



This newsletter has been designed to keep you updated on what is happening within the industry and our real estate office

## FROM OUR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TEAM

### END OF FINANCIAL YEAR IS NEAR...

With less than a month until June 30<sup>th</sup> now is the time (if you have not done so sooner) to review your investments.

How are they performing and is there anything you can do to minimise your tax for this financial year?

If you have maintenance, carried out at the property now could be the time to undertake the works.

We strongly recommend that you consult your Accountant to assist with minimising your tax.

### PROPERTY DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE REPORTS

Invest smarter with a depreciation schedule report. This is prepared by a specialist Quantity Surveying firm and helps to ensure that you are maximising the cash return from your investment property.

*Some depreciation companies say "only 20% of investors fully utilise the tax advantages available".*

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## PREPARING FOR TAX TIME



Are all your investment accounts, receipts and invoices organised and ready for your accountant?

The end of the financial year can be stressful for some, so to assist you in not forgetting any tax deductions we have taken the time to outline an overview of what can be claimed:

Remember you need the documentation to support your claims.

- Advertising for a tenant
- Bank charges
- Body corporate fees
- Borrowing expenses
- Capital works
- Cleaning
- Commission, management and let fees
- Depreciation
- Insurance
- Interest
- Land tax
- Lawns and gardens
- Legal fees
- Office supplies
- Pool maintenance

- Phone
- Pest control
- Rates
- Repairs/maintenance
- Travel to the property to inspect or maintain
- Water charges

*\* This is a summary of important items that can be claimed and is not a full comprehensive list.*

### BEWARE

The Australian Taxation Office is increasingly using data matching to check on claims made by taxpayers.

### PRE-PAYING EXPENSES

If you have a negatively geared investment it may be worth considering pre-paying next year's interest or other expenses such as rates or levies to gain an immediate tax deduction.

As your managing agent we are here to assist you and can provide you with an End of Financial Year summary statement for your property/s outlining all income and expenses.

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# Retirement

Something we all have to consider at some time



## Did you know?

The average life expectancy of a female in Australia is 84 years and a male 79 years.

Have you considered what age you want to retire? Do the math and subtract the average life expectancy from your retirement age and that is how many years you will no longer receive a wage. Most want to retire by the age of 65 years. That is 19 years for a female and 14 years for a male.

How are you going to support your current lifestyle? Yes, we live in a fortunate country with the provision of a pension, but these days it will barely cover basic housing and food. Yes, we have superannuation, but have you taken the time to consider what that will be?

You have an investment property now or maybe several so you are travelling the path to financial freedom for retirement. But is what you own enough?

Something to think about and plan for now!

## DO YOU HAVE EQUITY IN YOUR INVESTMENTS?

Many investors are surprised to discover that they can purchase additional investment properties with no cash money required upfront.

The market is turning! Don't wait until prices rise any further.

Invest today in your future.

## REMINDER!

### DO YOU HAVE LANDLORD PROTECTION INSURANCE?

Don't leave it until it is too late. Circumstances with tenants can change. Job loss, relationship changes... For such a minimal tax-deductible cost you can be protected from the unexpected rent loss or property damage.

## SUDOKU COFFEE BREAK

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## TRM adds new Marketing Options to our Services

Our Company has added new options and marketing tools to our services.

As of June 1, 2014 there will be a Marketing Fee charged on all properties that become vacant.

This marketing fee is \$88.00 and includes website marketing (listed on over 35 websites, handout brochures, signage, window display and viewings).

Our Company as also added some optional marketing services which include:

1. Feature Property on realestate.com.au  
\$65.00 per 30 days
2. Video Tour  
\$220.00
3. Professional Photos  
\$175.00

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AND OPTIMISING YOUR CAPITAL GROWTH**

