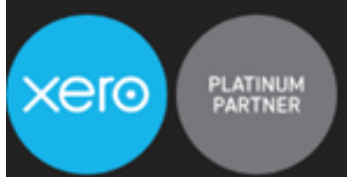


2024 Winter Newsletter



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Winter is coming

Winter is often seen as a big change to have to prepare for, winterizing the pool, boat, summer gear. The days are shorter which makes the nights longer. Temperatures are lower and it feels like everything in nature slows down, or goes into hibernation, to get ready for the mayhem and excitement of spring.



Use the time to properly prepare, set some plans and look for opportunities. Get out the thermals, your pom-pom hats and gloves and get amongst winter. Look out for the people around you, it is well documented that with less sunshine around us we are susceptible to being miserable and misery is catchy!

Be successful

When I write this, I mean set your own definition of success, enjoy what you have around you, the people and the things you have worked hard for.

Set your own success points for various plans or stages of the future. If you know what your success points are, it is then really important to celebrate them when they are achieved.

So, create a plan, set your success points, decide how you celebrate them, then make sure you celebrate them. You then have control of your own success – too many times we see people falling into the trap of chasing what other people see or say, what it means or looks like to be successful – **make it your own.**

A cool example is to save for what you desire, let's say a holiday. Open a bank account, make regular small deposits. Have steps along the way and celebrate as you reach them, say when you reach \$500, do something small, then when you reach \$1,000, go out for dinner, then when you reach your goal book your holiday or start making plans.

Make it your own success

Wishing all our clients in farming and agriculture a great winter



2024 Financial Statements

The sooner your information is in, the sooner you know your tax position.

Jobs in are processed on a 'first in – first out' basis.

Balance dates due now

31st March 2024 – due

31st May 2024 – due

If you require your year end check list please let us know or visit our website.

www.sgca.co.nz/news tab



Field Days NZ 12-15th June

Free - Under 5 year olds
\$ 15 – Child 5-14 yrs, 1 day pass
\$ 30 – Adult, 15 yrs+, 1 day pass
\$ 90 – Family 1 day pass,
(2 Adults, 3 Children)
\$100 – Adult, 15yrs+, 4 day pass

For those of our clients that are going along, make sure you have a great time and come home with a bargain!



Cracking down on tax dodgers & restoring fairness

New initiatives to make the tax system fairer and a crackdown on tax dodgers are expected to provide the Government with an extra \$726.3 million of revenue over the next four years.



Data is showing that under-declaring income, often via cash jobs is common.

Construction is the industry being mostly reported to IRD.

Inland Revenue will be sending emails and letters to customers with outstanding debt, overdue tax returns, or both. Compliance officers will also be doing site visits in high construction areas in key locations across New Zealand.

Families to receive up to \$75 per week with Early Childcare Education (ECE) fees, from 1st July

Hardworking families are set to benefit from a new credit to help them meet their early childcare education (ECE) costs.

From 1st July, parents and caregivers of young children will be supported to manage the rising cost of living getting back up to 25 percent of their weekly fees, to a maximum of \$75 per week.

The credit of up to \$75.00 per week relates to fees incurred with a licenced ECE provider after the 20 hours free and MSD's childcare subsidy are taken into account.

All families earning up to \$180,000 with childcare costs are eligible. However, to ensure support goes to families who need it most, the maximum repayment will gradually reduce for families earning more than \$140,000. Household income will be calculated by Inland Revenue using the past three months; worth of actual reported income to determine eligibility. **Full details will be available on 30th May 2024.**

Financial Relief

Individuals, Companies, Partnerships, Trusts

Having trouble paying tax?

Don't get behind

Don't stick your head in the sand



Ask for help or ask us for a payment plan

Inland Revenue offer payment plans subject to the assessment of your situation.

In some cases Inland Revenue may require a 12 month cash flow forecast form to be completed (IR591 Form) and provided for assessment.

If applying yourself, please visit - www.ird.govt.nz/managing-my-tax/debt

You will need:

- Your IRD Number
- Your business/Partnership/Trust IRD Number

Or contact Julie here at the office and we can apply on your behalf.

Provisional Tax payments

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| Due 28 June 2024 | - May balance date |
| Due 28 July 2024 | - June balance date |
| Due 28 August 2024 | - March balance date |

Paying tax online

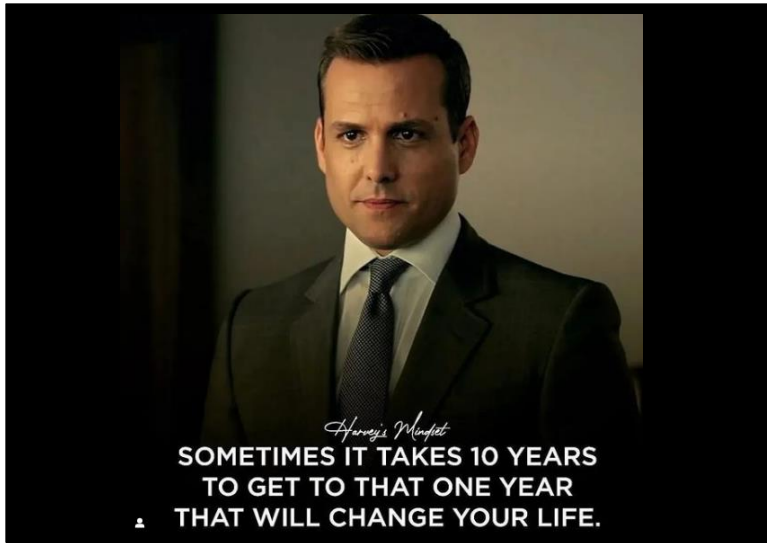
When you receive your Provisional and Terminal Tax Notices, PLEASE CHECK the tax year.

When making your payment online please be sure you are making it to the correct year. **This is important.**

By making payment to the incorrect year, you will incur a penalty, as the payment made has gone to the incorrect year.

"Get the right advice, we are here to help you"





Income Tax Relief as from 31st July 2024

From 31 July 2024, income tax thresholds will increase.

Current brackets \$	New brackets \$	Rate
0 - 14,000	0 - 15,600	10.5%
14,001 - 48,000	15,601 - 53,500	17.5%
48,001 - 70,000	53,501 - 78,100	30%
70,001 - 180,000	78,101 - 180,000	33%

Tax relief in Budget 2024 will let hard-working New Zealanders keep more of what they earn.

Households with children will benefit by \$78 per fortnight on average.

Overall, around 1.9 million households will benefit by \$60 per fortnight on average. The tax changes apply from 31st July 2024 apart from Family Boost which applies from 1st July 2024.

Extending the income limit for the independent earner tax credit to \$70,000 per annum means an additional 420,000 additional people (not receiving Working for Families, main benefits or superannuation) are eligible for up to \$20 per fortnight.

The new Family Boost Payment will help an estimated 100,000 families with the costs of early childhood education, by up to \$150 per fortnight.

Tax relief in Budget 2024 puts \$3.7 billion a year back into the pockets of New Zealanders. Tax relief is fully funded from savings and revenue initiatives, so the Government is not borrowing to fund this tax relief and it won't add inflation.

To find out more about the NZ Budget Announcement Visit – [Budget.govt.nz/budget/2024](https://budget.govt.nz/budget/2024)

Trusts – tax rate

If the trust's total net income (after expenses and distribution of income to beneficiaries) is \$10,000 or less, the current 33% trust tax rate will remain.

For trusts with net income above the threshold, the new 39% tax rate will apply to all income.

While the trust tax rate is 39%, trustees can still allocate income to beneficiaries instead of paying tax at the trust rate. This means that the beneficiaries return the income in their personal tax return and pay tax at their personal marginal rate.

Stats NZ Update

NZ Population: 5,338,900 (March 2024)	Consumers Price Index +4.0% (March 2024)	Migrant Departures 127,800 (March 2023 – March 2024)
Gross Domestic Product -0.1% (Dec 2023 quarter)	Migrant Arrivals 239,000 (March 2023 – March 2024)	Up 31% This is the highest on records for an annual period.
	Up 39%	

NZ Property Interest Limitation Rules –



From 1st April 2024 claiming interest as an expense for residential property will be phased back in.

A property purchased on or after 27 March 2021 can qualify for phased-out interest deductions only if it was purchased as a result of an offer made on or before 27 March 2021.

It does not matter whether the property is rented out long or short-term, used for short-stay accommodation some or all of the time, or left vacant.

Property types excluded

Main homes are generally not affected.

You cannot claim interest deductions for private use.

If the interest relates to income you earn in your main home, for example, from having flatmates or boarders, you can deduct some interest gain against this income.

Other properties excluded are listed in Schedule 15 of the Income Tax Act 2007



Artificial Intelligence

(AI) What's it going to look like in 10 years?

AI are computer systems capable of performing complex tasks that historically only a human could do, such as communication, making decisions, solving problems, writing essays, etc

AI is expected to become more influential in our lives, a transformation that raises hopes and concerns.

AI influences our everyday life without even knowing sometimes, such as virtual assistants, like Siri or Alexa on your smart phones. It's here and it's real featuring everywhere, ie: medicine, transportation, robotics, science, education, military, surveillance, finance, agriculture, entertainment, retail, customer service, manufacturing, online and much more.

Matariki Day—Friday, 28th June



Matariki is the Maori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises in mid-winter and for many Maori, it heralds the start and celebrations of a new year.

Competition - \$100 Voucher

Question:

How many public holidays do we share in 2024?



Please email your answer to kelly@sgca.co.nz. This draw closes Thursday 20th June at 3pm.

Winner to be drawn and notified by Julie on Thursday, 27th June at 10am To be named in our Spring Newsletter.



Carli, Jeanette, Charlotte, Steve, Kelly, Julie and Michael



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Please contact us if any of the content is of interest to you or would like to know more.

Sick days

After an employee has been working for you for six months, they are legally entitled to at least 10 days' paid sick leave per year.



Visit: www.business.govt.nz

As an employer:

1. Allow for employees to accumulate up to 20 days of sick leave. This means the employees can carry over 10 days of unused sick leave into the next year.
2. Allow employees to use sick leave to care for a sick or injured spouse, partner, dependent child or any other dependent individual.
3. Pay a sick employee what they would get if they had worked a normal day, including bonuses, overtime, etc.

As an employer you can:

1. Let employees who have worked for less than six months take sick leave in advance.
2. Choose to let employees carry over extra sick leave, beyond the 20 day requirements from year to year.
3. Offer more than 10 days of paid sick leave per year.
4. Ask for a doctor's certificate after three consecutive days.

Budget NZ – Free study for first year tertiary students has been scrapped.

The first year scheme will close to new entrants at the end of the year.

Learners entering their final year of study from January 2025 will be eligible, and payment will be made following the completion of their study programme.

The first payments under the new system will be made to learners after 1st January 2026.

The tertiary education minister said funding the final year of study would result in better educational outcomes with saving money.

This change will free up \$877 million over four years.

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