

# Financial Services and Credit Guide



## Financial Advice Centre

We can help you prepare for a brighter future



This Financial Services and Credit Guide (FSCG) contains information that will help you decide whether to use the financial services we offer. It sets out:

- who we are and how we can be contacted
- the advice and services we provide
- information about our licensee Charter Financial Planning Limited (Charter)
- our fees and how we, your adviser and Charter, are paid in connection with those services
- how we manage your private information
- how you can complain about a matter relating to us or Charter

## Documents you may receive

We will provide you with a number of documents as you progress through our financial planning process to capture each stage of your advice journey. We may provide these documents to you electronically to your nominated email address, unless otherwise agreed.

When we provide personal advice it will normally be documented and provided to you in a Statement of Advice (SOA), known as a financial plan. The financial plan contains a summary of your goals and the strategies and any financial products we may recommend to achieve your goals. It also provides you with detailed information about product costs and the fees and other benefits we and others will receive, as a result of the advice we have provided.

If we provide further personal advice a financial plan may not be required. We will keep a record of any further personal advice we provide you for seven years. You may request a copy of such records by contacting our office during that period.

If we recommend or arrange a financial product for you we will provide a product disclosure statement (PDS) or investor directed portfolio service (IDPS) guide where relevant. These documents contain the key features of the recommended product, such as its benefits and risks as well as the costs you will pay the product provider to professionally manage that product.

You should read any warnings contained in your advice document, the PDS or IDPS guide carefully before making any decision relating to a financial strategy or product.

# About our practice

## Financial Advice Centre 'We can help you prepare for a brighter future'

We understand that everyone's needs and goals are different. Whether you are looking for financial advice to help achieve your long-term goals or facing a life changing event, we are here to help you choose the right path.

## Let us show you the way to a great future

We're here to help you make better, more educated decisions regarding building, managing and protecting wealth.

We offer a wealth of experience and knowledge and can show you how to achieve your life goals and ambitions. Importantly, we will also help you protect your wealth and your income.

We operate under the principle of Fee for Advice. Our transparent approach to the way we charge our fees ensures you'll always be confident our advice is based on YOUR best interests.

## About us

Our clients include families, employees, professional service providers, and owners of small to large businesses. The common element that they share is leading busy lives, often at the expense of planning their financial futures.

We assist them by outlining and analysing the many facets of their finances, followed by implementing strong plans to ensure they reach their financial goals.

We've found the biggest mistake people make is to assume they don't have the income or financial assets to prepare a plan. We just love it when our clients express their delight upon discovering the financial goals they can achieve with sound professional financial planning.

We welcome your enquiry. Your first meeting, where we discuss your current financial position and future goals, won't cost you anything.

Over 300 households turn to Financial Advice Centre for their financial planning needs.

## Summary of the business

Name	SSFS Pty Ltd trading as Financial Advice Centre as Trustee of the MA & J Butters Family Trust
Australian Business Number	55 665 335 692
Australian Company Number	100 654 733
Authorised representative number	001239006

## Our office contact details

Address	234 Magill Road, Beulah Park, SA 5067
Phone	08 8332 4411
Fax	08 8332 4433
Email	Office @facentre.com.au
Website	www.financialadvicecentre.com.au

This guide provides information about our advisers including their contact details, qualifications, experience, the services they may offer and financial products they can provide advice on.

## Our advice and services

We can provide you with personal and general advice about specific services and financial products listed below. We can also arrange for financial products to be issued without advice from us.

Individual advisers within our practice may not be qualified to provide advice in all of the services and products noted below. Their individual profile guides will note any limitations to the advice they are qualified to provide. At all times we will ensure the appropriate adviser is available to you to provide advice consistent with your goals.

The following table sets out the areas of advice we can help you with as well as the products and services we can arrange.

Any additional advice or services we can offer you, or limitations to the list below, will be outlined in **Our Financial Advisers and Credit Advisers** on page 12.

We can provide advice on	We can arrange the following products and services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— Investments strategies (strategic asset allocation)</li><li>— Budget and cash flow management</li><li>— Debt management (including borrowing for personal purposes)</li><li>— Salary packaging</li><li>— Superannuation strategies and retirement planning</li><li>— Personal insurance</li><li>— Estate planning</li><li>— Centrelink and other government benefits</li><li>— Ongoing advice and services, including regular portfolio reviews</li><li>— Aged care</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— Superannuation, including retirement savings accounts</li><li>— Self-managed superannuation funds (SMSF)</li><li>— Managed investments</li><li>— Deposit and payment products (for example term deposits, cash management accounts and non-cash payment products)</li><li>— Retirement income streams, including pensions and annuities</li><li>— Personal and group Insurance (life cover, disability, income protection and trauma)</li><li>— Life investment products including whole of life, endowment and bonds</li><li>— Exchange traded funds and Listed investment companies</li><li>— Arranging for listed securities, shares and debentures to be bought and sold via a platform and broker.</li></ul>

Charter maintains an approved products and services list from a diversified selection of approved Australian and International providers, including companies related to Charter. These have been researched by external research houses as well as our in-house research team.

Charter periodically reviews these products to ensure that they remain competitive with similar products that address similar client needs and objectives. Generally, we recommend products that are on the approved products and services list. However, if appropriate for your needs, we may, subject to Charter's approval, recommend other products.

A copy of the approved products and services list can be supplied to you upon request.

If we recommend a new platform or portfolio administration service, we use those approved by Charter.

As at September 2019, the lenders whose products are most commonly recommended by Accredited Mortgage Consultants authorised by Charter are CBA, ANZ, Bankwest, AFG Home Loans – Alpha, ING and Westpac.

## Tax implications of our advice

Under the Tax Agent Services Act 2009, SSFS Pty Ltd, trading as Financial Advice Centre is authorised by the Tax Practitioners Board to provide tax (financial) advice services on matters that are directly related to the nature of the financial planning advice provided to you. We will not consider any other tax matters in our advice to you. Where tax implications are discussed they are incidental to our recommendations and only included as an illustration to help you decide whether to implement our advice.

## Transaction services

We can arrange to complete transactions for you on limited types of financial products where we can take your instructions and arrange for the transaction to be completed, without providing personal advice. If you wish to proceed without our advice, we will ask you to confirm your instructions, which will be documented in writing. We will keep a record of this documentation for seven years. You may request a copy of such records by contacting our office during that period.

## Your relationship with us and using our services

You can contact us directly with any instructions relating to your financial products. This includes giving us instructions by telephone, mail or email. We can only accept your instructions via email once you have signed an authority form.

We will work with you to agree what advice and services we will provide and when and how often we will provide them.

Where you agree to ongoing advice or fixed-term advice and services, the details will be documented and provided to you in an advice or service agreement. This includes the frequency of contact between us, service standards that may apply, any ongoing or fixed-term fee arrangements and how the agreement can be terminated.

If at any time you wish to terminate your relationship with us, please contact us using the details shown in this guide.

## Providing information to us

It is important that we understand your circumstances and goals, so that we can provide you with appropriate advice and services. You have the right not to provide us with any personal information. Should you choose to withhold information, or if information you provide is incomplete or inaccurate the advice or services we provide you may not be appropriate for you.

It is also important that you keep us up to date by informing us of any changes to your circumstances so we are able to determine if our advice continues to be appropriate.

## Our fees

The actual fee charged to you will depend on the nature of the advice or service we provide. We will discuss and agree the actual fees with you before we proceed. The following section outlines the types of fees that may apply.

The fees charged for our advice and services may be based on a combination of:

- A set dollar amount; or
- A percentage based fee.

Our agreed advice and service fees may include charges for:

- Initial advice;
- Ongoing or fixed-term advice and services.

Please note that for services in relation to insurance, banking deposit products, some loan products and older investment products, commissions may be paid by the product provider as follows:

- Initial commission - a percentage of the value of your investment contributions; and
- Ongoing commission - a percentage of the value of your investment balance, usually calculated at the end of each month in which you hold the investment.

### Payment methods

We offer you the following payment options for payment of our advice fees:

- BPAY, direct debit (savings), credit card or cheque; and
- Deduction from your investment.

All fees and commissions will be paid directly to Charter as the licensee. They retain an amount (a licensee fee) to cover their licensee costs and the balance is passed on to us. The amount is determined annually, based on a number of factors, including our business revenue and the number of advisers in the practice.

For more information on our services, please see our **Schedule of fees** available on request.

### Other costs

Where other costs are incurred in the process of providing our advice and services to you, you will be liable for these costs. However, we will agree all additional costs with you prior to incurring them.

## Other benefits we may receive

The following is a list of benefits we may receive other than those explained above. These are not additional costs to you. These benefits may be monetary or things like training, events or incentives we are eligible for.

In addition to the payments we may receive for my advice and services, we may receive other support services from the licensee. We may also be eligible to receive financial and training assistance, prizes and awards or events in recognition of financial planning excellence and innovation including if we qualify under the licensee's excellence program, and business performance or business costs. These benefits are paid either at the licensee's discretion or depending on meeting certain qualifying criteria including the quality of my services, business goals and ranking against other practices in Charter. The amounts are set by the licensee from time to time (usually on an annual basis). We may also participate in business lunches or receive corporate promotional merchandise tickets to sporting or cultural events and other similar items.

### **Development, management and advice (DMA) recognition**

We may qualify to receive a DMA payment to recognise our growth and professionalism. The DMA is based on a rate, and determined by our ranking relative to other Charter Financial Planning practices. The relevant rate may range from 0% to 3.25%, depending on our ranking and whether or not we qualify for the certified quality advice program (see the "certified quality advice program" section below). The rate is then applied to our practice revenue earned in the prior year and paid to us across the current year.

For 2018 we were successful in receiving a DMA amount of \$5467, which will be paid to us in 2 instalments in 2019. This DMA amount may be used as an offset against our licensee fees.

For example, if our DMA is set at 1% and our revenue for the period was \$200,000, we would receive a total of \$2,000 for that year, paid over 2 instalments this year.

### **How our performance was ranked**

Ranking of practices was determined by a points system which was a broad measure of the growth and professionalism of our practice as compared to other practices in the Charter Financial Planning network. The points system was based on a combination of factors within a balanced scorecard such as the quality of our services, compliance, our business goals and our engagement with our clients through a measure called Advice Growth Index (AGI). AGI measured the value of our fee for service revenue and the change in our clients' product holdings over the measurement period. The AGI measure ceased to be a component within the balanced scorecard after 2018. Ranking methodology for recognition after 2018 is still to be determined.

### **Buyout option**

If we leave the financial services industry, we are eligible to sell the register rights of our client base to Charter Financial Planning Limited. The valuation of these rights is based on a multiple of the annual financial planning revenue generated by our practice.

### **Personal and professional development**

Charter provides personal and professional development opportunities in the form of education and professional development programs, offered annually to qualifying practices.

#### **Advice Summit**

The Advice Summit is a national convention available to advisers from all Charter practices. Charter subsidises the expenses of those who attend the convention up to a maximum value of \$1,200 per annum per practice.

#### **Charter Leaders program**

Each year, practices that meet particular criteria may be awarded entry into the Charter Leaders program. The criteria is based on a combination of factors including the quality of services, business goals and rankings against other practices in Charter. The Charter Leaders program provides access to personal and professional development courses organised by Charter. Charter may subsidise the cost of these courses up to amounts as determined by Charter from time to time.



### **Business support**

We might receive financial and non-financial assistance including subsidies or reimbursements for accounting, legal and bank fees; marketing, badging rights, or other once-off transitional support costs, to help us grow our business or implement appropriate succession planning options.

Charter will also provide a grant to us if we meet specific qualification criteria by reimbursing the practice up to \$3,750 per authorised representative to meet the training and education requirements for financial advisers as required by Financial Adviser Standards and Ethics Authority.

### **Para-planning costs subsidy**

We may be eligible for a subsidy from AMP in relation to paraplanning costs, depending on the number of paraplanning requests that we make in a particular month. If our practice submits a minimum of 5 paraplanning requests per eligible authorised representative in our practice, we receive a discount of up to 25% in relation to these costs. For example, if the total cost of 5 SOAs is \$1,000 we will receive a discount of up to \$250 ( $25\% \times \$1,000 = \$250$ ) and pay a discounted fee of minimum \$750.

### **Placement fees**

From time to time Charter will receive fees from brokers or product issuers (including AMP group companies) for arranging client participation in Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) of financial products. The fee, which is generally a percentage of the fee paid to the broker, varies from offer to offer and by the level of participation by Charter. We may share in this fee based on the level of participation by our clients.



# Relationships and associations

It is important that you are aware of the relationships that Charter has with providers of financial services and products as they could be seen to influence the advice you receive.

## About our licensee

Charter Financial Planning Limited

ABN 35 002 976 294

Australian Financial Services Licensee and Australian Credit Licensee No: 234665

Charter:

- Approved the distribution of this guide
- Authorised us to provide advice and other services as described in this guide
- Authorised us to provide credit assistance services to you

Charter's registered office is located at 33 Alfred Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

## About the AMP Group

Charter is a member of the AMP group of companies. We can provide advice on products from a wide range of financial product providers, some of which are related or associated with Charter namely:

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| — National Mutual Funds Management Limited | — AMP Capital Funds Management Limited                |
| — NMMT Limited                             | — AMP Capital Investors Limited                       |
| — N.M. Superannuation Pty Limited          | — AMP Superannuation Limited                          |
| — Multiport Pty Limited                    | — AMP Life Limited                                    |
| — ipac asset management limited            | — Cavendish Superannuation Pty Ltd                    |
| — AMP Bank Limited                         | — Australian Securities Administration Limited (ASAL) |
| — SMSF Administration Solutions Pty Ltd    | — SuperConcepts Pty Ltd                               |

If we recommend a product issued by the AMP Group or a third party product issuer, they will benefit from our recommendation by receiving product, administration and investment fees, as well as fees paid by fund managers to distribute their product. These fees are all disclosed in the relevant PDS or IDPS guide.

Authorised representatives and/or staff employed in our business may hold shares in AMP Limited, whose share price may be favourably affected by the sale of products issued by AMP Group companies.

## Confidence in the quality of our advice

If at any time you feel like you are not satisfied with our services, the following will help you understand your options and find a resolution.

- Contact your adviser and tell them about your complaint.
- If your complaint is not satisfactorily resolved within three business days, please contact AMP Advice Complaints:
  - Phone 1800 812 388
  - Email [advicecomplaints@amp.com.au](mailto:advicecomplaints@amp.com.au)
  - In writing:  
**Attention: National Manager, Advice Complaints**  
33 Alfred Street  
Sydney NSW 2000
- They will try to resolve your complaint quickly and fairly.
- If your complaint has not been resolved satisfactorily, you may escalate your complaint to one of the following External Dispute Resolution Schemes listed below.

Any issues relating to financial advice, investments, superannuation, insurance matters, or credit matters	<b>Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA)</b> GPO Box 3 Melbourne VIC 3001  1800 931 678 <a href="http://www.afca.org.au">www.afca.org.au</a> <a href="mailto:info@afca.org.au">info@afca.org.au</a>
Any issue relating to your personal information	<b>The Privacy Commissioner</b> GPO Box 5218 Sydney NSW 2001  1300 363 992 <a href="mailto:privacy@privacy.gov.au">privacy@privacy.gov.au</a>

You may also contact the **Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC)** on 1300 300 630 (free call info line) to make a complaint and obtain information about your rights.

## Professional indemnity insurance

We maintain professional indemnity insurance to cover our advice and the recommendations provided by your adviser. Charter is also covered by professional indemnity insurance and this satisfies the requirements imposed by the Corporations Act 2001 and National Consumer Credit Protection Act. The insurance covers claims arising from the actions of former employees or representatives of Charter, even where subsequent to these actions they have ceased to be employed by or act for Charter.

# Your privacy

We are committed to protecting your privacy. Below we outline how we maintain the privacy of the information we collect about you.

## Privacy Collection Statement

As part of the financial planning process, we need to collect information about you. Where possible we will obtain that information directly from you, but if authorised by you we may also obtain it from other sources such as your employer or accountant. If that information is incomplete or inaccurate, this could affect our ability to fully or properly analyse your needs, objectives and financial situation, so our recommendations may not be completely appropriate or suitable for you.

We are also required under the Anti-Money-Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act (AML/CTF) 2006 to implement client identification processes. We will need you to present identification documents such as passports and driver's licences in order to meet our obligations.

We keep your personal information confidential, and only use it in accordance with our Privacy Policy. Some of the ways we may use this information are set out below:

- Your adviser and Charter may have access to this information when providing financial advice or services to you;
- Your adviser may, in the future, disclose information to other financial advisers, brokers and those who are authorised by Charter to review customers' needs and circumstances from time to time, including other companies within the AMP group (the Group);
- Your information may be disclosed to external service suppliers both here and overseas who supply administrative, financial or other services to assist your adviser and the Group in providing financial advice and services to you. A list of countries where these service providers are located can be found in the Group Privacy Policy;
- Your information may be used to provide ongoing information about opportunities that may be useful or relevant to your financial needs through direct marketing (subject to your ability to opt-out as set out in the Group Privacy Policy); and
- Your information may be disclosed as required or authorised by law and to anyone authorised by you.

Your adviser and Charter will continue to take reasonable steps to protect your information from misuse, loss, unauthorised access, modification or improper disclosure. You can request access to the information your adviser or Charter holds about you at any time to correct or update it as set out in the Group Privacy Policy. The Group Privacy Policy also contains information about how to make a complaint about a breach of the Australian Privacy Principles.

For a copy of Group's Privacy Policy visit <http://www.amp.com.au/privacy> or you can contact us.

# Our Financial Advisers and Credit Advisers

## About Mark Butters



Experience	Financial adviser since 1996
Phone	08 8332 4411
Email	mark@facentre.com.au
Authorised representative number	423985
Credit representative number	406638

### Qualifications (Finance related)

**Diploma of Financial Planning**

### Professional memberships

**AFA - Association of Financial Advisers**

### Professional designations

**FChFP - Fellow Chartered Financial Practitioner**

## The advice and services I can provide

I am authorised to provide the services listed in the **Our advice and services** section of this guide, except for the following:

- Aged care
- Goals based investing

Should you require advice and services that extend beyond my authority I can refer you to a suitably qualified professional.

I am also a Credit Representative of Charter and am authorised to provide Strategic debt advice regarding how to structure debt, suitability of existing loan structures and repayment options. I am not authorised to provide credit assistance. If you require advice involving mortgages or other lending products, I can refer you to an Accredited Mortgage Consultant.

## How I am paid

I receive the following from our practice:

- equity in the practice
- share of revenue

I have equity in SSFS Pty Ltd (ACN 100 654 733) As Trustee for MA & J Butters Family Trust (ABN 55 665 335 692) , trading as 'Financial Advice Centre' and may receive capital and profit related benefits.

## About James Farrelly



Experience	Working in the financial services industry since 2008, advising since 2011.
Phone	08 8332 4411
Email	james@facentre.com.au
Authorised representative number	408930
Credit representative number	499849

### Qualifications (Finance related)

**Advanced Diploma of Financial Services (Financial Planning)**

**Bachelor of Commerce**

### Professional memberships

**AFA - Association of Financial Advisers**

## The advice and services I can provide

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## How I am paid

I receive the following from our practice:

- salary
- bonus

I am paid a salary from SSFS Pty Ltd (ACN 100 654 733) as Trustee for MA & J Butters Family Trust (ABN 55 665 335 692), trading as 'Financial Advice Centre' and do not earn any fees, commissions or brokerage, but I may receive bonuses and other benefits when certain criteria such as achieving sales targets are met.

# Schedule of fees

These prices should be used as a guide only. We will discuss your individual needs and agree our fees with you. The actual agreed fees will depend on factors such as the complexity of your circumstances and goals and the scope of the advice.

## Initial service fees

These are fees paid when you have agreed to receive our advice:

Initial service	Fee amount
Adviser hourly service fee	\$330

## Ongoing service fees

We provide ongoing services to help you stay on track to meet your goals. Our ongoing service fees vary depending on the scope and complexity of services provided.

The amount of fees will depend on the service offering and these will be provided in a separate advice or services agreement.

## Commissions

We do not receive commissions on investments through new superannuation, managed funds or retirement products. However, some products, particularly older products, may attract commissions.

Any commission amounts will be disclosed to you when providing my advice. The following table is a guide of commissions we may receive.

Product type	Initial commission	Ongoing commission	Example
Investments	Up to 0% of all contributions made to the investment.	Up to 0.88% of the investment value each year.	If you made an investment of \$10,000, we would receive up to \$0.00 initially and \$88.00 pa ongoing.
Insurance (including those held within superannuation)	Up to 66% of the first year's premium for new policies implemented from 1 January 2020.		
	We may receive up to 77% of the first year's premium for new policies implemented between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019.	Up to 33% of the insurance premium each following year.	On insurance policies implemented from 1 January 2020, if your insurance premium was \$1,000, we would receive an initial commission of up to \$660.
	We may receive commissions on increases or additions to existing policies of up to 130%.		We would receive an ongoing commission of up to \$330.00 pa.

All fees and charges include GST.

If an agreed advice fee is charged then we may rebate all or some of the commission.