

# Lao Pollock & Co

Certified Practising Accountants  
Registered Tax Agents



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**OUR SERVICES:**  
Specialist Taxation Advice  
and Compliance

Accounting  
Administration  
Information Management

Lao Pollock & Co is a CPA  
Practice.

Registered Tax Agent

Our firm specialises in the provision of quality taxation compliance and advice services to individuals and small business. Most of our clients engage our firm in compliance work (preparation of tax returns), and we also take instruction from clients and professionals (eg. solicitors, trustees and executors) in providing opinion relating to more complex tax matters.

We also engage in accounting and administration services for clients.

## TAX MATTERS NEWSLETTER

*Thank you for taking the time to read our Tax Practice Newsletter.*

*Please feel free to hand our Newsletter to a friend, relative or associate.*

### "HOT TOPIC" -

#### Tax time 2014 !

If you are currently in the process of lodging your own tax return for 2014, or beginning to compile your paperwork to present to us in order to have your tax return prepared, the following points may assist you for tax time 2014.

#### -Medical expense offset, phased out:

You will only be able to claim out of pocket medical expenses if you made a claim in your 2013 tax return or if you have out of pocket medical expenses relating to aged care costs or disability expenses.

#### - Centrelink Payment Summaries:

Statements are no longer mailed to clients. As your tax agent, we will have access to your income details from the tax office portal.

#### -Private Health Insurance Statement:

If you hold Private Health Insurance, please include all details supplied to you by your health fund. This will ensure you receive the correct government health fund rebate. Please note, subject to your income, you may still be liable for the medicare levy, and for higher income earners, a medicare surcharge if no private health cover is in place .

#### - Disposal of Assets:

Review your investment holdings to ensure any sales are reflected in your tax return (for assets purchased since the introduction of capital gain tax on 19/9/1985).

**For clarification on this issue,  
please contact us.**

### PRACTICE MATTERS

#### CLIENT REFERRALS

Please do not hesitate in mentioning either Catherine or Carl to your friends if they are seeking assistance with a tax matter.

#### **OUR WEBSITE HAS BEEN UPDATED !**

Please visit our website for more information.

### CONTACT

**Please call Catherine Pollock or Carl Lao on 9633 9220 for assistance with your tax matter..**

#### *Disclaimer*

*Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation.  
The content of this newsletter is general tax advice only and not specific personal advice.*

### DID YOU KNOW?

Capital Gains Tax was introduced in Australia over 29 years ago, on 19/9/1985.

Did you know if you inherit shares from a deceased estate, capital gains tax consequences may apply in the future and not necessarily at the time you acquire the asset. For shares inherited now (that were originally purchased or acquired by the deceased **before 19/09/85**) the beneficiary is taken to have acquired the shares at date of death and cost base taken to be the market value of the shares at the date of death.

For shares purchased by the deceased **after 19/09/85** and inherited by the beneficiary, the **original cost** at the time of purchase or acquisition by the deceased is used as the cost base for the beneficiary. A capital gains tax event would occur if and when the beneficiary decides to sell the shares. Accurate record keeping would therefore be required to account for original purchase or acquisition details & manage the tax consequences.

**DID YOU KNOW, if the deceased was utilising "dividend reinvestment", a new investment is created for capital gains tax purpose each time. This may complicate matters for shares purchased pre and post 19/9/1985!**

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