

Why teamwork really matters

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Welcome to this October 2013 edition.

In elite sporting organisations, the concept of “one team” – everyone pulling in the same direction – is well understood. Graham Winter, of Think One Team, worked as a sports psychologist with the Australian Olympic team, and believes it applies equally well to business – whether it’s a major manufacturing concern, or an accountancy practice. He’ll explain why in this month’s program.

To help you help your clients, we look at two aspects of self-managed superannuation. Daniel Butler of DBA Lawyers impresses on us the need to ensure that SMSF Trust Deeds are robust and technically sound – and why the cheap and easily accessible option probably won’t be the best one. And Julie Steed, of Australian Executor Trustees, offers an alternative for people nervous about taking on the responsibilities of Trustees for their own SMSFs: SAFs - small APRA funds may be the answer.

The complicated issue of dealing with GST in real property transactions is put under the microscope by Wai Choong Chan, Associate Principal with Crowe Horwath. He explains why problems in this area generate an inordinate amount of Tax Office and court activity, and how you can help your clients avoid the pitfalls.

Post-election, resident economist Professor Neville Norman of Melbourne University assesses the performance of recent governments, before and after the GFC, while tax expert Michael Jones runs his eye over some of less highly-publicised taxation changes the new Coalition government has in mind.

And organisational psychologist Leanne Faraday-Brash wraps things up by explaining what happens when you let a “vulture culture” develop in your workplace, and how to take note of the warning signs.

There’s plenty of variety this month. I trust you’ll enjoy the program.

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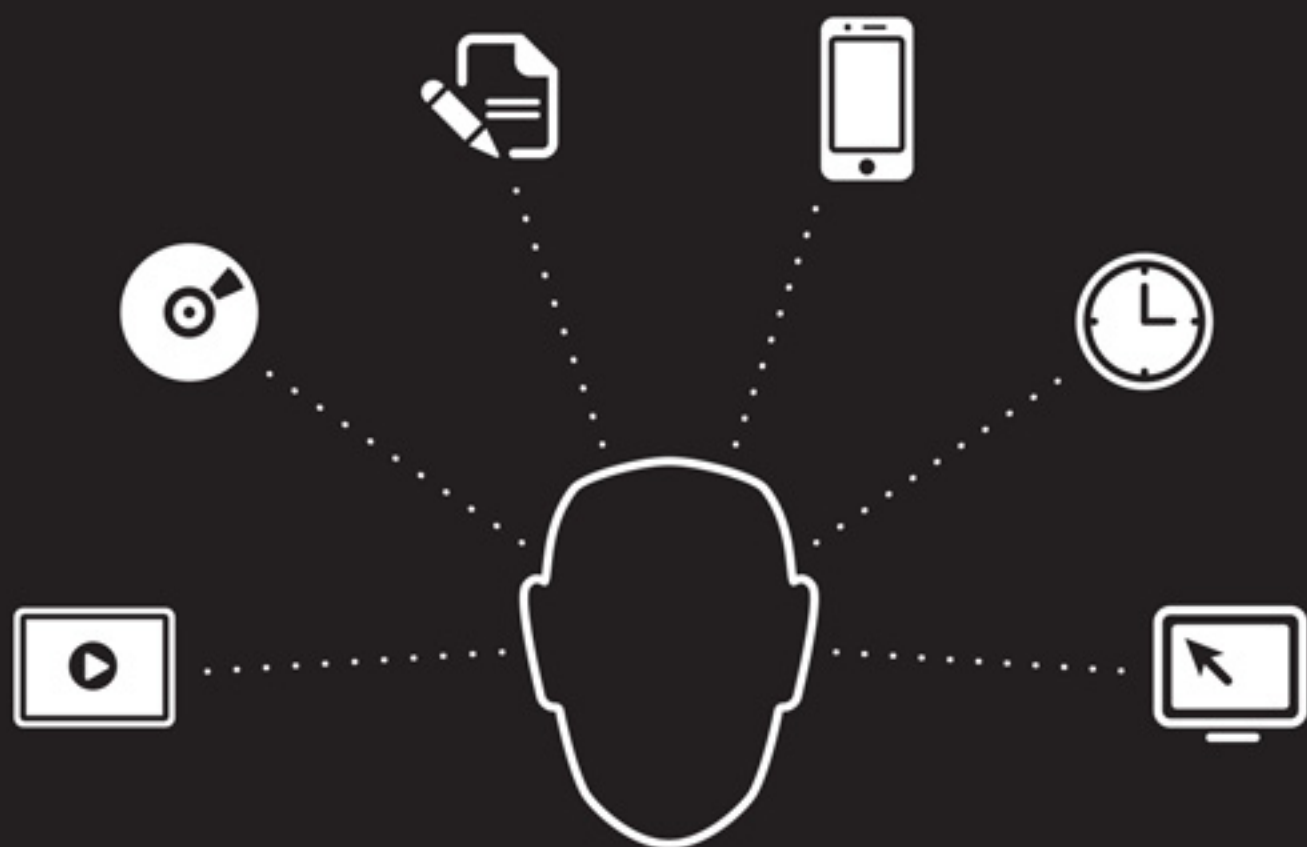
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