts during the year and a DVD was produced and sent to all stations for Member viewing.

Legislation

The KiwiSaver Act 2006 was further amended in December 2008 to make changes to the KiwiSaver regime effective from 01 April 2009.

Consequently the Trust Deed of the scheme was required to be amended, with this being almost complete on 31 March 2009, permitting Members to make contributions to a 'Complying Superannuation Fund' within this scheme at either two or four per cent of their wages/salary with the remainder of their and the Employer contributions being placed in the regular section

of the scheme. The opportunity was taken to make other minor amendments to the Trust Deed at the same time.

Trustees updated both the Investment statement and the scheme brochure to ensure it remained accurate given changes to the scheme.

Scheme Solicitor

Ernie Gartrell, the scheme's Solicitor for almost twenty years, was replaced by DLA Phillips Fox in January 2009. Alasdair McBeth is the appointed Partner from DLA Phillips Fox who will work closely with the scheme going forward.

Privacy issues

The scheme's Privacy Officer reported that the scheme had complied with the Privacy Act and its principles throughout the year. No complaints related to privacy issues were received during the year.

Disputes

The Disputes Handling Procedure approved by the Trustees continued in place. There have been no amendments to the procedure and no notified disputes during the year.

Transfer from other funds

During the year transfers from other registered superannuation schemes totalling \$ 112 350 were received. A comparison of the transfers from other schemes over the last five years is shown below:

To 31 March	Transfer Value (\$)
2009	112 350
2008	399 986
2007	37 185
2006	520 728
2005	598 276

Voluntary contributions


During the year the scheme received voluntary contributions totalling \$ 41 416. Forty three members made voluntary contributions to the scheme in excess of their normal contributions.

Any member may make voluntary contributions at any time. If you wish to avail yourself of either of the two opportunities set out above contact the scheme Secretary at any of the contacts set out in the Directory inside the front cover.

Risk Management Policy & Plan

Work continued on the updating of a risk management policy and plan to identify and establish solutions for the risks the scheme faces in carrying out its normal business.

PRI Membership

 The scheme continued its policy of having adopted the United Nations Principles of Responsible Investing (UNPRI) during the year. Initial reporting on activity related to the Six Principles was completed during the year.

Membership

The number of members of the scheme increased slightly during the year.

A breakdown of the membership changes for the year follows:

Members at 01 April 2008	1747
New Members	81
Members leaving	
Death	2
Dismissal	0
Loss of medical fitness	7
Loss of physical fitness	0
Resignation	44
Retirement	13
Retrenchment	1
Subtotal	67
Members at 31 March 2009	1761

There were 43 deferred members of the scheme at 31 March 2009.

REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the reporting requirements of the Superannuation Schemes Act 1989 the Trustees:

- Confirm that all contributions required to be made to the scheme in accordance with the Trust Deed for the year ended 31 March 2009 have been made.
- Certify that all the benefits required to be paid from the scheme in accordance with the Trust Deed for the year ended 31 March 2009 have been paid.
- Certify that the market value of the assets of the scheme as at 31 March 2009 equalled or exceeded the total value of all benefits that would have been payable had all members ceased to be members at that date.
- Confirm there have been no amendments to the Trust Deed of the scheme during the year ended on 31 March 2009.
- Confirm the interim interest rates for the Main and Cash Portfolios that applied until 30 September 2008 were:

Interest rates (%)	Main Portfolio	Cash Portfolio
01 April to 12 May	-5.80	+5.00
13 May to 09 June	-5.01	+5.48
10 June to 25 June	+2.94	+0.44
26 June to 20 August	+3.57	+0.88
21 August to 02 September	-0.07	+1.31
03 September to 21 September	+0.44	+1.86
22 September to 12 October	+1.39	+2.10
13 October to 15 October	-5.67	+2.52

- Confirm the interim interest rates for the Member Investment Choice options that applied from 01 October 2008 to 31 March 2009 were:

Interest rates (%)	Ring-fenced Cash	Cash Option	Conservative Option	Balanced Option	High Growth Option
Rest of October	+0.42	-4.03	-3.92	-6.94	-8.70
November	+0.33	+0.00	-0.22	-1.24	-2.47
December	+0.38	+0.21	+0.59	+0.43	+0.26
January	+0.14	+0.16	+0.07	-0.80	-1.37
February	+0.19	+0.20	-1.25	-4.08	-5.91
March	+0.09	+0.24	+0.13	+0.69	+0.95

- Confirm the market value of assets subject to complying fund rules is \$ 410 699.06, these assets relate to 66 members and the value of withdrawals subject to complying fund rules was \$ 1,234.11.

In accordance with the Securities Act 1978 the Trustees confirm:

- That no trustee, promoter, or manager of the scheme, or any director of that trustee, promoter, or manager has, during the last 5 years preceding the balance date, been adjudged bankrupt or insolvent, convicted of any crime involving dishonesty, prohibited from acting as a director of a company, or placed in statutory management or receivership.
- None of the scheme's assets (calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice) was, at any time during

the year preceding the balance date, represented directly or indirectly by any securities that were issued by a trustee, manager or custodian of the scheme (or any associated person of any of them).

- No legal proceedings or arbitrations were pending at the balance date that may have a material adverse effect on the scheme.
- In their opinion, after due enquiry by them, that neither
 - the value of the scheme's assets relative to its liabilities (including contingent liabilities);
 - the ability of the scheme to pay its debts as they become due in the normal course of business
 have materially and adversely changed since the balance date.

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

		2009	2008
		\$	\$
Investment and Administration Activities			
Investment Revenue	Note 1	(27,984,810)	(11,802,912)
Investment Expenses		<u>(419,367)</u>	<u>(613,623)</u>
Net Investment Revenue		(28,404,177)	(12,416,535)
Administration Expenses	Note 2	<u>(592,288)</u>	<u>(481,028)</u>
Change in Net Assets Before Taxation and Membership Activities		(28,996,465)	(12,897,563)
Taxation Credit / (Expense)		<u>1,390,398</u>	<u>(1,855,803)</u>
Change in Net Assets After Taxation		(27,606,067)	(14,753,366)

Membership Activities

Contributions:

Transfers In	112,350	399,986
Members	5,737,368	5,622,100
Lump Sum	41,416	263,788
Employer	8,698,615	8,467,489
FSC Reimbursement	<u>201,366</u>	<u>-</u>
	14,791,115	14,753,363
Withdrawals, Retirements and Other Benefits	<u>(14,195,528)</u>	<u>(11,803,272)</u>
Net Contributions Received	595,587	2,950,091

Liability for Promised Benefits

Liability for Promised Benefits at Beginning of Year	253,624,375	265,427,650
Net (Decrease) in Net Assets After Taxation	(27,606,067)	(14,753,366)
Net Contributions Received	<u>595,587</u>	<u>2,950,091</u>
Liability for Promised Benefits at End of Year	<u>226,613,895</u>	<u>253,624,375</u>

Represented as at 31 March by:

Member Accounts	94,071,901	106,686,047
Employer Accounts	132,541,994	146,938,328
Reserve Account	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Liability for Promised Benefits	<u>226,613,895</u>	<u>253,624,375</u>

NET ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2009

Assets

Cash		182,456	18,991,229
Investments:			
Short Term Securities	75,609,906		20,374,510
New Zealand Fixed Interest	25,099,675		42,233,867
Offshore Fixed Interest	40,402,965		39,692,120
New Zealand Equities	9,122,405		17,775,806
Offshore Equities	58,041,110		96,688,069
Property	<u>18,155,246</u>		<u>17,278,834</u>
		226,431,307	234,043,206
Receivables	-		925,898
Tax Refundable	<u>696,720</u>		<u>1,091,872</u>
		<u>696,720</u>	<u>2,017,770</u>
Total Assets		<u>227,310,483</u>	<u>255,052,205</u>
Less:			
Payables	208,472		451,546
Deferred Taxation	<u>488,116</u>		<u>976,284</u>
		<u>696,588</u>	<u>1,427,830</u>
Net Assets Available to Pay Benefits at End of Year		<u>226,613,895</u>	<u>253,624,375</u>

NOTES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Note 1: Investment Revenue		
Interest	818,961	1,233,231
Dividends	-	5,914,745
Change in Net Market Value of:		
New Zealand Fixed Interest	10,671,328	3,136,228
Offshore Fixed Interest	(5,306,734)	(1,610,916)
New Zealand Equities	(3,237,195)	(6,655,764)
Offshore Equities	(25,252,575)	(16,476,145)
Property	(5,688,108)	2,655,709
Sundry Income	9,513	-
	<u>(28,803,771)</u>	<u>(18,950,888)</u>
Total Investment Revenue	<u>(27,984,810)</u>	<u>(11,802,912)</u>
Note 2: Administration Expenses		
Accountancy Fees	14,850	10,800
Administration Fees	218,540	156,196
Audit Fees	18,144	17,000
Interest Expense	8,294	-
Investment Advice	111,996	105,134
Legal Fees	16,456	12,949
Printing & Stationery	17,761	6,511
Tax Consultancy Fees	101,290	70,722
Trustees Fees & Expenses	79,812	87,269
Other Administration Fees	5,145	14,447
	<u>592,288</u>	<u>481,028</u>
Summary of Cash Flows		
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	2,392,612	4,605,524
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(21,201,385)	2,910,596

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Presented on pages 12 and 13 are the Summary Financial Statements of the New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme, a profit-oriented entity, for the year ended 31 March 2009, which were extracted from the full Financial Statements which comply with the New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ('NZIFRS'). These were authorised for issue by the Trustees on 15 June 2009.

An unqualified audit report was issued for the full financial statements on the 15 June 2009.

As the summary Financial Statements do not include all the disclosures that are in the full Financial Report, it cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as produced by the full Report of the Financial Performance, Financial Position and

Cash Flows of the Scheme. These summary Financial Statements are in compliance with FRS-43: Summary Financial Reports.

The full Financial Statements are available to members from the scheme Secretary at no charge. The postal address of the scheme Secretary is:

The Secretary to the Trustees
New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme
 PO Box 36287
 Merivale
 CHRISTCHURCH 8146

To the members of the New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme

We have audited the summary financial statements of the New Zealand Fire Service Superannuation Scheme (“the Scheme”) for the year ended 31 March 2009 as set out on pages 12 and 13.

This report is provided solely for your exclusive use and solely for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the summary financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2009. Our report is not to be used for any other purpose, recited or referred to in any document, copied or made available (in whole or in part) to any other person without our prior written express consent. We accept or assume no duty, responsibility or liability to any other party in connection with the report or this engagement, including without limitation, liability for negligence.

Board of Trustees’ Responsibilities

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the preparation of summary financial statements in accordance with New Zealand law and generally accepted accounting practice.

Auditors’ Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express to you an independent opinion on the summary financial statements.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with New Zealand Auditing Standards. We planned and performed procedures to ensure the summary financial statements are consistent with the full financial statements on which the summary financial statements are based. We also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the summary financial statements against the requirements of FRS-43: Summary Financial Reports.

Other than in our capacity as auditor and the provision of taxation advice, we have no relationship with or interests in the Scheme.

Unqualified Opinion

In our opinion, the information reported in the summary financial statements complies with FRS-43: Summary Financial Reports and is consistent with the full financial statements from which it is derived and upon which we expressed an unqualified audit opinion in our report to the members dated 15 June 2009.

For a better understanding of the scope of our audit of the Scheme’s financial statements and of the Scheme’s net assets, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year ended 31 March 2009, this report should be read in conjunction with the Scheme’s audited financial statements for that period.

Our examination of the summary financial statements was completed on 15 June 2009 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.



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