



THE

BALANCE SHEET

February 2020

Welcome to our February newsletter.

Included this month is some information about IR and ACC going cheque-free, including some how-to instructions for alternative payment options; A congratulations to our in-house lawyer, Megan Potter; A warm welcome to our newest team members; Xero's XAP service and our latest community news.

Happy reading! 

IR and ACC going cheque-free

From 1 March 2020

As most will be aware now, Inland Revenue (IR) and the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) are calling 'time' on cheques as part of the governments' voyage into the digital age.

From 1 March 2020, IR and the ACC will no longer accept payments by cheque from customers who are able to use alternative payment options.

While the idea of no longer having cheques as a form of payment might seem extremely daunting, the move is due to processing cheque technology slowly being phased out.

Our team are here to support you through this change and provide you with plenty of alternative options for making payments.

Please find attached a document that details our preferred methods of payment when it comes to paying your tax.

This document is on our website, and we also have the below instructions available on request;

- Internet Banking Instructions
- Setting up a myIR account
- Making a variable payment through myIR
- Ways of paying ACC
- ACC Direct Debit Form



We have computers at each of our reception areas available for use at any time. Our team are here to support and assist you wherever we can with this transition.

Please speak with one of our team if you need some support or guidance.

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Team News



CONGRATULATIONS



WELCOME

Welcome to Kristine Nicholas, who joined us earlier this year as a Senior Accountant in our Morrinsville office.

Kristine is a Morrinsville local, and after working for some time in a Hamilton accountancy firm, decided that working in her home town would be ideal.

She is an Associated Chartered Accountant, super savvy and we're thrilled to have her join our team!



Huge congratulations to our very own, Megan Potter.

Megan continues to shine in all areas of her work and never ceases to amaze us with her achievements, and this year, we are so proud of her making the 2020 Rising Stars list!!

This list is put together by NZ Lawyer to honour up-and-coming stars in the legal profession who are committed to making a difference.

The list recognises future leaders who have not only made incredible advancements within their own companies, but they're also recognised by the wide legal profession for all their amazing work.



Woo-hoo, amazing work Megan! Keep shining!



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