

# Canterbury Accountants & Taxation Specialists

## Christmas 2016

### Russell's Ramblings

Well this year you have two introductions not just one.

As you will all know William came into the practice on April 1st and what a great job he has done.

Computer initiated information is now the norm, but if you are like me my computer is still my pen and my cell phone to talk to people.

Multiple shakes have reawakened the miseries of 2011 - but to those in Kaikoura it is so much worse as they cannot escape as we in Christchurch were able to do. On slightly more positive note at least the systems are in place to help everyone up there, and I thank my luck that I decided to motor on through after my holiday rather than stay there for the weekend.

This year we have opted out of sending out the scratchies and other items and instead have donated \$1,000 to the Neurological Foundation. These are the people who advertise their fund raising with the advert with the professors in their white coats washing cars etc. - Funny but oh so desperate.

Unlike the cancer foundation the Neurological foundation do not have the same public awareness, but since 1971 they have been conducting research into diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Huntington's and Motor Neurone Diseases, Stroke, Multiple Sclerosis, Migraine, Epilepsy and Traumatic Brain injury are just a few of the wide spectrum of disorders that are the focus of their research

To all my personal clients thanks for putting up with the delays this year as the system gets up and running properly (it is now thank goodness) and to everyone who has remained with us during the transitions my sincere thanks. I never forget that you have a choice of accountants and I am always so very grateful for your continuing friendship and custom - And I wish you all a very safe and enjoyable holiday season and a very profitable and happy 2017.

### A Word From William

Seasons Greetings! We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! As we reflect on 2016, we are grateful for many things, but especially such wonderful clients and a great team in our offices.

This year has been a very challenging year for us as a business with changes in management & staff and coping with the continual tax changes. Thank you for your patience, cooperation and loyalty.

Our team consists of varying experiences, knowledge, credentials, and personalities. We utilise the strengths of each person to best serve our clients, which means you will work with the individual best suited for your situation. Our goal is to allow you to form a relationship with a primary professional and work with them year after year, but also receive support from the whole team along the way. Our model allows us to constantly learn from each other, challenge one another, and in turn, deliver the best results to **You** the client.

Keep in mind that when you are part of the CATS family, you are part of a wider group of people with very diverse backgrounds and skills. Among our clients are café owners, hairdressers, builders, painters, plasterers, gardeners, fishing charters, engineers, real estate agents, designers, architects, photographers, mortgage lenders, and more. If you are ever in need of a referral for anything, please ask.

As always, we must say "Thank you" for the opportunity and privilege you have given us to work with you. I hope you know that this is a responsibility that all of us at CATS take very seriously.

Christmas is a wonderful time in which the best feeling in our hearts come to the surface, and that is why we must share it with our loved ones, worrying more about showing them the best of ourselves instead of material gifts.

So in this holiday season all of us at CATS: Russell, Jeff, Stella, Ricky, Karen, Suzy, Holly, Georgia, our families and my wife Suri join me in wishing you a very Merry Christmas.



**Stressed Santa**

One particular Christmas season a long time ago, Santa was getting ready for his annual trip but there were problems everywhere. Four of his elves got sick, and the trainee elves did not produce the toys as fast as the regular ones so Santa was beginning to feel the pressure of being behind schedule. Then Mrs. Claus told Santa that her Mom was coming to visit; this stressed Santa even more.

When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two had jumped the fence and were out at heaven knows where. More stress.

Then when he began to load the sleigh one of the boards cracked and the toy bag fell to the ground and scattered the toys. So, frustrated, Santa went into the house for a cup of coffee and a shot of whiskey. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered that the elves had hid the liquor and there was nothing to drink.

In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the coffeepot and it broke into hundreds of little pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found that mice had eaten the straw it was made of. Just then the doorbell rang and Santa cursed on his way to the door. He opened the door and there was a little angel with a great big Christmas tree.

The angel said, very cheerfully, "Merry Christmas Santa. Isn't it just a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Isn't it just a lovely tree? Where would you like me to stick it?"

Thus began the tradition of the little angel on top of the tree.



**Going On Holiday?**

Please make sure to get your returns and payments to the Inland Revenue on time for any due dates while you are having a break.

This will avoid late payment penalties & interest being added to your account. See dates on the Tax Calendar.

Making payments to IRD  
Payments being made to IRD through online banking must include:

- Correct IRD Number
- Tax Type Payment Is For
- Period & Date It Is For

**Tax Calendar**

**20th December 2016**  
Nov PAYE due

**15th January 2017**  
Nov GST due

**20th January 2017**  
Dec PAYE due

**28th January 2017**  
Dec GST due

**7th February 2017**  
Income tax due without EOT

**20th February 2017**  
Jan PAYE due

**28th February 2017**  
Jan GST due

**20th March 2017**  
Feb PAYE due

**31st March 2017**  
Income tax return due

**Christmas Trivia**

1. We all know Rudolf has a red nose but does he have antlers?
2. The movie 'The Miracle on 34th Street' takes part in what city?
3. Which country created Eggnog?
4. There are 365 days in a year, what day is Christmas day on?
5. After Joseph, Mary & Jesus left Bethlehem what country did they go to?
6. What does "Advent" mean?
7. What is the biggest selling Christmas single of all time?
8. What is the name of the boy who's stayed home in the movies "Home Alone"
9. Who wrote a "Christmas Carol"
10. What Christmas song demands "Figgy Pudding" ?
11. Which plant is considered NZ's Christmas Tree?
12. The "North Pole" said to be Santa's home is in what ocean?
13. Which charity in 1949 was the first to produce a Christmas card?

**Christmas Office Hours**

**Christchurch**

Closing - 5pm Wed 21st Dec 16  
Reopens - 8.30am Mon 9th Jan 17

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**Rangiora**

Closing - 4.30pm Wed 21st Dec 16  
Reopens - 9am Mon 16th Jan 17

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- Answers**
1. Yes, 2. New York, 3. England 4. 359,
  5. Egypt, 6. Coming
  7. White Christmas, 8. Kevin
  9. Charles Dickens, 10. We Wish You A
  - Merry Xmas,
  11. Pohutukawa,
  12. Artic Ocean, 13. Unicef

