

Morris Accounting news

A huge thank you to all our clients – you have provided us with so much work that we have now outgrown the office!! Those of you who have visited us lately will know we have taken over another room in the house AND moved into the granny flat. Needless to say I've been making a few trips to Ikea lately... We are looking forward to combining our two separate offices into one downstairs in the granny flat before Christmas.

Most importantly, thank you to all our clients who have been so patient with us during this time of growth. It's always challenging training new staff, let alone at the busiest time of the year!

We have processed tax returns for over 600 clients this year – making it a massive tax season for us! And we have helped you get over \$1.2 million in refunds – be sure to talk to us if you want some investment advice (and new shoes or golf clubs don't *really* count!).

A big welcome to our two new staff – Terasa Ropitini, who joins us as my assistant and in a trainee accountant role, and Colleen Gregoric who joins our accounting team as she finishes her CPA exams – good luck from all of us! You will find out a bit more about Terasa below.

Needless to say I haven't done too much 4 wheel driving – I did make it to Indy for a couple of days though, and I think my hearing is still recovering.

A few people have been asking what the best way to get in contact with me is. The simple answer is email – Nathan@morrisaccounting.com. If you desperately want to talk to me then call the office number and leave a message if I am not available. A tip for those who call me on the mobile – if you have a silent or withheld number I probably won't answer it!

Some of you may receive a friendly letter from the ATO in coming weeks or months. They are currently updating their systems, which is generating questions about previously unlodged tax returns (for some of you this will include those tax returns you should have lodged when still in high school or at uni). Be sure to let us know if you get one of these letters and we can help you sort it out.

Now that the tax silly season is over things are starting to settle down from extremely busy to very busy! We are working on client 2009 PAYGWH variations, and business planning and analysis in anticipation of a business tax planning season after Christmas. We have started working with some of our clients on the tax planning process to ensure that their tax and cashflow are most effective during the next half of the year.

'Til next time
Nathan



Morris Accounting profile – Terasa Ropitini

Terasa Ropitini has an enviable short commute to work, although it is about to increase! Until recently she has lived in the granny flat of Nathan's home, however the rapid expansion of Morris Accounting has led to the granny flat becoming the new office, so Terasa will have to move – but only as far as the house next door!

However Morris Accounting's growth has also provided Terasa with a new job, as she joined the team in September as Nathan's assistant and trainee accountant.

Those of you who have spoken to Terasa will have noticed a bit of an accent – she is one of the many New Zealanders living in Queensland. She moved here from Rotorua in 2006, attracted by the great weather and the employment opportunities.

“Working with Nathan is great”, said Terasa. “Especially being so close to home, and working from a home office that is not constantly air-conditioned.”

“It’s nice to go to work and breathe fresh air but have the option of air-conditioning when it gets a bit too warm. I’m lucky to have the best of both worlds.”

When not working, Terasa likes to paint, read and use her new fitness machine.

We asked Terasa the Morris Accounting top 7 questions:

1. *What do you like most about working at Morris Accounting?*
I enjoy the range of clients. Working from a home office is much nicer than a corporate building choked with air con!
2. *What has been your biggest challenge?*
Moving to Australia and trying to understand the poor English. Also getting used to repeating the number six and fish and chips at the laughs of many Australians.
3. *What is your favourite movie and why?*
Hancock at the moment because it’s funny and surprises you.
4. *If a movie was made of your life, what actress would play you?*
I would like it to be Angelina Jolie but I bet I would get stuck with Anne Hathaway!
5. *Favourite place to go in Brisbane.*
Anywhere with a nice bar and food.
6. *What I like most about living in Brisbane:*
The weather.
7. *What I miss most about the New Zealand*
Family and friends, beautiful green country side.

Terasa can be contacted on Terasa@morrisaccounting.com or 07 3105 5926.

Investing in property – information seminar on Tuesday 2 December

In this time of uncertain financial and stock markets, one investment category that is very tangible is property. Whilst some media speculate that property may decline in value, the only property that generally falls in value is one that was previously sold for an over-inflated price and or in a bad area.

Regardless, the best time to buy property is when the banks will give you the money to purchase one! And in the current financial climate they probably won’t lend you money unless the deal for the property is a good one.

On Tuesday 2 December Nathan present a discussion on investing in the property market and how this improves your tax situation. This is designed for those who do not have an investment property and want to know the ins and outs of investing in real estate.

What: Investing in property seminar for first time property investors
When: 5.30pm for drinks and nibbles, seminar runs from 6-7pm, Tuesday 2 December 2008
Where: Platinum Finance 79 Russell Street, West End

Places are limited! To book email Nathan on Nathan@morrisaccounting.com before Wed 26 November.



Are you up for a challenge?

War Child Australia and Inspired Adventures are excited to announce the launch of an exciting and unique fundraising program, the **War Child Australia Cambodia Challenge 2009**, to be held 11-22 May 2009.

We are giving 25 people the opportunity to join an incredible cycling tour of Cambodia in support of War Child Australia – an adventure of a lifetime! Places are limited and based on a first come first served basis. Participants will cycle through stunning Cambodian countryside, visit the magnificent Angkor Wat and spend three days helping the orphans at the Cambodian Land Mine Museum Relief Fund (CLMMRF) with cooking classes, art classes, playing Khmer games and teaching English.

For more information, go to www.inspiredadventures.com.au/warchild or contact Kim McQuirk on kim@inspiredadventures.com.au or 02 9262 9880.

What we do

The team at Morris Accounting works with a large cross section of clients on advisory issues such as business management, tax minimisation and business expansion planning. Morris Accounting also helps clients with business valuations, acquisitions and sales.

We have extensive experience in working with small and medium sized businesses in a range of industries including professional services, manufacturing, wholesaling, retailing, hospitality, and primary production.

Morris Accounting provides a wide range of services for our clients including:

- tax advice and tax return preparation
- business and management services to help our business clients to help them determine and prioritise their business needs
- bookkeeping services such as assistance with BAS and PAYG
- salary packaging
- wealth creation through tax effective strategies such as negative gearing.

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