

JULY 2021 EDITION

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END OF FINANCIAL YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Last Friday, Martel Wheatley celebrated the end of financial year with a race around the zoo. We were split into teams and had to complete challenges in order to gain our next clue. The pink team gained an early lead and maintained that lead to the end. The purple team came a close second, with the yellow team coming in at third.



SUPERANNUATION GUARANTEE INCREASE

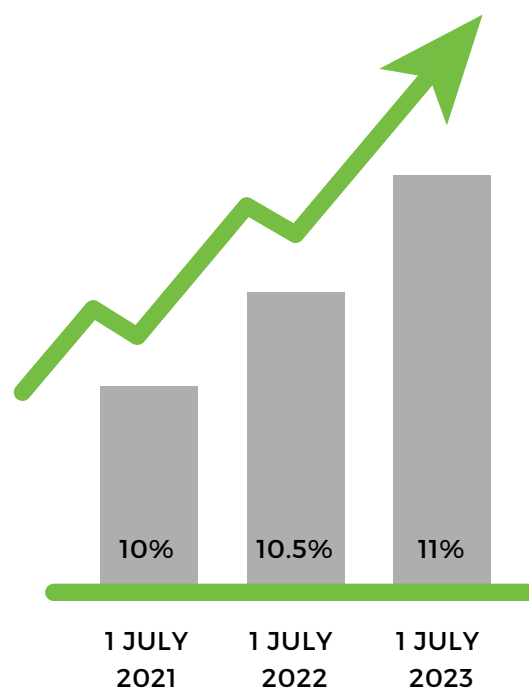
As of 1 July 2021, superannuation guarantee will increase from 9.5% to 10%. Please make sure to update the rate in your software. We have been in contact with software providers and these will require **manual updates**:

- MYOB Essentials
- MYOB AccountRight

These programs have advised they will update automatically, however, we strongly recommend checking this prior to processing any wages:

- QuickBooks (powered by KeyPay)
- Phoenix (powered by KeyPay)
- Xero

Superannuation will increase 0.5% every year until it reaches 12%.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: INCOME TAX RETURNS

FAQ: When can I lodge my tax return?

The ATO will start processing tax returns on 7 July 2021. However:

- Our software will not be available before 7 July 2021
- Employers are not required to finalise income statements (previously called group certificate and payment summary) until 14 July 2021
- Financial institutions can take a few weeks to report interest, dividends and managed investments to the ATO

FAQ: When will I get my tax refund?

Tax return refunds can take from 14-28 days. If you choose to use our fee from refund service this will add more time.

DID YOU KNOW

We can process your tax return without you coming into the office? If you would rather not come into the office, feel free to email all your relevant information in and we can arrange for a phone or Zoom meeting to discuss.

Phone: 02 6813 0799

Email: admin@mwata.com.au

STP FINALISATION

Previously referred to as a payment summary annual report

Employers, your STP finalisation declarations must be completed by 14 July 2021. This process is relatively simple and involves a few simple checks. If you need assistance, please contact the office.

ADDITIONAL MOUSE BAIT REBATE: ZINC PHOSPHIDE

The NSW Government have announced an additional mouse bait rebate for primary producers. The proposed scheme will allow for claims of up to 50% on zinc phosphide purchases to a maximum of \$10,000.

Zinc Phosphide is a commonly used chemical for fumigating grain storage and baiting mice. This particular rebate is aimed at future costs to farmers as they prepare for baiting moving into spring. Information about this is limited at the moment but we will keep you updated as announcements are made.

DID YOU KNOW?

We regularly update our social media and website in between our monthly newsletter. Be sure to head over and give our pages a follow and like.



ATO INCOME TAX RETURN TARGETS FOR 2021



The ATO has announced that they will be looking at abnormal travel and home office expense claims. Given the current pandemic, the ATO is expecting travel deductions to decrease and will be looking closely at high travel deductions.

Below is a breakdown of the different methods that can be used for home office expenses. The fixed rate method can be used in conjunction with the actuals method and generally results in a higher deduction, however, significantly more substantiation is required.

METHOD	Fixed rate	Actual method	Short cut method
WHEN CAN THIS BE USED	Individuals genuinely using their home for work or business	Individuals genuinely using their home for work or business	Individuals genuinely using their home for work or business from 1 March 2020 to 30 June 2021
CALCULATION OF DEDUCTION	52cents/hour	Percentage of work related use	80cents/hour
WHICH RUNNING EXPENSES ARE COVERED?	Electricity and gas Depreciation of office furniture	All running expenses except for those claimed under the fixed rate method	Electricity and gas Mobile phone and internet Stationery and computer consumables Depreciation of office furniture and technology
ARE RECEIPTS REQUIRED FOR RUNNING EXPENSES?	No	Yes	No
IS A TIME DIARY REQUIRED?	Yes	Yes	Yes
IS A DEDICATED WORK AREA REQUIRED?	Yes	Yes	No