
Tax Planning

Tax planning is an essential task for businesses. The majority of business owners fail to realise that preparation before 30 June is just as important as when it comes time to lodge a tax return. Tax planning provides forward thinking business managers the information they need to make important business decisions before the 30 June financial year end.

Some strategies that may be considered include:

- Prepayment of interest on loans or rent on business premises
- Write off bad debts
- Ensure appropriate personal superannuation contributions are paid and correct pension drawn
- Valuation of stock on hand
- Dividends v's Division 7A loans
- Farm management deposits
- Drought deferral for forced livestock sales
- Grain pools

We encourage all business clients to make an appointment with our office so we may formulate customised tax strategies for your business before 30 June 2015.

Bank Feeds

40% of businesses who have a subscription to MYOB AccountRight don't use bank feeds. This represents a large amount of businesses not taking advantage of one of the more convenient and time-saving features of AccountRight.

Once bank feeds are connected to your AccountRight file then all of the transactions that hit your bank account will come into your AccountRight file. That means less work manually entering spend and receive monies. If a payment comes in for an invoice AccountRight will suggest that the payment matches the invoice. All you have to do is approve it and the invoice is marked as paid. And if you have a bill and pay it

through your bank account then the same happens – the transaction is matched to the bill – you approve it and the bill is marked as paid! And AccountRight can also be trained to automatically match transactions to an account. For example, the program can be trained to automatically allocate the electricity bill payment to the 'electricity' account; or allocate your Telstra phone bill 60% business, 40% personal if you split your transactions.

MYOB allows an unlimited number of bank accounts to be connected to your AccountRight file. The feature is a part of your subscription service. Get started today by going to the Banking tab in AccountRight and clicking on the 'Bank Feeds' button. We are more than happy to assist if you need help. We can also assist in converting your file to a subscription service so you can take advantage of this highly useful and convenient feature.

Taxable Payments Reporting



Do you primarily carry on a business in the building and construction industry? Do you engage sub-contractors? Then the ATO requires you to lodge a "Taxable Payments Annual Report" to the ATO before 21 July 2015.

So, what do you need to know and how can you prepare prior to 30 June 2015?

1. Make sure you have details (ABN, name, address, gross amounts paid and the amount of GST) for all the contractors you have paid between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015.
2. Be aware that even contractors such as cleaners, engineers etc could potentially fall within the reporting net if used exclusively in the building and construction industry.
3. Don't report:
 - a. Payments for materials only

- b. Unpaid invoices as 30 June 2015
- c. Payments to employees

Lodgement of the report can be made online, using MGH Advisory, or via a paper form provided by the ATO.

In most cases your bookkeeping software should be able to support the reporting requirements. If you are unsure if this is the case, or if you need assistance with setting up this feature, as always, please feel free to contact our team.

Cloud Security

The Internet is not a safe place. It is filled with dubious people and organisations attempting to gain access to people's computers and to business' networks; mainly for financial gain or malicious activity.

This puts companies like MYOB who have cloud based products like AccountRight Live and Essentials in a difficult position. They have to guarantee the safety of their client's financial data otherwise they would risk a reputation of not being secure and thus untrusted.

Thankfully companies like MYOB put massive resources into ensuring the data stored on their servers is safe and secure.

They have multiple controls in place and spend large amounts of money each year ensuring virus protection is up to date, backups are in place, and malicious access is blocked.

Many small businesses we come in contact with do not have a proper backup regime, up to date antivirus or malware prevention software installed on their

computers. In one sense these businesses are less secure than what is offered by MYOB. We are more than happy to explain in more detail the cloud and cloud security and how companies like MYOB utilise the cloud to help you make managing the financial affairs of your business more efficient and effective

MGH Client Portal

MYOB have released a new client portal which MGH Advisory now utilise. This portal allows us to upload documents which you can then read and approve (like tax returns and activity statements) or view and print. These documents remain in the portal for you to view anytime you wish – helpful for those times when you want a copy of your tax returns or financials and you can't find them at home or work. You can also upload documents to the portal. This is an excellent tool to ease the communication burden

in accessing documents and getting approval. The portal is safe and secure. Ring or email us to get in on the front foot and get your dedicated portal created.

YOUR DETAILS

If your email address or phone number or other details have changed please ring us so we can update our database. Email addresses are particularly important! Thanks!

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