

OUR HIGH-STAKES TAX GAME – WHAT’S REALLY GOING ON?

The Australian Tax Office has vowed to crack down on dodgy work-related expenses from battlers, amid ongoing revelations that some of the biggest companies operating here pay no real tax at all. Against this backdrop, with revenue and debt issues to deal with, the federal government has slashed corporate tax rates – claiming the trickle-down effect will benefit us all. What’s really going on?

A special report in the latest issue of leading business publication **INTHEBLACK** profiles what is a high-stakes gamble by the Australian government (and various other governments around the world).

Ultimately, these governments are betting that the benefits expected to flow from cutting company tax rates – increased investment (particularly foreign investment), improved productivity, higher wages and a bigger economy – will outweigh the short-term loss to government coffers.

The devil, however, is in the detail, and the Australian economy has underlying structural issues that remain exposed. The report examines the substantial risks and rewards.

CHARITIES AND THE TERRORIST TRAP

It may seem incomprehensible that charities, including those based here in Australia, could be helping to fund terrorist organisations and their deadly campaigns. But, sadly, some charities that have established to serve humanity – often in world trouble spots – are being hijacked and used as money-laundering vehicles.

There are more than 54,000 registered charities in Australia. A special report in the latest issue of **INTHEBLACK** magazine examines how they can be infiltrated and manipulated by terrorist groups, what is being done to stop the activity, and how you can rest assured that your donations are getting to the right recipients.

RECLAIMING AUSTRALIA’S MEDTECH MOJO

Australians are rightly proud of the medical innovations we have brought to the world, improving and saving countless lives. From the heart pacemaker to the bionic ear, and from the cervical cancer vaccine to spray-on skin, our advances have benefitted humanity. Sadly, our momentum has stalled.

A report in leading publication **INTHEBLACK** examines the reasons why the bright ideas from our current crop of talented people aren’t being converted into game-changing end-products.

Without doubt we still have the skills, but our current system seems more focused on understanding the concept, rather than delivering it to the masses. The report examines the efforts being made to turn that around, so Australia can reclaim its place as a true world leader in medtech.

THE FAMILY BUSINESS: THE BIG SHIFT & HOW TO GET IT RIGHT

*Matthew & Son, the work's never done, there's always something new.
The files in your head, you take them to bed, you're never ever through.
And they've been working all day, all day, all day!*

- Cat Stevens, 'Matthew & Son'

There are more than two-million businesses in Australia, 70 per cent of them are family owned, and those family enterprises employ half the nation's workforce. These are truly big numbers, but the reality of working in the family business can be a very personal balancing act. It can be rewarding and it can be very tough, all at the same time. For many family businesses, big changes are coming.

A report in leading business journal **INTHEBLACK** examines the realities of running a successful family business, at a time in our history when the baby boomer generation is collectively handing over the keys. It is set to be the greatest wealth transfer in our history, with A\$3 trillion set to change hands.

ARE YOU A 'LIST JUNKIE'? HOW TO DITCH THE LIST AND SUCCEED

If you find you have a never-ending list of tasks to accomplish, it may be time to get rid of the list.

By taking a new approach, centred on priorities and delegating, your world may soon transform into taking the big steps you've been hoping to, rather than getting lost in the detail.

A report on the website of leading business publication **INTHEBLACK** examines the techniques you can put into play to ensure your priorities are in order – no lists required. [See the report here](#)

DOES THE GOVERNMENT OWE YOU MONEY? THE 15 TOP TAX TIPS

It's tax time, and whether you're doing your own return or discussing options with your accountant, there are key areas to focus on to ensure you get as much money as possible back into your pocket.

A report on the website of leading business publication **INTHEBLACK** details the 15 top tax tips you need to know about for the 2016-17 tax year. From home offices to self-education, and from cars to super, there are a number of potentially lucrative claims you could be making. [See the report here](#)

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