

## Tech Tips for Tax Time

Being the end of the financial year it is now a good time for businesses, including farms, to purchase items that you can claim. These items may include equipment such as new computers, printers, fax machines, flash drives and inks. The Grenfell Internet Centre can order in laptops and build computers to your specification. We can order in a variety of ink cartridges including original brands or the generic brand Calidad, which is equal to original brand but half the price.

Blackout can be annoying and can also damage your computer or other electrical devices. Blackouts can be overcome by installing an uninterruptible power supply (UPS). A UPS is a battery that stores power and allows your computer to operate unaffected by the normal electricity supply. During long blackouts when a UPS becomes flat it shuts down your programs properly before turning off the computer. Now is a great time to buy and install a UPS.

The Grenfell Internet Centre can produce customised printing. This includes business cards, with-compliments slips, invitations, menus, flyers for mail drops, brochures and letterheads. We can either print your design or design a document based on your idea. If you have a special function we can print and fold your order of service booklets to save you time at this stressful occasion.

Slow computers can be very annoying. If your computer is running slow it might be time it has a clean up or an upgrade. Pop down to the internet centre and I will do up a quote. Any work you get done on your home office computer may be able to be claimed on tax return. If you purchase a new computer before the 30<sup>th</sup> of June you may be able to claim that also.

Nowadays you can lodge your tax return online. This is a quick process if your tax return is simple as all of the forms are downloadable from the ATO website. Online lodgement will mean you generally receive your refund cheque within 14 days. If you would like to lodge your tax online download the software from <http://www.ato.gov.au/> or if you don't have the internet pop down to the Grenfell Internet Centre and use one of our computers.

New computers and other electronics may mean you're stumped on how to drive it. As things are updated they can sometimes appear a lot different though they do the same job, this can put some people off as they get scared they are going to break it if they press the wrong buttons. If your one of these people and would like a lesson on how to drive the new bit of technology pop down to the

internet centre or give me a call on 6343 1720 and we can work out a time for a 1 on 1 lesson. These are \$25 per hour but could save you hours of frustration.

If your home office is too cold over the winter pop down and use the computers here at the internet centre. We have good heating and it is always warm down here. We have high speed internet so you can download songs for your iPod, maps for your GPS or even check your email or facebook. Drop in and see me at the Grenfell Internet Centre in the Community Hub Building or by phoning 6343 1720.