

Beyond the Farm Gate – Newsletter



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KEY TAX DATES COMING UP

30th September 2026 – Due Date

Overseas Student Loan interim repayments. These are due twice a year – 31st March and 30th September and are based on a percentage of the balance of the student loan.

28th October 2026 – Due Date

1st Instalment of 2027 Provisional Tax for **MAY** balance dates.

28th November 2026 – Due Date

1st Instalment of 2027 Provisional Tax for **JUNE** balance dates.

We will send reminder notices prior to this date but also remember to please check your JUNK mail folder as sometimes these can end up here.

Remember also that when making a payment, the period is for 31st March (regardless of your balance date) and the year will depend on whether it is Terminal Tax (due 2026) or Provisional Tax (due 2027). Please don't hesitate to call or email if you want to make sure.

If you are paying IRD via Westpac, you can make a cash or EFTPOS payment at any Westpac branch or Westpac Smart ATM. You will need your Tax Return or statement barcode, or you can create your own online at IRD on the link below:

<https://www.ird.govt.nz/managing-my-tax/make-a-payment/ways-of-paying/paying-at-westpac>

Please note you will need to scroll to the bottom of the page then select "create a barcode".

REMINDER

Please advise your accountant if you have linked to a new tax type, e.g. GST, WFF, etc so we can update our records accordingly.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

Daylight saving starts on Sunday 27th September at 2.00am - clocks are put forward one hour. If you have staff working at this time.

STAFF NEWS

STAFF UPDATE

BABY CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Michael, his wife Elizabeth and their children on the arrival of their 5th child, Boaz, arriving safely on the 15th July.



We would also like to congratulate Chelsea & Daniel on the arrival of their second son, no name as yet but both mum and baby are doing well.

NEW STAFF ARRIVALS

We would like to welcome Jody Hardwick who started with us on 14th September as an Accounting Graduate. Jody lives in Lincoln on her parents farm and enjoys showing her milking shorthorns at the Canterbury A&P Show every year.

CLIENT INFORMATION

Please let us know if you have moved or updated your email address or phone number so we can update our system and you do not miss any important information.

BG FACEBOOK PAGE

We now have an active Facebook page with regular updates including office news, business and accounting updates and sharing of articles we think you may find interesting or helpful.

[Facebook](#)



2026 CLIENT INFORMATION QUESTIONNAIRES

From 1 April this year we introduced a new electronic questionnaire to streamline the collection of your year-end information. Each client will receive a tailored online questionnaire, designed to capture the information and documents required to prepare your financial statements and income tax returns. Only once the completed questionnaire and supporting documents are provided will our team begin preparing your accounts. This new process aims to reduce follow-up emails, improve accuracy, and allow us to complete your work more efficiently during our busy periods. Please see our website ([2026 Client Information Questionnaire](#)) for a list of FAQs regarding this new system.

XERO PRICE INCREASE

Xero has advised that from 1 October 2026 it's making changes to the price of its subscriptions.

- Ignite plan increases of \$2.00 per month
- Grow plan increases of \$6.00 per month
- Comprehensive plan increases of \$7.00 per month
- Ultimate plan increases of \$10.00 per month

All pricing is in NZD and excludes GST.

[Pricing Update | Xero NZ](#)

ACCOUNT STATEMENT CHANGES

We have implemented a change to the way we invoice our services. Going forward, we will issue separate invoices for different types of work, rather than combining all work completed during the month onto a single invoice. This applies to services such as:

- Annual accounting work
- Business advisory
- Tax forecasts
- Dividend preparation
- Other ad hoc work, including client training and queries

Our bookkeeping services (payroll, GST preparation, RWT filing, and monthly bill payments) will continue to be consolidated on to a single monthly invoice.

Invoice timing is unchanged – invoices are issued during the first 10 days of each month and remain due for payment on the 20th.

Prior to the due date, you'll receive an Activity Statement summarising the total amount due for that month. The statement also includes links to each invoice, making it easy to access a copy if required. If any invoices remain unpaid after the due date, you'll receive an Overdue Statement showing your outstanding balance as a reminder.

If you have any questions about these changes or your invoices in general, please don't hesitate to contact Kate Ward-Smith or Nicola French in our office.

RURAL GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

One of our Associates, Erin Neale, now has a regular article in the opinion section of the Rural Guardian newsletter. Check it out on their [Facebook page](#) and [website](#).

If you are a farmer, you should already receive a free copy.

POSTAL & COURIER ADDRESS

Please be aware if you are couriering any documents to us you need to use our physical address - Level 2, 504 Wairakei Road, Burnside, Christchurch 8053.

If you are sending us anything via post you need to use our PO Box address - PO Box 39195, Harewood, Christchurch 8545.

A.I. AT BROWN GLASSFORD

Like many of you, we have been testing AI in our everyday work. We wanted to let you know that Brown Glassford & Co Limited is on that journey too.

We take client data security concerns very seriously and as a result have undertaken specific AI training, increased our external IT support, and adopted strong policies and procedures to support the rollout of AI in our firm.

Client data security is a primary focus and as a result we have adopted Claude within our Microsoft365 environment. What that means is that any use of AI will be limited to our own "closed" IT platform. It sits behind the same high security protections as our email, including multi-factor authentication.

Our IT and software providers have confirmed that your data and information are not used to train the large language models behind tools such as other public AI platforms.

So far we are using it to support complex data analysis and speed up repetitive tasks. In every case the output is reviewed by the accountant who knows your file. AI is a tool that helps us prepare the work; it does not make the judgement calls and it does not sign anything off.

Please be reassured that whether you call or email, you will always reach a person who knows you and your business. We will continue to pride ourselves on developing and maintaining a trusted advisor relationship with our clients.

