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Christmas  
Greetings



Season's greetings everyone,

How has your year been? Hopefully it's been better than the dairy farmers.

We live in a volatile world where change can come quickly. Who would have thought that in a few short months the dairy pay out would go from over \$8 a kg to under \$5? It is estimated that over \$6 billion is not coming into NZ as a result – that's no small change! We hope that these low prices don't remain for long.

On the flip side kiwifruit is on a roll again after its setbacks, with some large new orchards being set up in Te Puke and elsewhere. The expansions being undertaken locally here with OPAC, Eastpack and Riverlock packhouses is a very positive sign for this region's future. The leadership and entrepreneurial skill of those in charge of these organisations is to be commended. This is what makes NZ great.

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*Leaders need to cultivate two things - a righteous heart and a rhinoceros skin.*

– Charles Swindle

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The next 3 months are going to be very busy with many events and weddings planned. On the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month is the highly rated Opotiki Rodeo – always a busy day for us supplying portaloo's etc. The cycle trail continues to be an excellent attraction for visitors and locals alike.

Our cycling group did our Christmas ride last Sunday on the dunes trail. The weather was perfect as was the ride, with the only downer being Raewyn's. Her rapid dismount to inspect the track's surface more closely created some colourful bruises – not all visible to the public.

### **Husqvarna Summer Specials**

This has been the best ever, with so many great products at very sharp prices, and with the 5 year domestic warranty. Add to that the free children's sized models with certain products, the free trailer with every ride-on and the interest free terms it's little wonder it's been popular. This promo finishes at the end of December so don't miss out on your Christmas pressies!



## **Battery-powered Golf Trundler**

On Saturday we received this great little machine, from the same company that supplies our mobility scooters. The trundler has infinitely variable speed up to a quick walking pace and the 10, 20 or 30 metre button for unmanned travel. Priced at a very reasonable \$699 we will donate \$25 to our Opotiki Golf Club for every one sold. We had it parked downstairs at the club on Saturday during the very successful Waitohi Contractors' hams tournament. It's now back in our shop if you wish to check it out.

I have to commend Robbie Peterson and his team for providing the large sponsorship and extras which results in the best hams tournament in the Eastern Bay golfing calendar. Over 190 competitors took to the fairways with 100 hams being awarded. Well done to all concerned. Another example of this little town doing big things well.

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Good thought for Christmas time:

*I try to avoid things that make me fat, like scales, photos and mirrors.*

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## **Quick Recap**

2014 has seen us add some new products and services:

- A large commercial Wet/Dry vacuum cleaner and a blower for drying out wet carpets
- LPG bulk filling station
- Enviro Tab diesel fuel system cleaner
- Enlarged 9m marquee, now up to 21m, including silk linings
- Extra marquee lighting & disco lighting
- More tables and chairs
- Added to pop-up shelter range
- Wheelie Bins
- Larger Bouncy Castle
- More 12-seater Mini Vans
- 2 new BBQs

We have had one of the busiest years on record which is a good indication as to how the region is going and growing. For that to happen it means we have had awesome support from you, our customers. Coupled with that is the amazing team we have who look after you all.

To Jamie, Carol, Garth, Karen, Ben, Mark, Peter & Tim, we say a big thank you for commitment, attitude and humour – got to have a sense of humour to work here!!

## **CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS**

We will be closing at **5:00pm** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December, for 4 days. (Closed all weekend)

We will be open again on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am until closing on Wed 31<sup>st</sup> at 5pm.

Back to normal hours again on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30am



## **Thought For The Month:**

*Some businessmen are saying that this could be the greatest Christmas ever.  
I thought the first one was.*



From all of us to all of you, have a special Christmas with family and friends and may 2015 bring all you hope and more.

Have a great month. All the best from your friendly team.

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