

FROM OUR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TEAM

REMINDER: Going Electronic

As from the 1st July 2012 our office will be sending out electronic statements and invoices only.

Please contact the office if you require them to continue being posted.



At 6 Yrs - Mummy, I love you
At 10 Yrs - Mum, whatever!
At 16 Yrs - My Mum is so annoying
At 18 Yrs - I want to leave this house
At 25 Yrs - Mum, you were right
At 30 Yrs - I wanna go to Mum's house
At 50 Yrs - I don't wanna lose my Mum
At 70 Yrs - I would give up everything for Mum to be here with me

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ATO landlord tips that you may not have known!

We do appreciate that the focus of every landlord is to optimise their tax returns and maximise their income. However, be aware of when you can claim repairs and work on the property as a legitimate tax deduction.

CAN YOU CLAIM THE COST OF REPAIRS BEFORE YOU RENT THE PROPERTY OUT?

You cannot claim the cost of repairing defects, damage or deterioration that existed when you obtained the property, even if you carried out these repairs to make the property suitable for renting. This is because these expenses relate to the period before the property became an income-producing property.

Example: Mr House needed to do some repairs to a rental property he recently purchased before the first tenants moved in. He paid tradespeople to repaint dirty walls, replace broken light fittings and repair doors on two bedrooms. He also had to have the house treated for damage by white ants.

Because Stephen incurred these expenses to make the property suitable for rental, not while he was using the property to generate rental income, the expenses are capital expenses. This means he cannot claim a deduction for them.

WHAT RECORDS DO YOU NEED TO KEEP?

You need to keep proper records in order to make a claim, even if you use a tax agent to prepare your tax return or you do it yourself. You must keep records of the rental income you receive and the deductible expenses you pay.

You must keep these records for five years from the date your tax return is lodged.

Did you also know that you must keep your ownership of the property and all the costs of purchasing/acquiring it and selling/disposing of it records for five years as well – from the date you sell/dispose of your rental property?

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As capital gains tax may apply if you sell your rental property, we recommend you keep records of every transaction over the period of ownership of the property. This would include contracts of purchase and sale, and conveyance and loan documentation.

Keeping these records will help you work out your capital gain or loss correctly and ensure you do not pay more tax than you need to.

Is your property due for a facelift?



With the end of the financial year fast approaching, it may be time to consider whether your property needs any capital improvements.

All properties from time to time will need new carpet, paint or appliances (or sometimes all three). It is important to budget for the replacement of these items at least once every five years, or in accordance with your depreciation schedule or accountant's advice.

Well kept properties will be more attractive to tenants, resulting in higher rents and minimised vacancy periods.

Properties that are maintained to a high standard will also appreciate in sales value more quickly than properties that are left to deteriorate and depreciate.

We will advise you at each routine inspection as to the condition of your property, recommending various improvements. However, please feel free to contact our office any time for an update on the condition of your property.

INVESTMENT TIP: A COMMON MISTAKE FOCUSING ON THE RENT



You do need the right advice for your personal investment situation. However, chasing income may not always be the best strategy.

Ask yourself some of these questions. What are your future plans and goals? How long do you have to invest? Five years? Fifteen years? Are you looking for positively geared or negatively geared properties? Do you want short-term or long-term financial rewards?

To find out more about investing in property, please feel welcome to contact our office. ■

Beware – White ants WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU HAD YOUR PROPERTY INSPECTED?

It is important to us as your managing agent to remind you about the importance of annual pest control inspections for white ants.

We do carry out regular routine inspections on your investment. However, we are not equipped or professionally trained to determine if there is white ant activity.

For such a minimal annual (tax deductible) fee you can have peace of mind that your investment is protected... which can save you \$10,000+.

Every home should be inspected. There have been documented cases where white ants have been

detected in brick homes that also have capping on the stumps.

Feel welcome to telephone our office to discuss this further.

NEW MAYOR FOR GOLD COAST

Millionaire businessman Tom Tate has romped home to become the new mayor of the Gold Coast.

HIS PROMISES INCLUDE:

- Start of Cruise ship terminal within 30 months.
- Build a cultural precinct by 2016
- Remove or discount Council fees/charges for development
- Discounts for pensioners
- Improve transport and roading on the Gold Coast
- Streamline water management
- Lobby to have State Legislation created to prevent privatisation of water assets.
- Conduct a city-wide kerbside clean up
- Create new IT and Health jobs
- Enforce zero tolerance on graffiti and property crime
- Refocus Gold Coast Tourism to deliver more local tourist to the city.

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