

## Global Experience, Local Knowledge

Welcome to the SME Funding Hub newsletter for Accountants

In this newsletter we provide you with information on how we are assisting SME Business Owners to achieve growth through accessing tailored loans

At SME Funding Hub we help small to medium businesses to source essential funds to help fuel business growth and debt structures that support your business goals for long-term growth and success.

To find out more about our SME Funding Hub contact Dev Sarker or 0404 167 989 or visit www.smefundinghub.com

A growing number of Australians are falling victim to fraud each year as the techniques employed by cybercriminals become increasingly refined.

Understanding common types of fraud, and how to protect clients from them, is important as their methods become more sophisticated.

Adapted from the Macquarie report into Fraud, here are the types of fraud catching Australian's out and what you can do to protect yourself & your clients.

https://bluerocke.com/uncategorised/th e-types-of-fraud-catching-outaustralians/

## **Getting a Win for your Client**

Sometimes you get a real win for your client and nothing makes me more pleased that securing finance that can spur a business into growth and give other tangible benefits.

I recently was speaking with a client who was referred to me by their Accountant. He mentioned that he has found a really good business that he wanted to buy and was planning to invest \$5 million.

His plan was to raise equity for this. Having seen the equity process before and some of the pitfalls I spoke about SME Funding Hubs experience in business financing and how we can find other solutions that may allow him to keep more of the equity.

What came to mind immediately was how he could finance the purchase partially with debt. With this type of option it would allow him to not dilute his equity stake and obtain a tax deduction for interest payments.

He was keen to know more, so we reviewed the business financials and quickly found a lender who was willing to provide \$2.5 million in long term debt - 20+ years as acquisition finance with pre-payment options. The client was delighted with the solution and the acquisition is now being finalised.

If you have a client who is looking to buy a business or property and will require debt to finance the deal, please chat to us, let our experience guide your client to sourcing the right solution for their financing.





At SME Funding Hub we assist Accountants in sourcing loans, for their clients. As we know, in today's tight money markets getting loans that aligned to clients' financial objectives can be an increasingly challenging process. At SME Funding Hub we use our expertise to support your clients in defining their funding requirements, ensuring that it aligns to their business plan, we assist with documentation and finding the right lender that understands the sector that they are investing in. This is the beauty of working with an expert who understands small to medium businesses and how the lenders operate.

Here's a case study from Paul, who we assisted recently:

Paul's Accountant recently introduced Paul to SME Funding Hub who has just started a business that was growing well and very profitable. However, as their ABN was less than 12 months old, most lenders though that this company was too risky. So, we worked alongside Paul and reviewed the financials and their business story and positioned it with a lender, who understood our presentation and provided the funds. Today, their business is powering ahead with the new contracts they were able to win through the investment.

## WE'RE HERE TO HELP

We are here to support you with your clients with news, insights and helpful resources available on our website, www.smefundinghub.com

to help keep you up-to-date on the latest.

## **CASE STUDY**

Here is what Paul, 46 - 55 years, Brisbane, QLD said to us:

"Dev was introduced to me by a mutual associate and had an immediate impact on our business. As a relative start up business, we needed an experienced, cool hand to help us navigate the complex world of business finance to conquer our cash flow challenges and generate working capital. Dev's broad industry experience and insightful advice helped us identify a solution which will provide our business a platform for sustainable growth and future business development. In particular Dev was patient and professional which made the process more pleasant and productive than it may have been if we didn't have his guidance."

If you have a client who needs some assistance in 2024 to achieve their financial goals feel free to reach out to me.



Dev meeting with SA Treasurer Stephen Mullighan at the CAANZ breakfast in Adelaide