

David's Dialogue



It's been a busy time for HorizonOne over the Spring months, as the demand for great people has continued to flourish in Canberra. Canberra already enjoys lower than national average unemployment, and that trend seems set to continue, despite the fact the job market appears to be slowing even further in our other major Australian cities. We have seen a steady increase in the number of senior Accounting & Finance and Procurement professionals looking to move from Perth, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane and Sydney, as the work opportunities become harder to source in those states.

HorizonOne Events

Our team loves to get out and about in the Canberra market, and September presented us with a good opportunity to do so at the 2011 CPA Congress. This is our second year sponsoring the conference and with well over 1000 qualified accounting and finance professionals visiting the event throughout the week, it was a great opportunity for us to meet some new faces as well as to catch up with some familiar ones. Without doubt, it's our extensive network that really allows us to add value to our clients' recruitment efforts when seeking to fill those crucial roles, so this investment of time and resources into quality networking opportunities will definitely be a key focus for us as we continue to develop our business.

We also look forward to seeing some of you at our Christmas Drinks Function on Thursday December 8 at Sage Restaurant's new 'Mint Garden Bar' at Gorman House. We anticipate a casual evening of fine finger food, drinks and great company.

New additions to the team

We're very excited to welcome some new faces to the HorizonOne team. Leanne Edwards joins us as our Office Manager. With a strong background in administration, recruitment and finance, Leanne brings some great skills and drive to the group. Nejla Williamson also joins our team and will play a key role in managing our candidate relationships, as well as providing a great source of support to the consulting team. And finally we are joined by Imogen Rizzo who is working as a Trainee Consultant in our Administration Recruitment Team, a part of our business that is constantly in demand. Imogen will provide some much needed strength to the team.

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As the HorizonOne business continues to go from strength to strength, we also plan to engage additional consultants over the coming months. We're looking for exceptional recruiters to join our dynamic team and we invite anyone to refer suitable candidates to us with significant rewards on offer for a successful hire.

Market forecast

Recruitment activity across all of our specialist market areas has been strong in the last few months, and we're confident that the Canberra market will continue to provide good employment opportunities as we head towards the end of the calendar year. We will see the usual Christmas shut down from early December as many Canberrans' head off to the coast, and the tumbleweeds take over the streets until late January. However confidence remains high and provided there are no surprise elections, we should continue to enjoy a strong employment market across Canberra into 2012.

Camping out

Like a lot of you, I'm looking forward to a well-earned break over the Christmas period. Having moved to Canberra in 2009, I have come to love the proximity of our capital to the coast and the ski fields, as well as the mountain streams for fly fishing. I plan to enjoy a couple of weeks camping at an 'off the beaten track' location on the South Coast with my family. Whatever your plans this festive season, I wish you a happy and safe one. See you in 2012!