

'Tis the season to be jolly!

It's officially the silly season and you're probably faced with the dilemma of how to reward your team for their year's efforts. There are ways to make your team feel appreciated and boost job satisfaction without haemorrhaging cash.

Fun and fresh present ideas:

- § A voucher for The Nile - NZ's biggest online book store
- § Magazine subscriptions
- § Get photos printed onto photo blocks or create a calendar online
- § Send the girls off for a manicure
- § Make your own gift baskets
- § Secret Santa - cheesy but fun, and cheap!
- § Make vouchers for an afternoon off to be used in December
- § Hit Trade Me and source some retro desk ornaments, or wall hangings
- § Organise a masseuse with a mobile massage table and treat everyone to a half hour de-stress

Check out www.mrvintage.co.nz - for hilarious T-shirts to suit everyone.

Frugal ways to treat the team and boost morale:

- § Don't be a Grinch, a few decorations and a tree brighten the season spirit
- § Take the team to a local walking track and enjoy the sights
- § Organise a picnic at the beach
- § Borrow a boat and head out fishing
- § Arrange a potluck BBQ at your house
- § Have you ever played a round of bowls?
- § Take the team wine tasting at a local winery

Surprise the crew with Friday sushi or pizza

And some of these ideas may work wonders with your clients too...

Remember - It's not what you do but how you do it. Nothing beats the gift of giving. And so on with the corny yet true clichés...