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**NEWSLETTER  
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Dear Client,

**New Upgrade Available**

You would most likely be aware of the new Windows XP product now available, XP is now the standard operating system with most new computers. In the early stages of Windows XP it was discovered that existing versions of the Natsoft program, that would have previously been running on Windows 95, 98, 2000 or Me, failed to run on XP. However, Natsoft was modified and we now have a version compatible with the Windows XP environment.

There have also been some added features to compliment this version of the program, previously Natsoft was limited to printers capable of PCL, Epson or Brother emulation. Now, though, with this Natsoft upgrade the program is able to support any Windows printer. This version of Natsoft is available as an upgrade of the software currently operating on a Windows environment and has also been extended to benefit our clients using a FreeBSD (Unix) platform.

Because this version of the software prints as a standard Windows application it is now possible to print directly to a fax machine or even send by e-mail. This would of course require that you have the appropriate software interface for your fax, this would be a useful feature for clients who would like to fax orders or remittance advices directly from the system to their suppliers.

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If you are interested in upgrading your system to include these benefits please contact Natsoft on (03) 6334 2353 for a quotation or further inquiries.

**Salary Sacrifice**

Salary Sacrifice is becoming an increasingly popular method for employee superannuation contributions. The principle of Salary Sacrifice is to reduce the employee's gross pay and consequently decreases their tax deduction by making a superannuation contribution from the gross pay (before tax).

These should not be entered through Payroll as 'Deductions', as this will not decrease the employee's gross pay figure. Hence, the salary sacrifice should be entered as a negative allowance to achieve the correct reporting outcome. If you currently have employees who are using the Salary Sacrifice method or are interested in doing so and would like assistance to ensure it is set up correctly, then please call our support staff, who will be happy to help you.

In addition, it is important to ensure you are up to date with the current conditions for this method of employee superannuation contribution, it would be advisable to consult with your accountant on these matters.

**Reminders: End of the First Quarter**

Payroll Version 3: Already we are one fourth of the way through the current financial year, as they say time flies when your having fun. So we would like to remind all Version 3 Payroll users to perform a 'Month & Quarter' update in place of the standard 'Month' only update, when updating for the end of September. In addition, don't forget to print all period and month reports and perform the period update as usual!

General Ledger: Have you finalised your 2001 general ledger figures, printed final reports, backed up (for archive) and updated to close the year? If not then you have 4 months from the beginning of the financial year, as the general ledger enables posting for July, August, September & October into the next year before closing the prior year. So you only have a little over a month up your sleeve if you have not already updated. It would be wise to give yourself ample time ahead of time incase any complications arise along the way. If you would like assistance to roll over your general ledger please contact our support staff.

**A handy hint** - create a copy of your previous year's general ledger to another directory on your system, this is useful for looking up information from prior years.



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*Regards from the Client Support Team at National Software!*