



**Newsletter, January 2012**

**Practice Update**

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you all enjoyed a break over the holiday period.

I would like to welcome Fausto to the practice!

Fausto is an experienced undergraduate accountant who I mentored for four years between 2006 and 2010, prior to establishing my practice. As Fausto previously assisted me with my clients, he will easily integrate into the practice. Fausto knows my values and client approach so his support with the compliance work will allow me more time to focus on technical issues and consulting. We intend to work hard to ensure that the practice continues to grow. Thank you all for referrals that allow this to happen.

I have just returned from Thailand. Hayley finished her volunteer work with the United Nations in Cambodia so we met in Bangkok and travelled north for two weeks. I'm an animal lover so the highlights for me were definitely the Elephant Camp and Tiger Temple.



“Bathing” elephants was a lot of fun, it basically meant that the elephant would sit down on the bottom of the river while you held on to the elephant (and your breath) and waited for it to resurface. Loss of the use of leg muscles the next day was the downside.

We spent a whole day at the Tiger Temple and saw how the tigers behaved throughout the day. In the morning, we hand fed the younger tigers (they were surprisingly gentle) then were given long sticks with entertaining attachments to play with the tigers. There was a small group of twenty five and everyone had a staff member constantly standing next to them in addition to the other staff there to watch the active tigers. All the tourist photo opportunities with the tigers are done after 1.30pm when they're all sleeping. All the tigers have grown up with human interaction so they're used to their attention. Hayley was lucky enough to get a tiger spray. Most of the staff all have scratches and scars. Remember to stay behind their shoulders, never bend down or turn your back to them!

**Lodgement Dates**

The December quarter has now ended so you should be aware of the following dates:

- 28 January 2012  
December quarter Superannuation due
- 28 February 2012  
December quarter BAS due

Kind regards,  
Nick

