

As another year comes to an end
the federal budget set—

what looms for you?

Individuals

- No change to personal income tax rates until year 2015/16
- Medicare levy now scaled with proposed increase to 2.0% from 1.5%
- Changes to the senior and pensioner tax offsets—minor increase will help reduce tax

Families

- School Kids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund—for each child receive \$820 (high school) and \$410 (primary school)
- More critical to have tax returns lodged to claim any entitlements for Family Tax benefits
- Child care rebate of up to 50% (or \$7,500) of actual costs can be claimed from the Department of Human Services

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Businesses

- Instant assets write-off valued under \$6,500 for Small Business (turnover <\$2m).
- Company tax rate remains at 30%
- Proposed tax loss provisions to offset prior year tax paid may give some relief
- Increases to employer superannuation starting at 9.25% (up from 9.00%) 1 July 2013

Tax Time

- Preparing for your 2013 tax return
 - > Record all income
 - > Salary/Wages
 - > Investment Income
 - > Bank Interest
 - > Share Dividends
 - > Rental income/expenses
 - > Profit from sale of assets (capital gains tax)
 - > Benefits from other parties; partnerships, trusts etc.
 - > Pensions
 - > Receipts from income protection insurance
- Record all expenses
 - > Work related costs including:
 - > Car use
 - > Travel costs
 - > Study costs
 - > Uniform and protective clothing
 - > Union fees
 - > Home office, phone, computer use
 - > Costs with Investments
 - > Donations
 - > Income protection insurance
 - > Tax agent fees

Superannuation

- Earning over \$300,000 pa—expect to pay an extra 15% on contributions made to your super
- Likely that employers will be contributing more for employee super—up from 9% to 12% by 2019
- From 1 July 2013 those over 60 can make tax deductible contributions of upto \$35,000 (this will apply to those over 50 from 1 July 2014)

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If you currently use the services of Pinnacle Wealth Management (PWM) tax time can be made easier by:

- Appointing Pinnacle Accounting Solutions (PAS) as your tax agent
- Authorising PWM to release reports direct to PAS and making available the balance of your 2013 information to PAS at your convenience
- We will take care of the rest for you.

Self Managed Super Funds

As interest in SMSF increases it is worth considering whether it is something that suits you; give us a call for a quick appraisal.