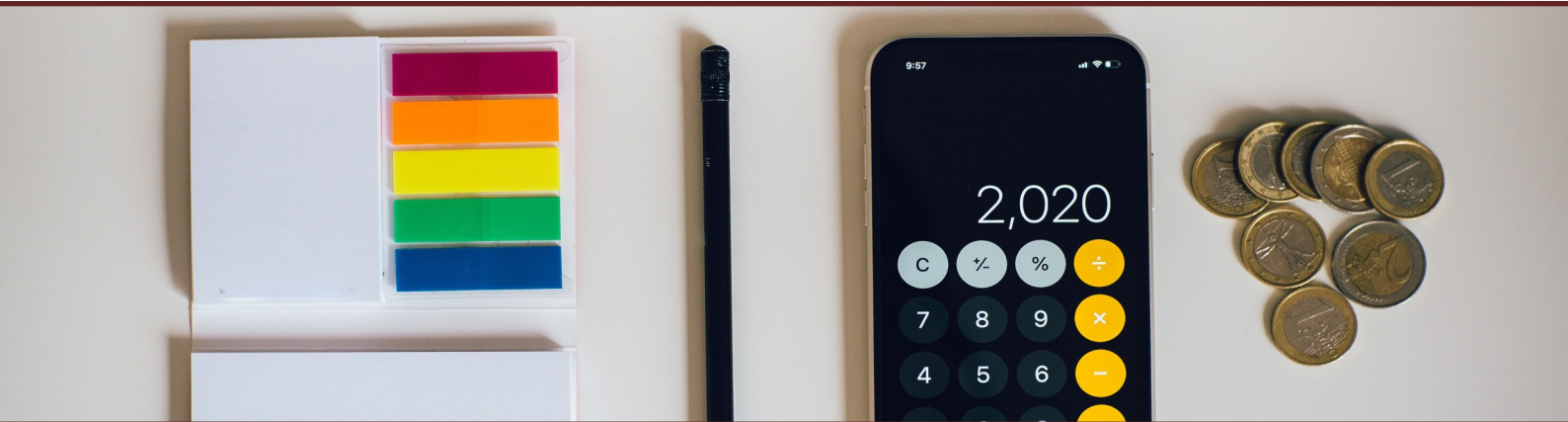




INCOME TAX UPDATE



Your 2026 tax return

A few reminders;

- Home Office claims — Record keeping is **onerous!** — *refer to our separate Working from Home worksheet*
- Motor Vehicle Usage — Set Rate Method — the set rate per kilometre is 88c per kilometre. Log Book Method — different rules apply for fully Electric Vehicles — *refer to our separate Motor Vehicle worksheet*
- **Financial Advisor fees paid** — where the advice is directly related to *current investments* and/or *tax advice* this portion may be claimed as a tax deduction — **however**, the invoice/substantiation must be clear to enable the claim.
- For clients with a HELP (HECS) debt, the HELP threshold for 2026 is \$67,000. Once your income* exceeds this amount you will need to make a repayment toward your HELP debt. *Income includes Taxable Income plus Investment Losses, Reportable Fringe Benefits, Foreign Employment Income and Reportable Super Contributions.
- Taxpayers earning more than \$250,000 pay Division 293 tax on their concessional superannuation contributions — an extra 15% tax (to pay 30% tax on their super contributions rather than 15%).
- Before you can claim personal Superannuation Contributions in your tax return, you must have completed a NOI to claim super form and have received "Acknowledgement" back from your fund to confirm the claim. (NOI — Notice of Intent)
- **GoFundMe** contributions and amounts paid into **Raffles** are generally **not Tax Deductible**. Donations that can be claimed, must be paid to a registered charity (Deductible Gift Recipient — DGR).
- It is important to declare your Spouse details on your tax return and their income to ensure entitlements for certain rebates are calculated correctly.

ATO AUDIT TARGETS.....

- Log Books — motor vehicle expense claims
- ATO interest charged — not tax deductible
- Rental Property — Interest — apportionment for private & deductibility (*draw downs for private render part of the loan and then subsequent loan repayments and interest, non-deductible*).
- Holiday Rentals and expenses claimed
- Residential Property Developments — family home, subdivisions, renovating & flipping