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# THE CP CATCHUP

WELCOME TO THE TWENTY-FIFTH EDITION OF THE CP CATCHUP

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## Credit and Debit Card and Online Selling Data Matching

The ATO has stated that it is collecting new data from financial institutions and online selling sites as part of its credit and debit cards and online selling data-matching programs.

It is requesting:

- the total credit and debit card payments received by businesses; and
- information on online sellers who have sold at least \$12,000 worth of goods or services

The ATO will be matching this data with information it has from income tax returns, activity statements and other ATO records to identify businesses that may not be reporting all their income or meeting their registration, lodgement or payment obligations.

Source: Ref: NTAA Voice – Edition 266

## Changes to the 'Backpacker Tax'

The ATO has posted the following on its website on its Small Business Newsroom. You will note that the date for registering with the ATO is 31 January, so any clients that haven't registered by the time you see this should do so immediately.

From 1 January 2017, tax rates will change for working holiday makers who are in Australia on a 417 or 462 visa. These rates are known as working holiday maker tax rates.

### What does this mean for you?

If you employ a working holiday maker in Australia on a 417 or 462 visa, from 1 January 2017, you should withhold 15% from every dollar earned up to \$37,000 with foreign resident tax rates applying from \$37,001.

You must register with us by 31 January 2017 to withhold at the working holiday maker tax rate.

If you already employ working holiday makers you will need to issue two payment summaries (with different rates) this year – one for the period to 31 December 2016 and a second for any period from 1 January 2017.

If you don't register, you will need to withhold at the foreign resident tax rate of 32.5%.

Penalties may apply if you employ holiday makers but don't register.

Source: Ref: NTAA Voice – Edition 266 – ATO Small business newsroom



## Incorrect PAYG Instalment Variations and GIC

Some taxpayers are incorrectly varying their pay as you go (PAYG) instalment rate or amount. This may result in a debt at the end of the financial year and attract a general interest charge (GIC) if the variation was significantly incorrect. We may contact you to discuss your clients' PAYG instalment variations and how to help them get it right.

### Advise your clients:

- they may have to pay GIC if they vary an instalment rate or amount less than 85% of :
  - the actual tax payable on their business and/or investment income for the income year; or
  - the instalment rate that should have applied for the income year.
- to vary up if they think they underestimated their rate or amount.

Source: Ref: NTAA Voice – Edition 266

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## Client In Focus - The Cornish Arms

According to The Good Food Guide (2015), the “Cornish Arms deserves the **Vegan Rock & Roll Award** for the biggest range of meat free dishes for the pub crowd”.

This cracking pub is the perfect place to catch up with your vegan & non-vegan friends.

The Cornish Arms has a creative and extensive range of vegan dishes alongside their equally impressive main menu; ensuring that dietary preference is no barrier to good food and nights with friends.

And the beer? With 12 craft beer taps (all Vegan) you can be spoilt for choice at this unique gastro pub in the heart of Brunswick.

Enjoy 7 days of lunch & dinner service by the inviting fireplace inside or outside in the sundrenched beer garden.



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## Important Upcoming Dates

### **March 21 2017**

February 2017 Monthly Activity Statement Due

### **April 21 2017**

March 2017 Monthly Activity Statement Due

### **April 28 2017**

March 2017 Quarter Business Activity Statement Due

### **April 28 2017**

March 2017 Quarter Superannuation Contributions Due

### **May 15 2017**

All Other Tax Returns Due

### **May 21 2017**

April 2017 Monthly Activity Statement Due

### **May 28 2017**

Fringe Benefit Tax Returns Due

