

## CONNECT 2 UPDATES

Summer 2021

### Jocelyn's Highlights

Hi Everyone

What a year it has been for everyone, and soon as we move into 2021, we can finally say goodbye to 2020.

However the year has treated you and your business, we hope that you spend some quality time with your family, friends and loved ones over this festive season, and manage to recharge your batteries ready for a great year next year.

Jocelyn



### Christmas Period Notes

#### Mondayisation of Public Holidays

This year has two public holidays during the Christmas/New Year period that fall on a Saturday. Boxing Day (26<sup>th</sup> Dec) and the Day after New Years' Day (2<sup>nd</sup> Jan). Entitlements can be difficult to determine, if you are unsure call us before committing to any arrangements with employees or finalising payroll arrangements.

#### Coding Christmas gifts

When coding your next GST return, be aware that:

##### 50% Deductible (food/drink)

- Bottle of wine / six pack beer
- Meal Voucher
- Basket of gourmet food
- Box of chocolates / biscuits
- Christmas Ham

##### 100% Deductible

- Calendar
- Books
- Gift voucher
- Tickets to sports game
- Movie tickets
- Presents (not food or drink)

### Hot Topics

#### PAYDAY FILING

Days between 25 December to 15 January (inclusive) are not considered working days, if a pay date falls between these dates the employment information form (EI) will be due to be filed:

- Electronic filers – 2 working days after 15 January
- Paper filers – 10 working days after 15 January

If the pay date is before 25 December, exclude the period 25 December and 15 January when calculating working days.

You can also file in advance before the close down period. Payment dates remain the same.

#### Text from IRD

If you receive a text from IRD:

*"Hi IRD here. Need help to get on top of your tax bill? It's easy to set up a repayment plan. Find out how at [ird.govt.nz/instalments](http://ird.govt.nz/instalments) or call us on 0800 951-758"*

It is not a scam, please get in contact with us and we will confirm if you owe IRD.

### Tech Corner

With Technology growing, its no surprise to be reading articles about google glasses, smart watches, and even more interesting wearable sensors.

Follow the link for more information on this rather innovated product.

[Wearable Sensors Link](#)

#### The best smartwatches of 2020

Wrist-based technology continues to evolve and improve, and the smartwatches of 2020 have packed in more features, sensors and general intelligence than any that have come before them. If you're looking for one of the best smartwatches launched over the last 12 months, these are the top picks from New Atlas.

1. Apple Watch 6
2. Fitbit Sense
3. Samsung Galaxy Watch 3
4. Apple Watch SE
5. Garmin Forerunner 745
6. Fitbit Versa 3
7. Skagen Falster 3



### Upcoming Events

23<sup>rd</sup> Dec – 13<sup>th</sup> January 21– Connect2 Office closed for Christmas Break

23<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Night Owl Cinema (Love Actually!)

26<sup>th</sup> – 30 Dec – Blackcaps vs Pakistan

31 Dec – New Years' Eve Celebrations

15<sup>th</sup> Jan – Prov Tax & GST Due

24<sup>th</sup> Jan – Farmer Autovillage Colour Dash

30<sup>th</sup> – 31 Jan – Battle of the BBQs