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We are beyond excited to share our promotional video with you.....

Click link below to view our video and please share it around!

[WATCH IT NOW](#)

SPAM EMAILS

Spam emails are continuing to circulate and some recent ones posing as the IRD look very realistic.

Please be cautious of any links or attachments that don't look trustworthy, particularly if they are asking you to log in to something, or provide personal details – even if the email address looks to be legitimate (an example below).

If in doubt, please contact our office to discuss 07 889 7153.

From: alerts@ironline.ird.govt.nz
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 10:09 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: A message from Inland Revenue. DO NOT REPLY

Hi,

You still have a late tax return due in 5 days up to \$273.20 for (2016/2017).

To ensure you meet your tax obligations and get the full refund, check the customer refund form at : [IRD_Tax_Form](#)



MEET AMY

Meet Amy, one of our newly appointed Directors, based in our Morrinsville office.

Amy was born and raised on a lifestyle block in Te Kauwhata, overlooking Lake Waikare. As the daughter of an eel fisherman, Amy spent much of her childhood exploring creeks and ponds in the Waikato region and of course, the Lake.

Amy is the eldest of four, with younger brothers Ryan, Jordan (who some of you may know as "How to Dad") and little sister Laura.

From a young age, Amy had a strong interest in sports more so than the classroom, and she spent much of her spare time playing squash. At age 10, Amy was proud to claim the Te Kauwhata Junior Girl Champion title and from there she went on to play for Waikato as a Junior. After an eight year break from the sport, Amy has started playing again and just achieved B1 Grade. A grade is on Amy's bucket list!

After finishing school, Amy landed her first job at Reg Churton's accounting firm in Morrinsville. This enabled her to develop her passion for accounting and helping clients while studying at the same time.

Amy met her husband Craig in 2007 at a squash tournament, they married in 2013 and are now parents to two fast-paced boys, Ben (5) and Toby (3). Craig is a born and bred dairy farmer and together

they have just expanded their dairy operation to 215ha milking 620 cows. With two farm-mad boys, many of their weekends are spent on or around the farm.

Craig is extremely supportive of Amy's career and Amy attributes this to some of her success.

Amy thrives on a challenge and embraces change. She continues to enhance her learning and is a member of the Institute of Directors. She takes pride in involving herself in the community and was recently appointed Trustee of two local charities; Waikato Farmers Trust and Waikato Environment Centre.

Amy has a friendly approach and as a business owner herself, she understands the challenges many of our clients face with running a business. Her empathy allows her to build strong relationships with clients, which makes Amy a great person to have on your team.

PAYMENTS OF TAX

Inland Revenue has released very recently an exposure draft on when they will consider a payment of tax to have been received on time. This statement has the most impact for taxpayers who wish to pay by a cheque and in particular a post-dated cheque.

The options for paying by cheque remain as follows;

- Physical delivery – will be accepted as on time if delivered to an Inland Revenue office before the close of business on the due date
- Post – will be accepted as on time if received on or before due date (note factoring in delivery times can be problematic)

It was previously common for taxpayers to make payment by either of the above methods by using a post-dated cheque. This would allow the return to be filed early, along with the cheque but delay the cheque being drawn until the due date. From 1 February 2019, Inland Revenue will no longer accept post-dated cheques for the payment of taxes.

Generally, cheques received after 1 February 2019 will be presented for payment when they are received by Inland Revenue, except that Inland Revenue will use its best endeavours to identify post-dated cheques and return them to taxpayers if time permits. This practice will apply to payments that are posted or physically delivered

There are a number of alternative payment options offered by Inland Revenue, such as electronic payments, debit or credit cards and payment by cash and eftpos made at a Westpac Branch (Inland Revenue offices will not accept cash or eftpos). If you would like to discuss the most suitable payment option for you please contact your usual CooperAitken person.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Inland Revenue office located in Hamilton has now moved to Level 1, 21 Home Straight, Te Rapa. (Across the carpark from Bunnings). Open hours 9am to 4:30pm Monday to Thursday, 9:30am to 4:30pm Friday.



A HAPPY WORKPLACE IS A TWO WAY STREET

**Written by John Brosnan
Human Resources Adviser.**



We see conflicts in the workplace all the time. However, we're not always prepared for solving them.

We need our workplaces to be successful and that requires a consistent effort from everyone involved.

A happy work place is the result of everyone in the team working together in a supportive and focused manner.

[READ MORE OF JOHN'S ADVICE HERE](#)

CONGRATULATIONS

Megan Potter

Megan has been nominated and selected as a finalist in this year's NZ Law Awards Young In-House Lawyer of the year. (A second year in a row for Megan). The award evening will be held 15 November and we wish Megan all the best for the big night.



Mitchell Arndell

Mitchell is on his way to becoming a Chartered Accountant and recently received merit in his tax module as part of this programme. Such an awesome achievement - congratulations Mitchell!

COMMUNITY

Pink October

Check out some of the team looking lovely in Pink for Breast Cancer on Friday 19 October, where the team raised \$125.90.

Rotorua Ekiden Relay Race

Some of our team participated in the Rotorua Ekiden Relay Race on Saturday 13 October. The team, consisting of 2 walkers and 3 runners, completed the marathon length race in 5 hrs. They didn't come away with any prizes, but they had a blast and looked awesome in their CooperAitken themed outfits.

Morrinsville College Annual Fun Run

We are proud sponsors of the Morrinsville College Annual Fun Run again this year. The event was held over the weekend and was another fantastic day. Awesome effort to those that took part in the event.

