

December Newsletter

New director, New branding SAME great service:

It is with great pleasure to announce that Neil Brown will be stepping up as a director within Gardner Brown Chartered Accountants. Neil has over 10 years of experience in the industry. Starting out with the Macquarie Bank Funds Management Group, then moving on to Royal Bank Of Canada in Securities Lending & FX trading (Asian & North American markets) and most recently worked with Westpac Business Banking before joining our team. Outside of work Neil enjoys playing cricket, riding motorbikes and helping out on his family farm. If you haven't met Neil already, come down to the office he is always happy to say Hello.

Staff Movements:

We would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to Penny Batcheldor and Megan McGrath. We thank them both for their contributions to the company and we wish them the best in the future.

Belinda Halliburton will commence her maternity leave early December. Please join us in wishing Belinda all the best with her growing family.

In anticipation for Belinda's leave Kylie Ingenito has joined us, she will be taking on the accounting support role until Belinda returns. Kylie has 8 years administration experience in the financial planning, accounting and banking industry. We would like to welcome Kylie to the team.

Thank you:

As you can see we have updated our brand with a new, fresh logo and colours. We would like to thank The Concept Store for their wonderful work in helping us with our branding. If you are thinking you might need a refresh on your logo or your image give Rebecca a call on: 0409 820 608 or email design@theconceptstore.com.au

12 May changes:

Tax laws now allow small businesses to claim an immediate deduction for assets they start to use – or have installed ready for use – provided each depreciable asset costs less than \$20,000. This measure started 12 May 2015 and will end 30 June 2017. Want more information? Call us now.

Are you entitled to \$2,000 for hiring new employees?

Take advantage of the Small Business Employment Incentive Grant Scheme. The Small Business Employment Incentive Grant Scheme came into effect on July 1, 2015. Counted amongst the wins for small business to come from the NSW Budget, the scheme entitles businesses that don't pay payroll tax up to \$2000 for hiring a new full time equivalent (FTE) employee for 12 months.

The Grant will apply to new positions filled on or after 1 July 2015 and will continue until 30 June 2019. The Grant will be payable after the first anniversary of the hire of a new employee.

How to apply

Make your application on the Office of State Revenue (OSR) website.

Be sure to lodge your application within 60 days of hiring a new employee to be eligible for the grant.

For a summary of key details relating to the Scheme, please view the Small Business Employment Incentive Grant Scheme factsheet which is available on the OSR website.

Christmas Trading Hours:

We have enjoyed working with you throughout 2015 and look forward to working with you again in the New Year. Our office will be closed over the Christmas break from 12.30pm Wednesday the 23rd of December 2015 to 8.30am Thursday the 7th of January 2016.

Did you know we do more than just your annual tax return?

We pride ourselves on our diversity. Along with our accounting and tax compliance we have business advisory services and can provide superannuation and retirement strategies. Think you can benefit from this? Call our office to speak with our friendly staff to find out more.