



## Merry Christmas

### 'Tis the season for... army grubs

For homeowners, the loss of your lawn is not a pretty sight. For farmers, it reduces pasture production and can affect profitability.

Army grubs are normally dark green, smooth and hairless, with stripes along the side of their bodies.

During the course of a normal season they can have between one and six

generations and feed voraciously, attacking on various fronts like soldiers (hence the name), and often devastating large areas.

Army worms love new root shoots of turf or pasture and can do great damage. The only options for control is to do nothing and hope they will soon disappear or spray with an insecticide.

It's important after treatment to rejuvenate your lawn, as the bare patches are perfect for weed generation. You should also look at fertilizing to encourage growth.

Most farmers will delay autumn planting to avoid the possibility of complete loss of new pastures and the cost of re-planting.



### Familiar face joins the team

Born and bred local Steve Cooper was a welcome addition to the team last month, bringing more than 25 years' experience in rural produce and dairy farming.

Many people may know Steve from his days as co-owner of Riverbreeze Childcare Centre and rural sales prior to that. Steve is a specialist when it comes to produce, crop care, fertilisers and animal care and is loving "reconnecting with the rural community".

"No two days are the same and I'm enjoying learning all about hardware," he said.

When asked what he's hoping to find under the Christmas tree, Steve's response was: the two-piece drill kit on the back page of the current catalogue.

Make sure you pick up a copy when you're in next.

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# CATALOGUE SPECIALS

NOV 30 – DEC 24

## Karcher K2 pressure cleaner

- Kit includes K2 gun, 6m hose, vario power nozzle, dirt blaster and T-Racer 150 patio cleaner

**\$199**



## Makita 18V LXT Li-Ion kit

- Includes hammer drill, impact driver and 2 x 3.0Ah batteries with rapid charger

**\$369**



## Raised garden bed

- 30 (H) x 90 (W) x 120 (L) cm
- Cream
- Quality steel construction

**\$29**



## All I want for Christmas is...

Jed is hoping Santa has room in his sleigh for this Fuller toolbox on a wheel trolley, which is packed with \$1,500 worth of tools. Meanwhile, Cameron is hoping for a swag (were \$299, now \$250 for single and reduced from \$399 to \$320 for double). The jury is out whether Craig has been naughty or nice, but he's got his fingers crossed for a new Weber Baby Q1000 (\$299).

Our manager, David has his heart set on this SP Air Compressor (2,2HP), which is currently \$399.



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# Big changes at Hastings Co-op fuel supplies



Changing of the guard: Fuel manager Terry Halloran (right) retired last month, handing over the reins to Steve Russell.

The Hastings Co-op family bid a farewell to our Fuel Division Manager Terry Halloran late last month.

Terry worked for Hastings Co-op for 16 years, the first three as a service station and Bottle-O customer service member, then moving into service station administration before being appointed Fuel Division Manager.

Terry said what he loved most about working for Hastings Co-op was the people and “friendly work environment”.

His plans for the future include “packing up the house and travelling Australia” in his caravan, playing lots of golf and using his mountain bike more often.

Taking over Terry’s role is Steve Russell, who was formerly the manager of Elgas.

As well as this experience, Steve brings to the team his background in environmental sales, medical and military sales and service with the British Military.

Steve says exciting time await the fuel division, with 2017 being a year of growth.

Personally, he’s looking forward to building strong relationships with staff and customers and learning all about the business.

“I’d really like to thank Terry for showing me the ropes over the past month or so and wish him the best of luck with his new adventures,” Steve said.

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