



Newsletter, January 2015

Practice Update

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

Hayley and I enjoyed Christmas with her relatives in Christchurch, experiencing a brief 4.0 magnitude earthquake on Christmas Eve. We also spent two weeks travelling around the south island (staying in Mt Cook, Dunedin, Queenstown, Franz Josef & Greymouth). We spent a lot of time hiking around the national parks. The most difficult hike was a steep 2,200 step climb along ridges with a 600m height gain. We also enjoyed hiking on the glacier and a track that required a river crossing.



ATO cease paper activity statements for electronic lodgers

The ATO has stopped sending paper activity statements to any business that has lodged their last activity statement electronically. This is part of a program to transition everyone to being electronic lodgers and managing their own information on the Business Portal. The ATO will continue to send paper activity statements if you currently do not lodge electronically (or if your tax agent changes your setting back to a paper lodger). If you're lodging electronically but were using the paper statement as a reminder to get it done on time then you'll need to find a new reminder method.

Lodgement Dates

The end of the December quarter may easily be forgotten over the holiday period so you should be aware of the following dates:

- 28 January 2015 December quarter superannuation due
- 3 March 2015 December quarter Business Activity Statement (BAS) due

Did you know that if your Tax Agent lodges your quarterly BAS electronically, you get a four week electronic lodgement and payment concession? This isn't available for the December BAS as the normal due date is extended by four weeks after the holiday period for everyone.

Kind regards,
Nick