

DON'T FORGET
TO LODGE
YOUR TAX RETURNS
BY 31ST OCTOBER



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UNDERSTANDING THE NEW \$3 MILLION SUPERANNUATION TAX

The much-debated tax on superannuation balances over \$3 million is getting closer.

From 1 July 2025, the Government has proposed an 'additional' tax of 15% on earnings on an individual's superannuation benefits over \$3 million at the end of a financial year. This 'additional' tax is to be known as Division 296 tax.

Things to be considered:

- A review of your member accounts might be required to determine the impact of the change
- Your estate planning will also need to be revisited once Division 296 is law.
- Seek strategic planning advice



Contact us to learn more about how Division 296 tax could affect your super savings.

NAVIGATING INTERGENERATIONAL WEALTH TRANSFER

For many older Australians, retirement is a time to enjoy the rewards of a lifetime of hard work and consider how to pass on their wealth to the next generation. Over the next 20 years, an estimated \$3.5 trillion will be transferred from Australians aged 60 and over—nearly matching the size of our current superannuation system.

Intergenerational wealth transfer, the process of passing assets from one generation to the next, presents a significant challenge. Retirees often juggle multiple financial goals, such as maintaining their lifestyle, preserving capital, supporting their children, and planning for aged care.

Facing the Fear of Running Out (FORO)

Older Australians recognize the financial struggles faced by younger generations. According to AMP's latest research:

- 4 in 5 Australians aged 65+ believe their children face harder or similar financial challenges compared to their own at the same age.
- 3 in 4 believe it's important to pass wealth onto their children.

However, many retirees lack financial confidence and fear their savings may not last. The research also reveals:

- 3 in 5 are more concerned about having enough money in retirement now than they were 10 years ago.
- Close to 3 in 5 anticipate needing to compromise on their quality of life in retirement.
- 7 in 10 prioritize being comfortable in retirement or having no outstanding mortgage debt.
- 4 in 5 are unwilling to downsize to release funds to their children.
- 7 in 10 are unlikely to adjust their lifestyles to pass wealth onto their children.

This fear of running out leaves many older Australians struggling with the desire to support their children financially while ensuring their own financial security.

How Financial Advice Can Help

Financial advice can help retirees navigate the complexities of intergenerational wealth transfer. At Brown Macaulay & Warren we can provide tailored strategies and solutions, such as gifting assets or leaving them as inheritance, and utilising home equity. This guidance may boost confidence, ensuring a secure retirement while supporting children and grandchildren financially.

Contact us to see how we can help build income options for your retirement journey.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW FINANCIAL ADVISOR ~ TROY RAEMOND ~

We recently welcomed Troy to our BMWCA family.

Troy brings with him over twenty years experience working with renowned Advice and Investment firms, he possess a deep understanding of the complexities involved in the financial landscape and this expertise allows him to provide you with informed recommendations and strategies that can help you accumulate, protect, and manage your hard-earned wealth effectively.

Troy provides holistic wealth management advice covering all areas of investments and financial planning such as superannuation & retirement strategies (including Self-Managed Super Funds), investments, and personal insurance.

Call the office to organise an appointment with Troy.



WORK FROM HOME DEDUCTIONS

The ATO is focusing on the working from home deductions this tax time and will be sending out emails for those who work in occupations most likely to be working from home (at least some of the time).

The guidance covers the 2 ways a working from home deduction may be calculated, the expenses included under each method, and the different records they need to keep.



FINANCIAL SCAMS



It can be hard to tell the difference between a real investment and a fake one. Keeping up with the latest information about scams will help you stay one step ahead.

Follow the advice of [Scamwatch](#), run by the National Anti-Scams Centre (NASC):

- **Stop** - Don't give money or personal information to anyone if unsure
- **Think** - Ask yourself could the message or call be fake?
- **Protect** - Act quickly if something feels wrong

NEW PAYMENT OPTIONS

With the rise in cost of living and business cost, we want to make sure you have certainty about what we are going to do for you and how much that is going to cost.

Our Upfront fee will be outlined to you in your engagement letter.

To help smooth out your cash flow, we are offering a Weekly / Fortnightly/ Monthly/ Quarterly payment plan for our services listed on your engagement letter.

There isn't any extra costs for this service and you will receive an ongoing statement letting you know your current outstanding amount.

Talk to us about setting up this payment arrangements. Ph 54821266 or email: enquiries@bmwca.com.au



NATIONAL WILLS WEEK | 9-15 SEPTEMBER 2024

Take the step to prepare your Will and Enduring Power of Attorney during National Wills Week.

Research shows that only 27% of people aged 18-25 years old have a valid will and 40-65+ age group think about putting a Will in place but don't take the next step. In fact, approximately 50% of Australian adults do not currently have a valid Will. Its time to start thinking about your assets and what you would like to happen to them. Make an appointment with a solicitor or legal centre and ensure your legacy is secured by making it official.

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We're excited to announce that we've achieved Xero Gold Partner status! 🎉

Thank you for trusting us on this journey.
Here's to continuing to grow together! 🚀