# **5** reasons why Australians love trusts

## And whether you should get one too

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#### Ask questions via the chat

#### There'll be lots of quizzes and polls etc



# Who am I?



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# Agenda

#### What is a trust?

#### 5 key advantages

- Succession planning
- Asset protection
- Less red tape
- Privacy
- Tax planning

#### **Common uses**

#### **Questions & Answers**

will be taken throughout the session!

#### 15 min

#### 20 min

#### 15 min















property

**Trust** 





## **Beneficiaries**

## What does a trust deed look like?



## 5 advantages of using a discretionary trust







## Which of the following is NOT a reason to setup a trust?

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## Flexibility



Trust

Year 1

### Revenue distributions



Year 2

# Capital distributions





## Less compliance

## Companies

 $\checkmark$ 

## **Register with ASIC**

Lodge annual reports\*

Independent audits\*



 $\checkmark$ 

\*When certain thresholds are met



#### Trusts







## Tax planning

Income splitting Streaming 50% CGT discount

**Capital gains** 



Trust

- High income
- High marginal tax rate
- Prior year capital losses

- Losses are trapped in the trust
- Not good for negatively geared assets



#### **Dividend income**

- Minimal income
- Lower marginal tax rate
- No carried forward losses

## Quiz!

Your neighbours ask you...

They want to buy a rental property that will be negatively geared for 10 years. They want to reduce the tax they currently pay. How should they structure the purchase?



## **Trust**

- High income
- High marginal tax rate

- High income



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#### How should the property purchase be structured?

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## Question

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## Trust



High marginal tax rate

## Answer

They should hold the property in their own names so they can offset the rental loss against their personal tax.

Losses are trapped in a trust. If held in a trust, the rental losses would be trapped and cannot be offset against their personal taxable income and cannot reduce their personal tax.

High incomeHigh marginal tax rate

# Common Uses of Trusts



## Long term investment vehicle

50% CGT discount Income splitting Streaming



## **Succession planning**

Flexibility

Adult tax rates for minors

Asset protection

Created by will upon death





Testamentary Trust



Complex and expensive to administer

# Holding shares in a company

Dividends



Dividends

All the advantages of running the business in a company but the benefit of flexible distributions via a trust



Capital gain 50% CGT discount

Capital gain 50% CGT discount

## Carrying on a family business (maybe)

#### Advantages

- Can distribute to most tax advantaged beneficiary each year
- Can distribute to adult children with lower marginal rate (?)
- Flexible



Maybe for family business providing services?



#### Disadvantages

- Must distribute all income otherwise penalty tax
- Difficult to introduce new investors
- Losses are trapped
- Complex!



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Why would you choose to run a family business through a trust rather than a company? (purely from a tax perspective)

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# What was your no.1 key takeaway?









### What was your number 1 key takeaway from today's session?

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