

# WHK LRK-Walkers Staff Profile:

## Luke Mulheran

Luke Mulheran is an accountant in our Dalby office, where he has been a valued member of Michael Kelly's team since commencing with the firm in September 2001.

Luke is originally a Dalby local, having completed his schooling in the town before moving to Toowoomba to attain his Bachelor of Science (Physics) degree. Wanting to broaden his horizons, Luke then worked in the building trade before turning his hand to farming.

Always keen for a challenge, Luke then decided to move into the accounting field thus starting work with LRK-Walkers and gaining his Bachelor of Commerce. Luke is currently studying for his CPA qualifications and is an avid organiser of many of the firm's fundraising and social events.

On the weekends you will find Luke on the footy field playing Rugby Union for the Dalby Wheatmen. Luke also enjoys spending time relaxing with friends and family at home where you will find him behind the BBQ cooking up a storm or playing guitar.



## SuperSeek and you may find some of the lost \$billions is yours



With \$9.7 billion of lost superannuation lying in Australian funds, you'd think people would be lining up to claim their share but, despite easy ways to track it down, the amount of money in lost super accounts is steadily growing.

Accounts become lost when the superannuation fund loses contact with the individual account holder. This can happen when individuals change jobs or move house without advising their superannuation fund.

While superannuation funds try to contact their lost account holders, they aren't always successful.

You don't have to wait for a fund to find you. You can find missing super by searching the Lost Members Register (LMR) which holds details of lost superannuation accounts, including the name of the superannuation fund that reported the account as lost.

The Tax Office has two automated services that can be used to search the LMR and other Tax Office records for lost super.

So, if you think you may have lost track of some of your super, there are two easy ways you can search:

1. Conduct a free online search using SuperSeeker which is available at [www.ato.gov.au/super](http://www.ato.gov.au/super). You will need to provide your name, date of birth and tax file number to start your search.
2. Phone the SuperSeeker self-help phone service on 13 28 65. Follow the prompts to enter your tax file number and date of birth. Have a pen and paper ready.

SuperSeeker is available right now to help you find and claim your share of the lost \$9.7 billion.

# Help available for drought-affected areas

The Tax Office can help taxpayers affected by the drought by giving them more time to lodge and pay their income tax and activity statements. This includes:

- Allowing more time to lodge activity statements or tax returns without penalty

- Allowing additional time to pay tax debts without incurring charges
- Arranging for tax debts to be paid in instalments
- Remitting penalties or interest that may have been imposed, and
- Fast-tracking refunds.

## Queensland Drought Assistance

### Drought Declared

#### Drought Relief Assistance Scheme (DRAS)

- Freight subsidy on transport of fodder, water, returning stock from agistment and restocking credits. **Contact DPI&F - Ph: 13 25 23**

#### Interim Income Support Arrangements

- Interim income support for 6 months.
- Eligibility conditions apply - including: that an application for full Exceptional Circumstances (EC) declaration for your area must have been submitted and your area has been drought declared prima facie by the Australian Government whilst an application for full EC declaration is considered.

#### QRAA

- Interest only payments on existing loans.
- Drought recovery loans.
- Drought carry-on loans.
- Primary Industry Productivity Enhancement Scheme (PIPES) loans:
  - Development.
  - First Start.
  - Land Care.
- FarmBis Grants.
- NB: Eligibility conditions apply.

**Contact QRAA - 1800 623 946**  
[www.qraa.qld.gov.au](http://www.qraa.qld.gov.au)

#### Other Assistance

- Land rent deferrals - contact Dept of NRW.
- Electricity cost concessions - Tariff 68, waiving of fixed charges, deferral of payments. Contact your supplier.
- Vehicle inspection fees waived, hay cartage load concessions, increased school transport allowance. Contact Dept of Transport.

### Exceptional Circumstances Declared

#### Interest Rate Subsidy

- Subsidy of up to 50% of annual interest costs.
- Eligibility conditions apply.

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#### Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payment

- Contact Centrelink. **Ph: 13 23 16**
- Fortnightly income support payments.
- Approx maximum amounts are:
  - Single \$394.60/fortnight.
  - Couple \$712.00/fortnight.
- Any farm or off-farm income may reduce the amount of income support.
- People receiving income support may also be eligible for Health Care Card. NB: Eligibility conditions apply.

#### Rebates for Council rates

Assistance for drought affected producers providing a 50% rebate (uncapped) on local government rates levied during 2006-07 and 2007-08 to eligible farmers with properties in EC areas who are receiving Centrelink EC Relief Payments.

#### Drought Declared Assistance

Assistance available in drought declared areas is generally also available to producers in EC declared areas.

#### Rural Assist Information Network

[www.rain.net.au](http://www.rain.net.au)  
Information for primary producers and rural communities.

### Assistance available at all times

#### Drought Hotline

For further information please contact DPI&F's Drought Hotline between the hours of 8am and 6pm. Ph: **1800 025 656**

#### Farm Financial Counselling Service

Free and confidential service to help you:

- Understand your financial position.
- Identify and assess options.
- Negotiate with banks.
- Evaluate feeding costs.
- Consider Government assistance.

**Contact DPI&F - Ph: 13 25 23**

#### Family help and support.

- Legal Aid Qld & Farm & Rural Legal Service: Ph 1300 651 188
- Bush Connection - Supporting rural families - 4638 0135.
- Bush Connection - employment and training programs - 4639 7814
- Lifeline - 13 11 14
- Parent Line - 1300 301 300
- Women's Infolink - 1800 177 577
- Women's Legal Services - 1800 677 278
- Kids' Line - 1800 551 800
- Crisis Care (Kids & Families) - 24hrs - 1800 177 135

#### Water Rebates

Rebates will be provided on Part A water tariffs for irrigators in supplemented schemes who are receiving 20% or less of the announced allocation.

#### Farm Help

- Applications through Centrelink - 1800 050 585
- Assistance provided:
  - Income support
  - Re-establishment grant (up to \$50,000)
  - Re-training grant and professional advice grant (up to \$5,500)
- NB - Eligibility conditions apply.



To contact your nearest Farm Financial Counsellor for more information and help in deciding what assistance is best suited to your needs phone DPI&F's Business Information Centre on 13 25 23.



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**Toowoomba.** 146 Mort St, PO Box 22, Toowoomba Qld 4350.

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**Chinchilla.** 26 Middle St, PO Box 61, Chinchilla Qld 4413.

T: 07 4662 7108

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