

# **Morrows In Brief**

A collection of compliance, firm and client articles to keep you in touch with news and developments at the Morrows Group.

# Key Dates To Mark In Your Calendar

December	
1	Income Tax Payment Due – Large/Medium Entities
20	Morrows office closure
21	November 2013 Monthly Activity Statement Lodgement
25	Merry Christmas
January	
2	Morrows office re-opens for 2014
15	Income Tax Return Due – Large/Medium Entities
21	December 2013 Monthly Activity Statement Lodgement
28	Super Guarantee Contributions due (9.25%) – December Qtr
February	
21	January 2014 Monthly Activity Statement Lodgement
28	Sept - Dec 2013 Quarterly Activity Statements Due – Electronic Lodgement (via Tax Agent)

#### Cape Paterson Ecovillage

Morrows client Cape Paterson Ecovillage are celebrating the win of Dave Martin, the head builder of Archiblox, who was awarded the coveted Victorian Master Builder of the Year for 2013. Archiblox and TS Constructions are highly talanted local builders in the Cape Paterson area who create the beautiful, high quality, sustainable homes for the Ecovillage.

The Cape Paterson Ecovillage is the vision of directors Brendan Condon and Mike O'Mullane. It combines the old village atmosphere with modern sustainable design to build a living space that is socially and environmentally positive.

If you would like any further information on the Cape Paterson Ecovillage please contact your Morrows representative.

## Ron Baker, Value Pricing workshop – 22 October

On 22 October, Morrows was priveleged to host Ron Baker, Founder of the Verasage Institute, and his only Melbourne workshop on "The Firm of the Future". Ron travels internationally presenting to members of the legal, accounting, consulting, technology and advertising professions. His speciality areas are value-based pricing, economics, and human capital development and he is seen as a thought leader in these areas. Ron created the VeraSage Institute as a think tank dedicated to encouraging and teaching practitioners of knowledge based professions how to prepare for the future. (See www.verasage.com)

The workshop was attended by senior lawyers and accountants from several states who received information on business models of the past and

the future, contextual pricing, implementing change and other key concepts for application to their businesses.



## **Giving Tree Community**

Morrows Charity Committee has chosen to support the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal over the month of December.

"The Salvation Army will deliver 300,000 toys and serve 8,000 meals this Christmas, but rely on the support of generous Australians to make this happen. 25,000 families are homeless in Australia tonight and a gift from you will make a big difference in their life this Christmas".

Morrows will be helping by participating in the toy appeal and food drive. You may have seen our Christmas tree at reception under which we will be placing presents for the children. 'Wishing Tree' tickets can also be found on the tree with gift ideas. All food and toys will be picked up by the Salvation Army on the 19th December.

If you would like any further information on our Wishing Tree or the Salvation Army, please contact your Morrows representative.

## Morrows Christmas Style

Once again this Christmas the various divisions of Morrows are battling it out in the Morrows Christmas decorations competition. Operations, Superannuation, Business Services/Tax Advisory, Legal & Private Wealth are going head to head for festive glory. Here are some photos around the office:











## Staff Profile: Jocelyn Honour

Jocelyn joined Morrows in January 2012 and is Manager Strategic Development. We spoke to her about her time at Morrows and her interests:

What brought you to Morrows, and what were your first impressions? I had built a great deal of respect for the owners of Morrows having worked closely with them for several years in my previous role in BT Financial Group. Morrows had also just completed its *Business Strategy and 5 Year Plan* so I could see the firm's exciting possibilities for the future.



## What is your background and what do you enjoy about your work? I

have worked in financial services since 1997 gaining experience in funds management, dealership management and investment platforms. I love the industry because it is always changing, challenging and stimulating. I enjoy the people and the variety of work I get to do.

Is there anyone or anything you use as a source of inspiration? My son Oscar is my inspiration to be the best I can be every day. He asks good questions and makes me think about all my words, actions and preconceptions of the world. I very much appreciate the opportunity to experience the world through his eyes.

If you could witness any event past, present or future, what would it be? Neil Armstrong walking on the moon – such an amazing achievement that only 12 people have experienced, all of whom are over 75 years old now. Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December was the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the last moon walk.

Do you have a favourite quote? My favourite quotes change all the time. At the moment it is "I am committed to being a better person today than I was yesterday. Better thoughts, better decisions, better actions."

**Favourite book, movie or play?** I couldn't put the Stieg Larsson books down and, with the author's death, the story has become even more intriguing.

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