



Newsletter

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SMALL BUSINESS ADVISOR

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Business Issues »



*Love these trees in
Woongarra Street, Bundaberg*

What's Happening »

Business Tip:

"We don't see things as
they are,
we see things as we are."

(Anais Nin)

Business Issues:

Some businesses are still confused on the Government's 50% re tax deduction – part of the media release was as follows: "Small businesses will now be able to claim a bonus tax deduction of 50 per cent – up from 30 per cent previously of the cost of eligible assets acquired between 13 December 2008 and 31 December 2009, and installed by 31 December 2010." **This does not mean that you get 50% of the purchase price back.**

Most enquiries over the past month have been on Business Commencement, Marketing, Business Direction and the new Fair Work Act Laws. The issue of Contractor verses Employee is a constant enquiry. If you go to <http://www.ato.gov.au> and type in the search engine - Employee/Contractor Decision Tool - it will take you to a tool that is designed to help payers determine whether an individual worker is engaged as an employee or independent contractor. It will give a decision based on answers to some simple questions.

What's happening?

Bundaberg – 7th December – Information session on the new subclass 457 visa program. The Department of Immigration and Citizenship will be providing a free information session which will provide an overview of these changes and the impact the changes will have on employers, visa holders and other stakeholders.

Bundaberg – 9th December – Breakfast information session on 'CAN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS HELP YOUR CLIENTS?' Specifically for Accountants and Business Assistance Providers. Presentations will be on Intellectual Property, AusIndustry programs, and the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme.

The next Nationally Recognised **First Aid Course** is full so the next available course will be conducted on 16 January 2010 – contact the Bundaberg Enterprise Centre on 4153 2333 to reserve your place.

Bundaberg – 8th December – Bundaberg & District Chamber of Commerce Breakfast

For more information on any of the above contact me (Stacy) on 41532333 or email stacy@bundabegbec.org.au

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Hervey Bay Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party – 18th December 2009 - 5.30pm - 7.30pm – go to <http://www.herveybaychamber.asn.au> to RSVP

Maryborough Chamber Breakfast – 8th December 2009 go to <http://www.maryboroughchamberqld.com.au> to RSVP

AusIndustry

You do know that AusIndustry is the Government's Business Arm and that the Small Business Advisory Service is funded under one of the many programs managed by AusIndustry. The Bundaberg Enterprise Centre recently played host to Mr Bill Peel, Executive General Manager and Mr Paul Flynn, State Manager of AusIndustry. If you have any enquiries on what type of business assistance AusIndustry offers, you can go to <http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/> or better still, ring Deborah Mead, Regional Manager on 4151 0660

Out & About!

Apart from a few short trips, I found I have mainly been office bound, (trying to catch up on paperwork!) seeing clients and my *filing* – well I won't go there! Does anyone like filing paperwork? I thought we were leading up to a paperless society – bureaucracy will never allow that to happen.

Well the festive season has begun! The networking at these functions seems to take a different slant. Instead of business talk, it tends to be more light hearted and festive – and so it should. The number of these events though is becoming more unmanageable and a client came in this afternoon and said 'Gee, you look tired'. I personally can't wait till Christmas is here, the lead up is going to kill me.

It is amazing, just over the last month I have had dealings with four businesses that wanted to 'slow down'. One avenue is to increase prices which normally would affect customers – it didn't. In fact they are busier than ever.

General Comments

I have had a couple of enquiries as to when the Public Holiday is for Boxing Day as it falls on Saturday 26th. The official Boxing Day holiday is Monday 28th December 2009.

I will be taking some R & R over Christmas and will try to switch my phone off! If you get stuck, you can ring the free Small Business Support Line on 1800 77 7275. Have a very happy and most importantly safe Christmas and New Year!



Stacy

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