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35 WAYS TO SAVE TAX & GROW YOUR WEALTH

Superannuation

- Utilise tax deductible Super contributions (max. 15% tax) – claim \$25,000 under 50's or \$50,000 over 50's.
- Maximise income in your superfund taxed at only 15%.
- Access super based "Pensions" after age 55 for tax advantaged income.
- Access tax free super pension if over 60.
- Income in Superfund on pension assets tax free in superfund (save 15%).
- Accumulate business real property in your Superfund to maximise Superfund income.
- No CGT on sale of Superfund pension assets. 10% other Superfund assets (if held 12 months).

Business

- Adopt the best business structure (trust, Co. etc) to maximise your potential to minimise tax.
- Children <18 can earn \$3,000 approx tax free - distribute to them to reduce your tax.
- Children >18 can earn \$15,000 tax free, again an opportunity to reduce your tax.
- Children's wages taxed at normal rates – tax free to \$15,000 – any age if bona fide.
- Distribute to a company to limit upside tax potential.
- Accelerate deductions and defer income at year end.
- Avoid overdrawn company & trust loan accounts to avoid penal rates applicable.
- Leave assets via a testamentary trust to save future tax for beneficiaries.

Employee

- Salary sacrifice your income to super
- The Fringe Benefits rate is 45%. Increase your take home pay by cashing out benefits.
- Make a Super contribution for your spouse and claim the tax rebate.
- Maximise your tax rebate claims. Eg low income, medical, spouse, Senior Australian etc.
- Have you considered hospital cover to avoid Medicare Levy Surcharge?
- Review eligibility for Govt Co Contributions if <\$60,000 "Salary".

CGT

- Avoid CGT using small business CGT concessions.
- Time contract dates to ensure you hold property more than 12 months to get 50% discount.
- Maximise your cost base by keeping accurate cost records.
- Keep accurate records of undeducted running costs eg interest to increase cost base.
- Access CGT rate on Superfund assets normally 10% but nil for allocated pension assets.

Other Taxes

- Claim GST on plant upfront using Chattel Mortgage in preference to lease.
- Claim Family Farm Stamp Duty exemption on in house property transfers.
- Property transfers from Superfunds, Trusts & Estates to individual beneficiaries exempt from Stamp Duty.
- Minimise Workcover for family member employees utilising personal trustees.
- Split your real estate holdings to minimise land tax.

Social Security

- Have your children access "Youth Allowance" while studying (\$10,000 p.a.).
- FTB A can be up to \$6,033/child p.a. Optimise benefits in optimising tax planning.
- FTB B can be up to \$3,828 p.a.
- Record expenses to maximise Education rebates.
- Plan: to maximise age pension.
- Access Baby Bonus or new parental leave payments.

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