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### **CHANGE IS GOOD**

The old saying goes that "change is as good as a rest" and after the last few months we are not sure that is true. There are a lot of changes coming in the business world. Inland Revenue are making changes to their systems which in the long term will perhaps be beneficial to us all but at the moment it has put us back 10 years with the changes to the GST system in our part. Clients probably haven't noticed a lot of change and feedback from you seems to be positive. IRD are slowly working on getting things back in order for us and making it simpler which is what they are trying to achieve for all of us – making it simpler to comply with our tax obligations.

Another change for us is that we are losing Shelley. It is a very sad time for us at Makes Cents as Shelley started with Makes Cents in April 2006 so she has well and truly done her penance. Change is good and for Shelley that involves a shift to Palmerston North. For Makes Cents it provides opportunity to others and with that in mind Lauretta is stepping

up to the Client Services Manager role and we are in the process of employing a new Receptionist / GST Administrator.

### MAKES CENTS CLOSING 12.30PM ON FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017

With Shelley leaving on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017 the team are going out for lunch that day to celebrate so we will be closing the office at 12.30pm.

# THE TEAM

Maurice O'Reilly – Business Advisor

Shelley Evans – Client Services Manager

Wendy Cate - Accountant

Angie Kempson – Accountant

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#### **END OF YEAR CHECKLISTS**

Don't forget to complete your End of Year Checklists when preparing your paperwork to bring in to us. They act as a reminder as to what we need from you and they are only a couple of pages long at the most. They do help us and stop us annoying you for more information.

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### **BOUND COPIES OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – DO YOU WANT THEM?**

Technology is everything now days and we are getting more and more information from our clients electronically either via various portals or emailed to us, or downloaded from the USB stick that is sent in.

So with that in mind some clients have asked for copies of their annual financial statements and tax returns in an electronic form. Some want to save trees and the hassle of keeping paper copies somewhere, and others want them emailed to send to their banks. We keep electronic copies to send to banks and other financial institutions when requested, and to save space in filing cabinets.

If you don't want a paper copy of your financial statements just let us know when you bring your end of year work in and we will email you a copy of the financial statements, any resolutions and the tax returns after we have had sign off with you. If you are waiting on your work to be finished at the moment and don't want paper copies, just give us a ring or email us.

#### LIKE US ON FACEBOOK – MAKES CENTS ACCOUNTING

Don't forget to like us on Facebook as we are putting lots of posts on there, including up to the minute information and reminders about filing returns and paying things such as GST, PAYE and income tax, along with other fun stuff.



#### **BEWARE OF SCAMS**

On a closing note beware of scams by email or phone. There is an email doing the rounds at the moment purporting to be from Inland Revenue saying you have a refund. Inland Revenue do not ring or send out emails saying you have a refund so do not click on any links in these emails or reply to them. If you are due a refund we will know and make sure you get it.

> "Commonsense and easily understandable advice and services without the "Accountanese"



We will miss her and the fun times but onwards and upwards and I am sure she will be back to visit us. Go well Shelley.