



**Newsletter, December 2016**

**Practice Update**

Fausto and I would like to thank clients, referrers and everyone that we have worked with this year for their support. We hope that the New Year brings everyone more business opportunities so that we can help contribute to the success and growth of client's businesses.

We would like to wish everyone and their families a very happy Christmas and New Year and we hope that everyone enjoys the summer break. We also hope that the New Year brings much happiness and success.

Hayley and I went to Beachport for three nights recently for our "summer" holiday, it may look warm but it wasn't! It was also our first holiday away with Elise who is now three months old (she still manages to sleep through the nights). Hopefully the weather will be consistently warmer now (Hayley's relatives are coming here from NZ after Christmas so that almost guarantees that there will be some 40° days).



**Superannuation changes finally legislated (non-concessional contribution opportunity to 30 June 2017)**

Prior to Budget night, if you were under 65 at any time during the current financial year, you were able to apply the 'bring-forward' rule and make three years worth of non-concessional (after-tax) contributions up to the \$540k limit (being the current and subsequent two year annual contribution limits) assuming that this rule was not triggered in any of the preceding two years.

Since Budget night, the 'bring-forward' rule would have normally reduced this current year limit to \$380k for 2017 but the legislation modifies the rule *temporarily* to be *three times the general non-concessional limit for the current year* (i.e. \$540k until 30 June 2017).

From 1 July 2017, the "bring-forward" rule will reduce the limit to \$300k (for fund balances under \$1.4m – there are some transitional rules to reassess the limit where the 'bring-forward' rule is triggered but not fully utilized in 2017). The legislation will also no longer allow you to make any further non-concessional contributions once your total super balance reaches \$1.6m. This provides an opportunity for anyone who may exceed the lower contribution limit or balance to make additional contributions prior to 30 June 2017.

**Lodgement Dates**

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

- 30 January 2017      December quarter superannuation payment due
- 28 February 2017      December quarter 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 Christmas period for everyone.

Kind regards, Nick

