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Please ensure you refer to our 2018 Individual Tax Checklist, located on our website under resources>downloads. Please collect the necessary information and bring it to the interview. Prompt tax return completion means prompt refunds.

NEWS

ONLINE BOOKING

You can now book your appointments online. Please go to our website spinell.com.au and use the "book appointment" tab or follow the link <https://spinellgroupptyltdappointmentscheduling.as.me/schedule.php>

You can book a variety of appointments online – tax, financial planning, business advise etc.

If you would like to book your tax appointment shortly after the financial year ending, please ensure you have all the relevant documentation to complete your return (PAYG summaries, private health insurance statement, bank interest etc). This information takes some time to be uploaded to the ATO portal and is not accessible to us in the first couple of weeks in July. It is best practice to bring these documents with you anyway so that information reported to the ATO can be verified.

You will still need to call the office if you wish to make a tax appointment to see Joe.

ELECTRONIC TAXATION SERVICE

If you are not able to make it to our office for an appointment, we offer a fully electronic service. Please email the relevant documentation (such as PAYG summaries & any deductions) to enquires@spinell.com.au. One of our accountants will prepare your taxation return and send it back to you for electronic signing.

SCAMS

Scam activity is increasing. As a way to help protect yourself, do not give out any personal information over the phone or via email, especially bank account details, drivers licence number or tax file number. Also, do not click on any links from emails that you receive asking you to confirm your details.

Contact us if you are unsure.

BUDGET 2018

Some of the measures in the 2018-19 Federal Government budget include:

- Low and middle income earners are to benefit from tax savings of up to \$530 per person
- \$20,000 instant asset write-off for businesses with aggregate turnover of less than \$10m will be extended until 30 June 2019
- People aged 65 or over can make 'downsizer' super contributions of up to \$300,000 from the proceeds of selling their home
- Funding for home care services and residential aged care will increase
- First home buyers who have made super contributions under the First Home Super Saver Scheme can access their money for eligible property purchases
- Medicare Levy is to remain at 2%

MINIMUM WAGE

The Fair Work Commission has announced a 3.5% increase to minimum wages and modern awards. The increase applies from the 1st of July 2018.

This will increase the national minimum wage to \$719.20 per week or \$18.93 per hour.

EMPLOYEE V's CONTRACTORS

It is important to know the difference between an employee and a sub-contractor as this will affect employer's obligations (and employee's entitlements) such as workcover and Superannuation Contributions. As an employer you can be subject to large fines as well as back payments if you don't get it correct.

As an employer you can't just decide that you will hire worker's as subcontractors, and as an employee you can't just decide to be hired as an sub-contractor, it is details within a worker's working agreement (written or verbal) that determines your classification.

To work out if your worker's (or you as a worker) should be considered an employee or contractor search for the "Employee/Contractor decision tool" on the ATO website.

TAXATION

Personal income tax savings from 1 July 2018

The income threshold at which the 32.5% marginal tax rate applies will progressively increase to \$200,000 by 1 July 2024.

Table 1: Personal tax rates and thresholds

Tax rate (excluding Medicare)	2017/18 income thresholds	Proposed income thresholds		
		From 1/7/2018	From 1/7/2022	From 1/7/2024
0%	\$0 - \$18,200	\$0 - \$18,200	\$0 - \$18,200	\$0 - \$18,200
19%	\$18,201 - \$37,000	\$18,201 - \$37,000	\$18,201 - \$41,000	\$18,201 - \$41,000
32.5%	\$37,001 - \$87,000	\$37,001 - \$90,000	\$41,001 - \$120,000	\$41,001 - \$200,000
37%	\$87,001 - \$180,000	\$90,001 - \$180,000	\$120,001 - \$180,000	Not applicable
45%	> \$180,000	> \$180,000	> \$180,000	> \$200,000

Personal tax offsets

- A Low and Middle Income Earners Tax Offset of up to \$530 will apply from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2022.
- From 1 July 2022, the Low Income Tax Offset will increase from \$445 to \$645.

Proposed Personal tax savings

Table 2 below illustrates the tax payable in future financial years (and the potential tax savings compared to 2017/18) for a range of taxable incomes. These figures take into account *the proposed personal income threshold and tax offset changes*.

Table 2: Tax payable and potential savings

Taxable income	Tax payable in 2017/18	From 1/7/2018		From 1/7/2022		From 1/7/2024	
		Tax payable	Tax saved	Tax payable	Tax saved	Tax payable	Tax saved
\$40,000	\$4,947	\$4,657	\$290	\$4,492	\$455	\$4,492	\$455
\$80,000	\$19,147	\$18,617	\$530	\$18,607	\$540	\$18,607	\$540
\$120,000	\$34,432	\$34,217	\$215	\$32,407	\$2,025	\$32,407	\$2,025
\$160,000	\$50,032	\$49,897	\$135	\$48,007	\$2,025	\$46,207	\$3,825
\$200,000	\$67,232	\$67,097	\$135	\$65,207	\$2,025	\$60,007	\$7,225

SUBSTANTIATION OF TAX DEDUCTIONS

Please remember that all tax deductions must be substantiated with invoices, receipts, travel diaries and/or other documentation. Failure to substantiate the deductions will result in disallowance of the claim, payment of tax, potential penalties and interest.

WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

Please visit our website at www.spinell.com.au and our facebook page (Spinell Accounting Group Pty Ltd) <https://www.facebook.com/Spinellaccounting/?ref=bookmarks>

Our goal with this website and Facebook page is to provide our current and prospective clients with useful information about our services and solutions.

We are constantly updating our content with helpful information, current affairs, articles, blogs, newsletters, company announcements and client successes.

We hope you find the website easy to access information and we also wish to establish this portal as a source of information for those who visit our site.

Be sure to "like" our facebook page.

FEES

The cost of a standard tax return will be increased this year. **The fee will be \$150 for payments made on the day** of the appointment (for those who do not pay on the day, the fee will be \$190).

- FEES CHARGED FOR COPIES OF DOCUMENTS

We are often asked to provide copies of tax returns, financial statements and Notices of Assessment to other parties such as finance/mortgage brokers. This can be a time consuming and costly exercise for us.

Because we provide you with a full copy at the time we complete your income tax returns we will need to **charge \$55 for any additional hard copies or \$33 for emailed copies.**

Please ensure that you keep your copy on file for future reference or to pass on to anyone who may require it. If you would prefer to have a soft copy emailed to you (instead of the hard copy), please let us know at the interview.

ELECTRONIC SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

We now use an electronic signing program for documents and have received a lot of positive feedback from clients who are using it. The program is simple to use and allows us to provide a quicker turnaround time for signing and lodgement of documents. If you would like to try electronic signing please ensure that we have your current email address.

APPOINTMENTS – JOE DANCEVIC

Joe will continue to work 3 days per week whilst utilising his days off to pursue other interests. Because of his reduced working hours, it will take a little longer to obtain an appointment to see him.

Joe is currently overseas on annual leave and won't be available for appointments until September 2018. If you want to have a tax appointment earlier or do not particularly need to see Joe, other members of staff will be available to see you, who will also have access to your tax information.

You can book an appointment online to see any staff member but you will need to call the office to make an appointment with Joe.

CLIENT REFERRALS

If you have family or friends that would benefit from any of our services, please don't hesitate to hand them one of our business cards. We are only too happy to make sure that they receive the great level of service that they deserve.

OTHER SERVICES OFFERED

In addition to our accounting and income tax services we are also able to assist you with the following:

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Investment Advice; Superannuation Advice; Wealth Accumulation Strategies; Retirement Planning; Shares, Managed Funds & Property Trusts

RISK PROTECTION

Life Insurance, Total Permanent Disablement Insurance; Income Protection Insurance; Trauma Insurance

HOME LOANS

Home Loans, Investment Property Loans, Home Extension/Improvement Finance; Debt Consolidation/Restructure; Property Development; Commercial, Residential and Industrial Real Estate.

FINANCE

Finance for Industrial Plant & Equipment; Motor Vehicles; Office Equipment; Building Fit Outs; Telecommunications Equipment; Livestock; Agricultural Plant & Equipment.

SMSF SERVICE

If you are involved with a Self Managed Superannuation Fund (SMSF) or would like to be, we can help you with administration, accounting and taxation services.

APPOINTMENTS & AVAILABILITY

All appointments will be held at **14 Belmont St, BELMONT**. Our availability is as follows:

Patrick Klemke

Tuesday & Wednesday	09.30am to 7.00pm
Thursday & Friday	09.30am to 3.00pm
Saturday	10.00am to 4.00pm

Joe Dancevic

Monday	10.30am to 7.00pm
Tuesday	10.30am to 7.00pm
Wednesday	10.30am to 7.00pm

Heleana Harvey

Monday	09.30am to 7.00pm
Tuesday	09.30am to 7.00pm
Thursday	09.30am to 7.00pm
Friday	09.30am to 7.00pm

Melissa Donaldson

Tuesday	09.30am to 5.00pm
Wednesday	09.30am to 5.00pm
Friday	09.30am to 7.00pm

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Patrick Klemke, Joe Dancevic, Heleana Harvey, Melissa Donaldson, Joanne Klemke & Sarah Moore

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