



September 2016 Newsletter

MS Queensland

MS Queensland is the state organisation working to create a world free from multiple sclerosis (MS). Those of you who have been reading our quarterly newsletters for some time would know that DLA Partners has been very active in the support of MS Queensland, and the sufferers of this disease.

In past editions you would have seen our bike riders and our walkers, and also our individual support of young Jemma Barsby.

Jemma made her debut for Queensland (Women's National Cricket League) in the 2010-11 season at the age of 15. She bats left hand, bowls right arm off-spin, and has the unique talent of being able to bowl with both hands.

In 2015, while signed to the Brisbane Heat, Jemma was diagnosed with MS. Her unwavering commitment to not allow the disease to stop her playing ignited a spark of support within DLA Partners, and so we support Jemma and MS Queensland.

At a recent Boardroom Lunch we introduced Jemma to some of our clients, who have dug deep and donated to this great cause. In addition, DLA staff will be walking to raise funds in the annual **MS Queensland Moonlight Walk** along the banks of the Brisbane River next month. Our goal is to raise \$5000 and we would love you to be part of this. If you would like to donate, please click on this [Link](#). If you would like to walk with us, please contact Alena on (07) 3863 9444.



Grant Funding

Have you ever thought of a great idea for a product or service but not had the dollars to follow through with developing it? There are many businesses thriving today because of a helping hand from friends and relatives,

or through the support of government or industry funding. Here are two programs available currently, and if you would like more information on how DLA Partners can assist you to apply, please call Sue on (07) 3863 9444.

Ignite Ideas

The second round of the Queensland Government's funding will open on 12 September 2016. This initiative supports the development of new or improved products, processes or services to secure investment, launch into global markets and grow businesses.

Funding of up to \$250,000 per project is available to help your business by supporting activities that prove your idea will work or to assist in identifying a market or investor for your product, process or service.

If you are registered in Queensland with less than 200 staff and you have the potential for high growth with a product you have a working prototype for, or a process or service that can be proven to be viable, then you may be eligible to apply.

Coles Nurture Fund

This exciting Coles initiative was launched to assist SME producers, farmers and manufacturers to innovate and grow their businesses. \$50 million over five years has been allocated to encourage businesses to develop new market-leading products, technologies, systems and processes.

If you've been trading for 2 years, employ less than 50 full time employees and your turnover does not exceed \$25,000,000, and you have an ABN and are registered for GST, then you may be eligible to apply for the Coles funding. Both grant funding and interest-free loans are available.

Do you want more time to spend working on your business?

If you want to spend less time on bookwork, invoicing, and reconciling your bank account, and you want to have a better relationship with your accountant, then you are the perfect candidate to move to cloud accounting.

Business accounting software is rarely up-to-date, and often there are multiple versions of the data files floating around. Generally only certain people can log on and only onto certain computers. Someone has to manually enter transaction data. The problems go on and on.

However, there is a better way that is cost effective and easy to use. Cloud accounting works from any device that is connected to the internet. Anytime, anywhere. Information is real-time, linked to your bank accounts. With up to date information you can make rapid business decisions and capitalise on opportunities. Better yet, you could be on holiday and running your business from your iPhone.

If this sounds like the business-lifestyle that you would like, please ring Duncan or Neill today on (07)38639444.

