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December again! Another amazing year is coming to close and its a great time look back on what we have accomplished during the year. Our PlusOne fixed fee offering continues to be popular with starts ups and business wanting to move to Xero and the roll out of our GECA Growth services has been well received by our clients. Indeed, one the most enjoyable aspects of my role this year as an adviser has been working with some of our more established clients to help them prepare their businesses for succession or sale, including putting in place organisational structures that lets the owners step back from day to day operations and then developing their governance skills to enable them to run the business effectively as Directors. Generally, these are family businesses with more than one generation working in the business which throws up its own special set of challenges to manage and overcome.

It's fascinating work and I really enjoy it, especially seeing my clients achieve their goals as a result of these initiatives. And as GECA is now a registered services provider with the New Zealand Trade and Enterprise Capability Development Voucher Scheme, our Growth services such as Business Planning are now eligible for government funding. And we've got some more great initiatives planned for 2017 - stay posted.

On behalf of the GECA team, I'd like to extend our very best wishes to you and your family for Christmas and that your holidays are both happy and safe. Take the time to enjoy having a break and recharge the batteries for the final quarter of the financial year.

*P.S - Keep an eye out for your Christmas card from us in the mail.*

**We are closed from midday, 22nd December and re-opening on 16th January 2017. On call support during this time is available by calling 0800 758 766 or you can email [giles@geca.co.nz](mailto:giles@geca.co.nz).**

### Important Dates and Reminders:

Just a reminder for our standard 31 March balance date clients, the next provisional tax and GST payment date is due on the 16th January 2017.

View the other important dates to remember for FBT, Provisional Tax, PAYE and GST [here](#)



### **7 ways to manage your business stress and thrive**

Running a business and stress go hand in hand ... and letting business stress get to you can be detrimental to your business and even worse – your health. Recent medical studies show high levels of stress can reduce life expectancy by up to ten years. Find out what you can do to get on top of it now. [Read more](#)



### **Tips on Tax Deductions for Employee Gifts and End of Year Functions**

Not too long until Christmas and the season of gift giving and entertaining. And as a business owner, it's likely you are considering what gifts to give to clients and staff, however, when doing your budgets, remember that some gifts can't be accounted for as tax deductions. [Read more](#)

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## Interesting Holiday Reads - Top 5 Business Books of 2016

Need some reading over the summer break. According to Business Insider these are the top selling business books of 2016 to revolutionise your 2017

1. "Elon Musk: Tesla, SpaceX, and the Quest for a Fantastic Future" by Ashlee Vance
2. "Habit Stacking: 97 Small Life Changes That Take Five Minutes or Less" by S.J. Scott
3. "Decisive: How to Make Better Choices in Life and Work" by Chip Heath and Dan Heath
4. "The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business" by Charles Duhigg
5. "The Millionaire Next Door" by Dr Thomas J. Stanley and Dr. William D. Danko

Find out more and about the other 15 in the [Top 20](#).

## Client Updates

### Congratulations to Dave Andrews



Dave Andrews of Access One Scaffolding recently won first place in his age group at the Chicago Marathon, followed up by 7th in the New York marathon, proving you are never too old to take on and succeed at a new challenge. Congratulations to Dave on this great achievement.

### New venture for Chris Rupe



Great to see GECA client Chris Rupe, of SPQR fame, setting up another fabulous restaurant Auguston Bistro with his daughter Courtney. Read more about Augustus Bistro in this [New Zealand Herald](#) article. I've been and the food is delicious - well worth a visit. Good luck with the new venture Chris and Courtney!

If you have any achievements you would like us to share please don't hesitate to let us know, we love to hear whats going on with our clients.

## GECA Updates

### Welcome Sheral Reddy

Sheral Reddy has recently joined the GECA team as Associate Director. Sheral is a Certified Public Practitioner with over 15 years of experience advising businesses and individuals on a range of tax and accounting issues. Sheral is well regarded for her sound, commercial tax advice that enables clients to improve their results and optimise their position. You can reach Sheral on 09 523 7771.



### GECA's Growth services are now eligible for NZTE funding



GECA offers range of Growth services designed to help business owners overcome challenges and unlock their business potential to improve their cashflow and grow their profits. The services include the annual client review, business planning, coaching, succession, KPI and dashboards, and many more.

GECA is registered to accept NZTE Capability Development Vouchers, meaning many of our Growth services such as Business Planning are now eligible for government funding\*.

To find out more about our Growth services, [click here](#) or call Giles on 0800 758 766. Or to get things started right away, call Tiffany now on 09 523 7777 to arrange your **complimentary** client review where we will identify challenges that are preventing you from realising your business potential.

\*Eligibility is on a case by case basis at the Regional Business Partners approval. For more information on the NZTE Capability Development Voucher scheme, click [here](#):

### Tis the Season for Giving



At GECA Chartered Accountants, we are all about making a difference and so this year we decided to donate to the charities Auckland SPCA and CanTeen in lieu of giving client Christmas gifts this year. The charities are extremely grateful for donations at this time of the year when their need is greatest and we feel that this gesture is on behalf of

our clients and staff is in keeping with GECA's core values. Our thanks to you for your support and understanding for this initiative.

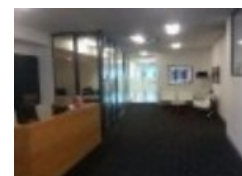
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