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### **Austral Credit Union and IOOF provide new financial planning service**

Austral Credit Union (Austral) and IOOF have joined forces to provide Austral members with access to a professional financial planning service. The new service brings together expert advisers from around Australia to assist Austral members with their financial planning needs.

David Edwards, Austral Chief Executive Officer, said the launch of this new service presents a great opportunity for their members to access professional financial advice.

“Australia’s financial landscape is constantly changing. It’s difficult to keep up with new developments in tax, superannuation and investment legislation. A financial adviser can help our members navigate their way through the vast number of investment choices available.

“We’re pleased to be forming an alliance with the IOOF Group to offer this service. In IOOF, we have found a company that shares the same values and service standards.”

Austral Financial Planning will be a corporate authorised representative of Consultum Financial Advisers (Consultum), a wholly owned member of the IOOF Group.

Stuart Abley, Head of Consultum, said he was excited about the opportunity created through the joint initiative.

“This presents a great opportunity for Austral members to access quality financial advice from qualified professionals, regardless of where they’re located around Australia. The advisers who make up the Austral Financial Planning team are experienced advisers who can tailor financial advice depending on the needs and goals of the individual member,” Stuart said.

Austral Financial Planning is just one of the new services recently launched by Austral to assist members. Over the last 12 months, they created a team of mobile lenders, and launched a reverse mortgage product, a competitive direct savings product and a visa credit card with a zero dollar application fee.

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