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UPCOMING EVENTS:

2ND SUNDAY OF
EVERY MONTH

BALRANALD PONY
CLUB RALLY'S

15TH JUNE

ORDINARY
COUNCIL MEETING

19TH JUNE

TOOLEYBUC
CLUB—AN
EVENING WITH
COMEDIAN JOE
AVATI

15-17TH OCTOBER

BALRANALD 5
RIVER'S FESTIVAL

CREATIVE LEARNING CENTRE

Almost a year ago to the day, Council was notified by the NSW Stronger Country Community Fund Grants Office that the Balranald Community Creative Learning Centre (BCCLC) Project would be awarded funding.

Council has Recently concluded its request for tenders on the construction of the BCCLC (aka the Centre) and are in the process of finalising Construction contract with local Builder Peter Murphy Building . The Centre represents a very important, long-awaited goal for the Balranald Art Gallery Committee that will provide overdue storage space for valuable art works and also a highly-functioning creative learning space for the many creative classes conducted year round.

The Centre concept has been developed by Council in close consultation with the Art Gallery Committee. The exterior finishes of the Centre will be very similar to the main Gallery Building creating a seamless look from the front verge. A formalised off-street car parking area immediately in front of the BCCLC, adjacent to the Gallery building, will also be constructed.

Preliminary site investigations and detailed design work will be commencing as early as next week with site preparation and construction set to commence in early July.



OPERATIONAL PLAN & BUDGET

At an extraordinary meeting on 27th May, Council adopted the Draft Operational Plan, Draft Budget and Draft Revenue Policy.

These documents are part of the intergraded planning and reporting framework as set out in the image.

The Community Strategic Plan (CSP) contains the communities broad vision goals and expectations for the plans direction.

The Delivery Program is the 4 Year Plan and take CSP strategies on and prioritise them. Operational Plan (OP) in the 1 Year Plan takes these actions and provides a detailed Budget and how success will be measured.



FROM THE YOUTH MAYOR

Hello everyone!

I would like to thank all our volunteers for their assistance during the 2021 Youth Week celebrations. We successfully held 2 events, the "Colour of Sound Youth Music Festival", and the "Movie Night Spectacular". We had a lot of fun preparing these events to bring them to you. Thank you also to the people who supported these events by attending. I am excited to begin planning for future events like these to happen down the track. Stay tuned to hear more about events like these in the future.

Call out to the community: the Youth Council is constantly looking to broaden the horizon. Part of this means recruiting new Youths within our Shire. If you are interested in joining up with the Youth Council, to help demonstrate the voices of our Youths across the Shire, and to create fun community initiatives and activities, then please contact Council and let us know! "The Youth of

today, are our leaders for Tomorrow" (Quote by Nelson Mandela). We must acknowledge their voices and get them heard. Don't sit in the background, stand up and help us grow!

Success isn't a one-way street. There are many twists and turns. Just like passion, it isn't easy to find what we are passionate about, but when we do, we stick to it. That's what makes us human beings strong. Passions lead to success, even though it might not be financial success, it might be finding happiness with what you do. You cannot ever be successful at a job you don't want to do, but if you fall in love with what you do, then you might find that your successful because your happy. That's all that success needs to be.

Thank you, and once again – be safe and keep well.

Jackson Bialobrzewski

Mayor – Balranald Shire Youth Council



Community Advisory Committees – Your Voice to Council A Report from the Balranald Beautification Committee

The Balranald Shire Council Beautification Advisory Committee - Balranald, was reformed on Wednesday 7th October 2020, with Toni Tyrer, Penny Jolliffe, Lynne Carter, Gaye Renfrey, Lea Lawrie and Karen Norfolk making up the Committee. Since then, Sue Morton and Val Bradbury has joined the Committee.

The Committee has successfully worked with the Balranald Shire Council on getting a Toilet at the Balranald Cemetery, which will be built later this year/early next year.

Recently the Committee made a Recommendation to the Council to move the Table and Seats from the Corner of Mayall and Market Streets (near the IGA Car Park) and move it to the lawn area at the Senior Citizens Centre. Happy to report that this has happened just recently.

The Committee's next project is to fill in the gaps of the Rose Gardens along Market Street, as many have died over the years. Also we are hoping to plant more plants where the River Stone Beds are along Market Street, bringing more greenery to the Main Street.

The Committee is currently looking into where trees are needed to be planted around Balranald.

The New Beautification Committee would like to say thanks to the outgoing Committee for all their hard work for Beautifying Balranald over their time on the Beautification Committee.

FOOTPATH AND WALKING TRAIL WORKS

New footpath and Walking Trail sections have been or are currently underway in Balranald and Euston under the Commonwealth Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Funding Program (Round 1) to improve pedestrian accessibility and the amenity of both towns.

Balranald Township

In Balranald, one footpath section on River Street (north of Market St), in front of Telstra tower has now been completed, to provide better accessibility to Market Street for pedestrians from the north-eastern section of town.

Another section on River Street (south of Market St) is currently under construction. This section will connect Market St to the newly constructed River Eco-trail that commences on Court St. This section of footpath will provide better access for residents, children with prams and tourists toward the riverfront and is the final piece of footpath of the Military Commemorative Trail showcasing the trails information boards.

Some changes are being made at the Court St end of River St to provide better access across to the start of the Eco-trail, with the inclusion of pedestrian ramps on Court Street, and there will be a slight realignment in the location of the starting point of the EcoTrail.

The Murrumbidgee Bridge approach is now finished with concreted footpath, providing access to the eco-trail on the southern side of the river, and two of our signature stainless steel jumping frogs were placed in the new footpath marking this signature trail.

Euston Township

In Euston, a footpath section on Selwyn Street (south of Cary Street) has been completed, providing better access for local residents and school students.

Works are currently underway to replace the paved footpath on Murray Terrace with a pebblecrete footpath, to reduce the risks to pedestrians and improve the aesthetics and amenity along this terrace.

We thank the community of both Balranald and Euston for their patience during these works.





BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Pursuant to Section 4.59 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*, public notice is hereby given that the following development applications have been approved:

Approval Date	Reference	Applicant	Address	Description
13/04/2021	DA 43/2021	Mr Shaun Ross & Ms Glenda Redpath	Dargin Street, Balranald	Shed
13/04/2021	DA 44/2021	Mr Oliver McNulty	88-90 Market Street, Balranald	Building Wall Wrap Sign
27/04/2021	DA 34/2021	Mr Lance Howley	Woodmount, 1099 Weimby Kyalite Road, Balranald	Two Lot Subdivision
27/04/2021	DA 39/2021	James Golsworthy Consulting	Crown Land on the southern bank of the Murray River, off Tol Tol Road, Tol Tol	Irrigation Pump Station Upgrade
30/04/2021	DA 38/2021	Cordoma Group Pty Ltd	Crown Land on the southern bank of the Murray River, off Murray Valley Hwy, Tol Tol	Irrigation Pump Station Upgrade
30/04/2021	DA 45/2021	Mr Ian Holmes	60 Market Street, Balranald	Carport
04/05/2021	DA 40/2021	James Golsworthy Consulting	Crown Land on the southern bank of the Murray River, off Malaya Road, Robinvale	Irrigation Pump Station Reinstatement
04/05/2021	DA 48/2021	Peter Wilson	Crown Land on southern bank of the Murray River, Tol Tol Mooring Zone	Single Vessel Mooring

Development consents are available for public inspection, free of charge, during normal office hours at Balranald Shire Councils Office, 70 Market Street, Balranald.

Oliver McNulty, General Manager
 PO Box 120, BALRANALD NSW 2715
 03 5020 1300
www.balranald.nsw.gov.au

CURRENTLY ON EXHIBITION

Draft Documents

For most current list and full details please visit:

www.balranald.nsw.gov.au/council-documents/exhibition-of-draft-documents/

Development Applications

For most current list and full details please visit:

www.balranald.nsw.gov.au/environment-and-planning/developments-on-exhibition/

INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

Regional Roads Construction

Pavement construction of a section of MR514 (Oxley Road) has been completed.

Widening of MR 296 - Kyalite-Moulamein Road from Kyalite Caravan Park to Shire boundary contract has been awarded and contractors now mobilising next week.

Local roads Construction

Works have been completed on the reconstruction of Marma-Box Creek Road bitumen sealing has been completed.

Formation works are in hand for the reconstruction and sealing of the Weimby-Kyalite Road to Windomal. Pavement works on an initial 2km stage will be completed next week.

Construction of drainage improvements and sealing of Purton Lane in Balranald are complete. Improvements to the Hatfield-The Vale Road at Binda will commence within the next couple of weeks.

Unsealed road maintenance

Limited maintenance grading work is being undertaken to deal with safety issues as they arise.

A contractor has been appointed to carry out pre-seal preparation of the approaches to 12 grids on Marma Box Creek Road and D Block Road. Quotes for the replacement and duplication of a number of narrow grids on the Mildura-Ivanhoe Road and the Oxley-Clare Road have been awarded with works commencing 1st week June.

Sealed road maintenance

The bitumen reseal programme for the current year commenced 24th May and will be complete next week.

Preliminary work is in hand for the installation of traffic calming of Bertram and Taylor Roads, Euston. Works are expected to commence early June.

Quotes have been submitted for safety improvements (line marking and reflective pavement markers) to the 100km of MR67 from Hatfield to the Shire boundary, as a requirement for the road to be used for haulage of mineral sands concentrate from the Atlas-Campaspe mine to the proposed railhead at Ivanhoe. Installation of additional signs and guideposts will be carried out by Council staff. Works will be completed by the end of June.

WATER, SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

Balranald Sewerage Program

A contract has been awarded for a switchboard upgrade for Pump Station No 2.

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Balranald Water Network

A contract has been awarded for a switchboard upgrade for the main raw water intake. A replacement pump for the intake has been purchased, awaiting contractor availability for installation. A contract has been awarded for the next round of AC mains replacement.

Quotations have been received for inspection and minor remedial works to the filtered water reservoir. This work will take place in September-October.

Quotations have been received for the inspection and desludging of the raw water reservoir, which is budgeted to be carried out next financial year.

Euston Sewerage Program

Quotations are being sought for upgrading the main inlet structure and pump replacement.

Euston Water Network

A contract has been awarded for the next round of AC mains replacement, with the contractor expected to mobilise within the next 2 weeks.

Kyalite Water Supply

Council is progressing investigations and discussions with the local community regarding consolidation and potential taking over the supply of raw water to the village. Following this assessment, consideration will be given to potential future supply of potable water.

CIVIC ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

Buildings and Facilities

Balranald Cemetery

A modular toilet will be installed at a location depending on unmarked graves.

Greenham Park

All tenders received were rejected and negotiations with the preferred tenders will commence shortly. The works for the construction of new change rooms for the football club, designed to cater for the future introduction of women's football as well as facilities for mixed-gender umpires in response to changing trends in the sport will commence late September.

Purchase of new furniture for Greenham Park Hall and construction of a secure storage facility has commenced and a new disabled toilet has been installed.

Equipment Solutions Plus have been awarded the works to upgrade the tennis courts to sand-filled artificial turf, these works will commence in the near future.

Theatre Royal

Installation of heating in the Theatre has commenced while the Theatre is currently out of action, it will be worth it to have heating as well as cooling.

OPERATIONAL PLAN & BUDGET SNAPSHOT

The Operational Plan is Council's commitment to the Community for 2021/2022. It outlines and details individual projects and activities throughout the financial year.

It identifies how each of these items are funded and gives an outline of the financial position and project for the year. Other elements a part of the suite of documents include the Revenue Policy, Fees and Charges and the proposed Capital Works Program.

Budget Snapshot

Total income \$25.8m

Total Operation Expense \$15.7m

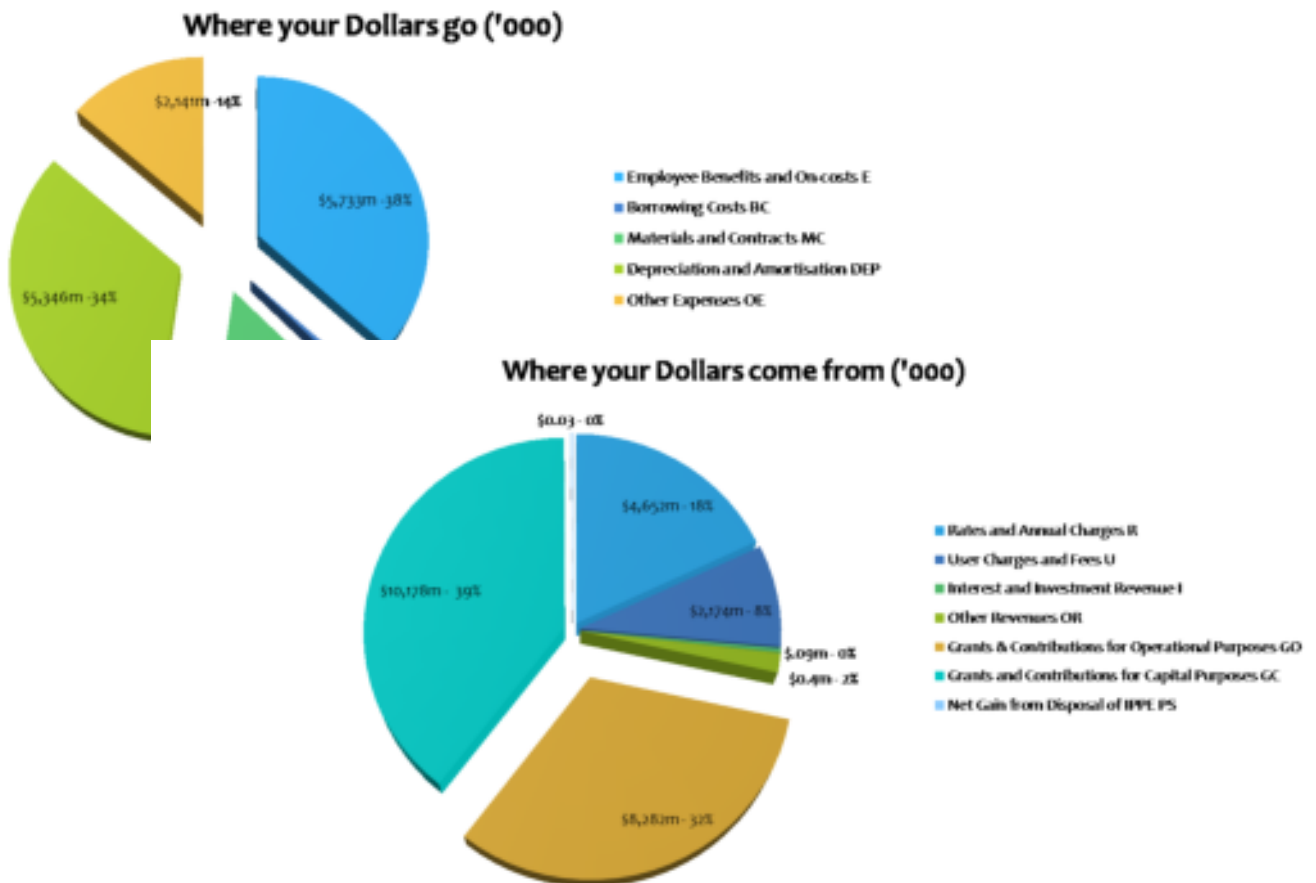
Net Movement before Capital \$10.2m

Funded from Reserves Net \$172,990

General Fund Supplies \$376,270

No. 1 priority for Council is to be financially sustainable over Long term.

Rates Revenue increase by 10% across accumulated land classification in line approves special Rate



Council encourage all community members to take time to look through the Draft Operation Plan and Budget. Submission can be made to Council up to Friday 25th June.

Community Information Meetings will be held:

Balranald Theatre Royal—Wednesday 16th June at 5pm

Euston Football Rooms—Thursday 17th June at 5pm

Clare Public School—Friday 18th June at 3pm



RATES INSTALMENT 4 & WATER USAGE NOTICE

Your quarterly rates Instalment 4 and your water usage for the period 1/1/2021 – 31/3/21 were

Due 31 May 2021

If you have not received your notices please contact Council's Rates officer on 50201300 or email council@balranald.nsw.gov.au

If you are experiencing financial hardship please contact Council to arrange a confidential discussion to make a payment arrangement. Overdue amounts are charged interest at 7% pa calculated daily. Failure to pay your rates and water in full, or to enter into a payment arrangement will result in the outstanding amounts being sent to Council's Debt Collection agency.

SHIRE OFFICES CLOSED

Please be advised that the Library, Information Centre, Depot, Service NSW & the Main Office will be closed on Friday 11th June from 8.30am to 2pm due to all Staff conducting a Training Day.

Council apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



ACRE FESTIVAL 2021 TOWN TWIG CONCERT

A great night was had by all who were fortunate to attend the Yanga Woolshed on Friday 21st May.

The 100+ people who were lucky to attend were treated to an exceptional night of music and story telling from Benny Walker, Neil Murray and Kutcher Edwards.

Balranald Shire Council are delighted to support this great initiative of TWIG as part of the Acre Project in partnership with South West Arts, Swan Hill Rural City Council, Murray River Council and Gunnawarra Shire Council .



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 Balranald Shire Council



COUNCIL SERVICES AND OPENING HOURS

Shire Office

9am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday

Balranald Pool

Closed until next season—TBA

Balranald Library

Monday & Friday 9.30am - 5.30pm, Wednesday 9am-5.30pm (closed for lunch 12pm-1pm)

Balranald Landfill

Tuesday and Thursday 4pm - 6pm, Saturday 10am-1pm, Sunday 10am-3pm

Euston Landfill

Tuesday and Thursday 1pm-6pm, Sunday 9am-3pm

SERVICE NSW IN EUSTON

Every second & fourth Thursday of the month

12.30pm –3.00pm

At the Old Court House on Murray Terrace, Euston



VACANCIES

Council is recruiting the following positions:

- PCA (Carer) @ Bidgee Haven
- Part Time Administration Officer @ Bidgee Haven
- Casual Cleaner

More information on our website

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Would you like to advertise an event in our monthly Newsletter?

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Council wishes to remind the community that when unsealed Shire roads are wet, then they are automatically to be regarded as CLOSED, even if there are no road closure signs out or there is no roads report on Council's website. The Roads Report is updated as information becomes available at: www.balranald.nsw.gov.au/road-conditions

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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THE RECENT DONATIONS
from the Can Assist Executive Team

The Balranald Branch of Can Assist is very grateful to the following organisations for their recent donations.

Balranald Central School Charity Donation (in addition to the School students who assist at the Book Shop)
Tree Employment Almond Farm
Balranald Motor Cycle Club
And the Balranald Fishing Club who have donated a piece of equipment for use in assisting cancer patients.

The generosity from local organisations and businesses continues to overwhelm us all at our Branch

If you need help, please contact the Branch
on 0408 375529
Charitable Fundraising No 12748

ANNOUNCEMENT

BALRANALD /FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

present a Football Charity Day to support

CAN ASSIST, BALRANALD BRANCH

SAVE THE DATE
June 19 2021

In support of our Branch the above event will take place on June 19 2021,
Can Assist will be selling Raffle Tickets and providing Morning & Afternoon Tea on the day
Please come along and support us and help the Branch to continue supporting their cancer patients and families.

"Living local giving local"
(All funds raised stay in our local Branch)



Charity Fund raising No 12748



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a few hours to spare?
The Can Assist Book Shop needs volunteers
Any day to suit, any hours to suit, any week to suit
Tea & Coffee provided

Please contact Alison on 0427 502019
Charity Fundraising No 12748



DOMESTIC FIREWOOD PERMITS – YANGA NATIONAL PARK

Permits are available now until 30th September 2021 for domestic firewood collection on Yanga National Park. The available firewood is from a single collection point and consists of redgum milled timber offcuts (sleeper backs).

Permits cost \$25/tonne or \$12.50/tonne for pensioner concession with a limit of 6 tonne per household per year.

Permits are only available to residents of Balranald and Murray Rivers Shires.

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS WILL BE PROCESSED BY EMAIL FROM THE NPWS BURONGA OFFICE.

For more information or permit applications please call the Yanga park office on 0350 201764 or email npws.lowerdarlingfirewood@environment.nsw.gov.au

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL P&F PHONE BOOK UPDATE

We are currently updating the local phone book for the upcoming year and we would like to offer all new residents of the Balranald and district shire the opportunity to be included in the new edition.

If you would like your details included please contact Jess Griffiths on 0437 285 937 with your information. Alternatively you can go to either the Balranald Post Office or The Balranald Newsagent and there will be a document that you can write your new listing on.

Please note this is for **NEW LISTINGS ONLY.**

All current listings will be contacted separately by a member of the P&F for any updates required.

For BUSINESS advertising please contact Jess Griffiths on 0437 285 937.

PAIKA 2021

A women's wellbeing retreat

A weekend of rest & renewal with inspired, visionary women



Rest, relax, unwind in productive, creative time out

At Paika Women's Wellbeing Retreat we use writing as a pathway to wellbeing.



- * clarify your vision
- * remove barriers & obstructions
- * set clear pathways forward.



Where: Paika Station, on the fringe of Mungo National Park, near Balranald
Numbers limited: 8 places only

"...just incredible...a truly beautiful experience...loved it all....so much acceptance..."



The weekend is led by award-winning journalist and author, Stephanie Dale. In 2014 Stephanie founded The Write Road, a pioneering writing for wellbeing initiative. Stephanie is currently undertaking PhD research into writing as a pathway to wellbeing.

2021

retreat dates

July 31-Aug 2

More information:

steph@thewriteroad.com.au

Marie.Kelly1@health.nsw.gov.au

"Life changing..."

COVID-19 AND WORKING FROM HOME – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR TAX TIME

For many of us, working from home has become a new reality. Whether it's a computer or monitor, desks, office chairs, stationary or other items you need to get the job done, you are generally entitled to claim these expenses either as part of a temporary short cut rate or separately, so make sure you take a look at the guidance provided by the ATO and of course speak to your tax advisor registered tax agent if you have one.

The ATO extended the shortcut method for claiming work from home deductions until 30 June 2021 – or the end of this financial year. Using this method, you can claim a deduction of 80 cents for each hour you work from home as long as you are:

- Working from home to fulfil your employment duties or running your business and not just carrying out minimal tasks such as occasionally checking emails or taking calls; and
- Incurring additional deductible running expenses as a result of working from home.

The shortcut method is an all-inclusive rate and covers all deductible running expenses. If you do use the shortcut method, you need to keep a detailed record of the hours you worked at home using timesheets or diary notes as opposed to other methods where you must itemise and have receipts for each deduction you claim and apportion the claim for work and private use.

Also, if you usually work from home one day a week and due to an emergency situation such as COVID-19, bushfire or drought, you're required to work from home for an extended period, you will need to keep records for the actual hours you've worked from home due to the emergency situation as well as your usual working from home arrangements.

ATO Assistant Commissioner Tim Loh said:

"Whether you use the temporary shortcut method or any of the other methods to claim working from home expenses, which are still available, you must keep a record to prove your claim. If you use the temporary shortcut rate, that record is the number of hours you worked from home, for example, using a timesheet."

In some circumstances, it may make sense to use the other methods to claim work from home deductions, particularly if you are going to be working from home for the foreseeable future. Read the guidelines carefully and/or speak to your registered tax agent.

The government has initiated a wide range of measures to assist everyone right now. So, whether you are an employee or operate as an independent consultant or contractor, it's a good idea to do your homework.

There are very generous depreciation measures enacted in response to COVID-19 which mean that certain businesses can deduct the business portion of the cost of new, eligible depreciating assets. If you're a small business, find out more about what's new and the support available to help you get it right, for example, how to report JobKeeper payments or cash flow boost credits if you received them.

It's important to take a step back and look at your current position. Jobs, workspaces and government support programs are all changing and will continue to do so for at least this tax year and the next. Seek tax advice as your circumstances change.