

April 2021

Happy Easter

Martel Wheatley will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Our office will close 5pm Thursday 1 April and reopen 8:30am Tuesday 6 April.

We wish everyone a safe and restful long weekend

End of JobKeeper

The JobKeeper payments have come to an end with the final fortnight being 28 March 2021. There is one monthly declaration left to complete in order to receive your final payment for the month of March. This final declaration is due 14 April 2021.

FAQ: Can I claim an immediate deduction for the cost of my farm shed?

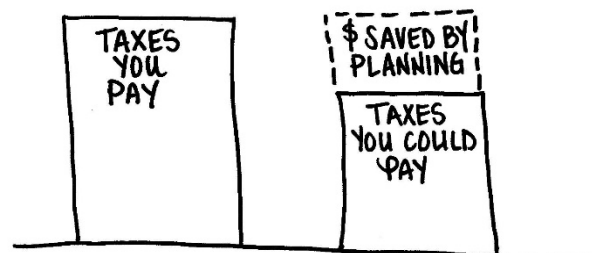
Sheds constructed on primary production land appear to be classified as plant and equipment by the ATO, as such there is potential for these assets to be written off completely under the temporary full expensing if you choose the simplified depreciation rules.

Tax planning

The 2021 financial year has been a whirlwind. With COVID-19 restrictions easing to almost nothing, businesses have learnt to adapt quickly to change. The new rules for temporary full expensing of assets and the write off of all general asset pools will bring large deductions to most businesses, as such, there are a number of strategies that should also be considered, including:

- Withdrawal or deposit of Farm Management Deposits
- Review of changes to financing policies of lenders (payment deferrals and fixed interest break costs)
- Review of subsidised government loans to farming business (RIC loans)
- Halving of minimum pension withdrawals from a superannuation funds
- Review potential loss carry back rules (available to companies only)
- Potential to declare prior year livestock deferrals or defer current year livestock profits

We have adjusted our work papers and processes to ensure we explore all these opportunities and look forward to working with clients as we prepare March 2021 activity statements.



Crypto currency trading

The ATO are watching the rise in crypto currency trading and have issued a warning to taxpayers that there can be tax consequences. Although the reporting of this type of trading is limited, we have seen an instance where a transaction was caught by the ATO and appeared on their annual pre-filling report. If you have sold crypto currency for a profit, you may be up for capital gains tax when you prepare your tax return. If you have made a loss, this amount can be carried forward to offset any future gains.

Bitcoin is not the only crypto currency. Here are the names of some real 'coins':

- Litecoin
- Shitcoin (we're not making this up, it increased 43,504% in 2 days and reduced drastically a week later)
- Sushi
- Dogecoin
- PancakeSwap
- Uniswap (up 720% in 3 months)
- Curve DAO Token (up 658% in 3 months)



We are not encouraging crypto currency trading – we just find this interesting.

Below is an example of what we see when preparing your tax return. We believe the ATO is receiving information from banks regarding any transactions that contain details of a crypto platform.

Small business fees and charges rebate

If you are a sole trader, the owner of a small business or a not-for-profit organisation in NSW, you may be eligible for a small business fees and charges rebate of \$1500.

This rebate helps businesses recover from the impacts of COVID-19 and encourages growth by reducing the cost of running a business. Eligible businesses or not-for-profits only need to apply for the rebate once, but can submit multiple claims until the full value of \$1500 is reached.

Funds can be used to offset the costs of eligible NSW and local government fees and charges.

These include, but are not limited to:

- food authority licences
- liquor licences
- tradesperson licences
- event fees
- council rates.

The rebate can only be used for eligible fees and charges due and paid from 1 March 2021 to 30 June 2022.

To be eligible for the rebate, your business must:

- have total wages below \$1.2million
- have an ABN registered in NSW and/or have a business premises physically located and operating in NSW
- be registered for GST
- provide a declaration that the business has a turnover of at least \$75,000 in the period 1 March 2020 to 1 March 2021.

To apply, head to <https://bit.ly/3sCIkNd>

Applications open April 2021.

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- Your client held or disposed of cryptocurrency that may have resulted in a capital gains event. For more information go to <https://www.ato.gov.au/taxtreatmentofcryptocurrencies> (<https://www.ato.gov.au/taxtreatmentofcryptocurrencies>) for current information on your client's tax obligations.



Please Note: Many of the comments in this publication are general in nature and anyone intending to apply the information to practical circumstances should seek professional advice to independently verify their interpretation and the information's applicability to their particular circumstances. Limited Liability by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation.

Dine and Discover

In response to COVID-19 the NSW Government has launched Dine & Discover to encourage the community to get out and support dining, arts and tourism businesses. The vouchers can be used at any registered business, a list of these can be found on the Service NSW website.

NSW residents aged 18 and over can apply for 4 x \$25 vouchers, worth \$100 in total.

- 2 x \$25 Dine NSW Vouchers to be used for dining in at restaurants, cafés, bars, wineries, pubs or clubs.
- 2 x \$25 Discover NSW Vouchers to be used for entertainment and recreation, including cultural institutions, live music, and arts venues.

To register, head to the Service NSW website and select **Apply for Dine & Discover NSW vouchers**. The vouchers are stored in your Service NSW app and can be used at participating venues. **These vouchers expire 30 June 2021.**

Can my business register for Dine & Discover?

To register, you must:

- Have an active ABN – ensure your details are correct on the Australian Business Register before registering
- Operate in NSW
- Be registered as COVID Safe and have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place
- Operate in one of these eligible industries:
 - cafés and restaurants
 - pubs, taverns, wineries, bars and clubs
 - scenic and sightseeing transport
 - cinemas
 - museums, galleries and historic sites
 - zoos, botanic gardens, wildlife parks and nature reserves
 - performing arts operations, theatres and entertainment centers
 - amusement, theme and water parks
 - recreational activities such as go-karting, indoor climbing, mini-golf, billiards, bowling or ice-rinks
 - outdoor adventures
 - travel agencies and tours

To register, head to the Service NSW website and select register a business.

